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## 'SUGGESTIONS' FOR THE NEW YEAR

New Year resolutions are usually only ephemeral; they are so thin that many of them have vanished in a few days into thin air, even if, at the outset, they have been launched with good intentions. We refrain, therefore, from asking ringers to make 'good resolutions' for 1934, because they are all the more likely to be broken just because they are 'good resolutions,' but that does not prevent us taking the opportunity, at the opening of another year, of putting forward one or two suggestions as to ways by which ringers could definitely help forward the art and the cause of church bellringing. For instance, foremost among the necessities for maintaining and expanding the art is the important one of securing a steady flow of recruits. We know the difficulty of obtaining them, but there is no reason why constant efforts should not be made to add to the strength of belfry companies everywhere. There ought to be a reserve of ringers in every tower, for it is only by this means that the regular ringing of the bells for the Sunday services can be secured. There are far too many belfries where the ringers are below strength; that is to say, where there are fewer regular members of a band than there are bells in the tower, but even where there are sufficient to ring all the bells, the ringers ought not to rest satisfied until they have a reserve of at least fifty per cent.

And in conjunction with the raising of the strength and efficiency of the tower companies, there is another duty in which the ringers ought not to fail, and that is in the support they give to the county or diocesan ringing organisation for their area. There ought to be a full one hundred per cent. membership; the fact that in many places it falls far below this ideal is due to a lack of the guild spirit in many ringers. They do not realise the importance of co-operation—not only to themselves but to others—and the fact that unity with others in a matter of this kind gives an added dignity to their work and a fuller appreciation of its value to the Church. Further, full association with these organisations is not achieved merely by the payment of an annual subscription. Those who get most out of their membership are those who put most into it, not in money, but in effort, by joining in the activities of their association, supporting the meetings by their presence and assisting others not so well advanced as themselves, while profiting from their own association with those who, in turn, are able to give them a helping hand.

There are other directions in which, in this new year, ringers can help the art. One is by not being content to 'rest on their oars,' but to be continually striving to

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improve their striking and advance in their method ringing. Stagnation should be avoided at all costs. Another is by helping to improve the sale of 'The Ringing World.' Without the kindly aid of those who are already supporters of the paper it is almost impossible for us to reach new readers, and yet it is essential to maintain the circulation if the Exercise is to have its own journal. What ringing and ringing organisation would eventually become if deprived of a ringing paper we leave our readers to conjecture, and yet not one-tenth of the 'official' ringers in this country buy 'The Ringing World.' May we, therefore, conclude our new year suggestions with this, that, as a beginning, in every tower where the number of copies purchased among the band is less than half the number of ringers, the present number of copies should at least be doubled? It is not, really, a lot to ask, but it would be sufficient to make the future of 'The Ringing World' secure and bring that much desired end—a cheaper paper—a good deal nearer fulfilment.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 8
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 9
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 5	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Treble Ten. This composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and the 6th the extent home with 4-5-6 only in 6th's. Rung after meeting short for Treble Twelve.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes

AT THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Treble	*FRANK SADLER ... .. 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 2	*RALPH HARRIS ... .. 7
JOHN HALL ... .. 3	*J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 8
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. 4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 9
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 5	GROFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by GROFFREY J. HEMMING

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Wilfred Newman (a member of the local band) on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Eileen Boswell, which took place at St. Andrew's, Hampton, the previous day. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Marton and Mr. John Hall.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*CHARLES CATTELL ... .. Treble	*GEORGE H. STRAW ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
*SIDNEY HARRISON ... .. 3	ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9
*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5	*EDWIN CATTELL ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. Rung as a tribute of welcome to the recently inducted new Vicar, Rev. Kenneth F. Parsons, M.A., who ascended the belfry after the peal and thanked the ringers. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	* JAMES TOPP ... .. 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	JOHN R. RODWELL ... .. 8
* GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 4	* WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 9
WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Emmanuel Rowe, for 60 years a choirman in this parish, who was interred on this date in the parish churchyard.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* JOHN S. MASON ... .. Treble	ERNEST A. TURNER ... .. 5
NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 2	ERNEST G. LEWIS ... .. 6
FRANK WILLIAMS ... .. 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 7
† DOUGLAS W. TURNER ... 4	† ALFRED WILKS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by N. G. LEECH.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to C. Winwood, of Tipton.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 18, 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.

ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5
ALFRED PYE ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

## ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

* LESLIE A. F. PORRIT ... Treble	* H. RICHARD FRENCH ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	ALFRED E. JARMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
* ALFRED W. FRIEND ... .. 4	* FREDERICK PHILPOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal on eight bells by H. R. French. A birthday peal for A. W. Friend.

## REDHILL, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble	FRANK B. JEAL ... .. 5
* KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	ARTHUR G. WILLETT ... .. 6
RICHARD V. FULLER ... .. 3	GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 7
CYRIL HYGATE ... .. 4	EX-P.C. WALTER CLAYDON Tenor

Composed by G. H. DAINS. Conducted by EX-P.C. W. CLAYDON

\* 200th peal. Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday. Also to commemorate his 26 years' service in the Reigate and Redhill Police Force, from which he retired the previous day.

## MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. WASEY ... .. 5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## CHILHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM BIDNEL ... .. 5
* RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late E. BARNETT.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN

\* First peal of Major.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE GULDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL ... Treble	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 6
HARRY MOLLARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7
JOHN P. PELLOK ... .. 4	WILFRED BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOK.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank L. Pearce (son of Mr. George T. Pearce, one of the local ringers) and Miss Marjorie K. Whitnell, which took place at Rainham, Kent, the same afternoon. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
* JOHN ARRON ... .. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the two Leslies, also to enable the two Bennetts (father and son) to ring together their two hundredth and one hundredth peal respectively.

## BEDFORD.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On St. Stephen's Day, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours &amp; Eleven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 33.

Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Treble	HARRY TYSOE ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	HERBERT J. SHARP ... .. 6
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
AMOS SMART ... .. 4	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

VICARS' SIX-PART.		Tenor 19 cwt.	
JAS. E. SCOTT ... .. Treble	WM. ROBSON ... .. 5		
*THOMAS BURNS ... .. 2	MATTHEW LIVESLEY ... .. 6		
E. A. HERN ... .. 3	ARTHUR COOK ... .. 7		
†JACK SCOTT ... .. 4	R. A. SKEOCH ... .. Tenor		

Conducted by E. A. HERN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

STEPHEN PARRY ... .. Treble	*ERNEST SIMPSON ... .. 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 7
*NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt 6 lb. in F.

*STEPHEN PARRY ... .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 7
†NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

\* First peal of Superlative. † First peal of Superlative 'inside.' Rung on the 35th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kendall.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... .. 7
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late E. BARNETT.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN

WRITTELE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. Treble	PERCY GREEN ... .. 5
HERBERT DEVENISH ... .. 2	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 3	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7
REGINALD C. THRIPT ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

EDWIN BENNINGS ... .. Treble	GORDON WHITTAM ... .. 5
JAMES E. BROWN ... .. 2	JAMES E. BURLS ... .. 6
NICHOLAS NEWBY ... .. 3	WILLIAM LANGHORNE ... .. 7
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PECTHALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by G. E. BRAITHWAITE.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Brown, of Hensingham.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;**

ILKESTON VARIATION.		Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.	
JACK BAILEY ... .. Treble	LAURENCE CHADBURN ... .. 5		
WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 6		
HENRY HARRISON ... .. 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 7		
WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Tenor		

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

This peal, now rung for the first time, has 4, 5 and 6 in 6th's place at course ends throughout the peal.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 5
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 3	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 7
C. ALAN HEWITT ... .. 4	ALBERT NASH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

First peal of Superlative by the association and ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

ARTHUR G. ROSE ... .. Treble	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 5
*WILLIAM A. HOULTON ... .. 2	ANTHONY V. DENT ... .. 6
*EDWARD B. HAMPTON ... .. 3	CYRIL F. TURNER ... .. 7
MISS MARCIA WHITE ... .. 4	EDWARD J. DOHL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. F. TURNER.

\* First peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
JAMES TOPP ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
PERCY PAGE ... .. 4	LOTHUR J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This composition, No. 249, is rung for the first time.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	PERCY PAGE ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 3	LOTHUR J. HONESS ... .. 7
WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

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

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7
JESSE HARRISON ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

First peal in the method upon these bells, and a birthday 'touch' for the conductor's son.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3
†MRS. HILDA SNOWDEN ... .. 2	†THOMAS BIRD ... .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. Treble	*THOMAS BIRD ... .. 5
ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
ALEC GENNERY ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method. It is believed Miss Snowden is the first lady to ring her first two Surprise Major methods in one day. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained to a bountiful repast by Mr. and Mrs. Snowden (parents of the treble and 4th ringers).

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 5
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 2	*GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 7
*GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE

\* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS,

On Wednesday, December 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT ... .. Treble	P.C. WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 5
S.D. INSPR. WM. BOTTRILL ... .. 2	P.S. CYRIL PEASE ... .. 6
P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER ... .. 3	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS ... .. 7
EX-P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 4	P.C. THOS. G. BANNISTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL

Rung as a compliment to P.C. Walter Claydon, Reigate Borough Police Force, on his retirement after twenty-six years' service. All the remainder belong to the Metropolitan Police.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being four six-scores of Stedman, eight of Bob Doubles and 30 of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and no Minute

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

*A. R. CURTIS ... .. Treble	*F. A. REA ... .. 4
*E. F. CUBBERLEY ... .. 2	J. J. JEFFERIES ... .. 5
*R. W. REA ... .. 3	*A. I. BLIZZARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JEFFERIES.

\* First peal. First peal on record rung in this tower by a local band with the exception of the conductor.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... .. Treble	ALBERT SCOTT ... .. 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... .. 5
JAMES H. MUSSON ... .. 3	CHARLES WILKINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven separate extents. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR WILSON ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 4
MISS KITTIE WILLIERS ... .. 2	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

UPWEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, consisting of 12 Plain Bob and 30 Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD ... .. 4
*MISS PAMELA J. PALMER ... .. 2	HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 5
*ALBERT H. CHANT ... .. 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. G. Carpenter, a local ringer, and Miss G. I. White on the occasion of their marriage at Broadmayne.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, with varied callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Treble	HERBERT HOARE ... .. 4
MRS. HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2	FREDERICK T. COOKE ... .. 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung to oblige the ringers of 1, 2 and 3, who were spending a holiday in the town.

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## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, consisting of 12 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD HOPPER ... Treble | E. T. PAUL FIELD ... 3

ALBERT H. CHANT ... 2 | D. W. CHARLES CHANT ... 4

WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. E. Frewett, a local ringer, and Miss D. Stokes, on the occasion of their marriage at Pulham.

## LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

in 15 methods, viz.: (1) Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willenden, (2) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, (3) Duke of Norfolk, (4) College Exercise, Norbury, (5) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Chapel, (6) Kent, (7) Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

\*WALTER LONGMAN ... Treble | WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4

ERNEST BENNETT ... 2 | \*GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5

JAMES A. MILNER ... 3 | JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Spliced Minor, and rung without previous practice. Rung after meeting short for Major.

## BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents each of St. Simon's, Place Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and St. Dunstan's, eight Plain Bob and ten Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

\*EDGAR LEWIN ... Treble | \*HENRY PAYNE ... 4

HENRY FAULKNER ... 2 | ARTHUR NORMAN GEARY ... 5

JOHN GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3 | \*JOSEPH NORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

\* First peal in six methods. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

## TROWELL, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720 of Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. Treble | FREDK. A. SALTER ... 4

WILLIAM THORNLEY ... 2 | HERBERT TURNER ... 5

HENRY HARRISON ... 3 | EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

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

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

\*MISS E. C. BAREHAM ... Treble | †C. RIPPINGALE ... 3-4

†MISS C. I. CLARK ... 2 | O. BROVD ... 5-6

Conducted by O. BROVD.

\* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Thursday evening, December 29th, at St. Mary's Church, on the back six bells (tenor 22½ cwt.), 720 Bob Minor: \*W. Tyler 1, \*J. Avenall 2, A. H. Rowe 3, J. Foskett 4, J. Dafters 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. \* First 720 of Minor and first attempt.

## 'THE CHURCHMAN'S HANDBOOK.'

A readable and comprehensive survey of current Church affairs, covering every branch of church work and organisation and a wide range of other interesting Church topics, is contained in 'The Churchman's Handbook,' just published at 1s. net by the Press and Publications Board of the Church Assembly. It is, as its second title denotes, 'Everyman's Guide to the Church,' for more than 220 pages are crowded with a wealth of information, which is surprising in its scope and appeal as well as in its value as a work of reference. There are special articles by well-known authorities, dealing with such varied subjects as with the romance of Church history, women's work in the church, church architecture and church music. Parson, churchwarden, church councillor and church elector will find authoritative legal and general guidance on their powers, duties, privileges and responsibilities, and there is also a mass of other information, including a 'Who's Who' in the Church.

'Bells and Their Care' has received separate attention. Written by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hon. librarian of the Central Council and hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, much information and good advice to Church authorities has been packed into this short article, which should prove of considerable value.

'The Churchman's Handbook' should be in the hands of every churchman, not only as a book of reference but as a mine of information.

## A SALISBURY JUBILEE.

An interesting jubilee was commemorated at Salisbury on Friday. Here is the record of the first 720 of Minor rung in the city:—

## ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.

On December 29th, 1883, in 29 minutes, 720 of Bob Minor was rung by:—

Treble. H. O. Dowling.  
2. C. A. Clements. C.Y.  
3. A. S. Dowling.  
4. T. Blackbourn. C.Y.  
5. W. W. Gifford.  
6. J. R. Jerram.

Conducted by J. R. Jerram.

'This was the first 720 of Bob Minor to be rung in the city of Salisbury.'

On Friday, December 29th, 1933, at the same church, to mark the 50th anniversary, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 29 minutes by: A. Southey 1, S. Macey 2, J. Daniell 3, L. Harris 4, W. A. Romaine 5, E. W. Romaine (conductor) 6.

## THE CONSTRUCTION OF SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have recently been studying the construction of Surprise Major, and am somewhat puzzled by 'Busbey,' published in your issue of December 8th. This method seems to me to violate the Central Council rule that the changes on eight bells should run in alternate triples and quadruples, rows two odd and two even.

The third and fourth sections of Busbey run thus:—

42861357 +  
24683175 +  
26481357 —  
62843175 —  
  
62483715 —  
26847351 —  
28643715 +  
82467351 +

Perhaps someone would be kind enough to enlighten me on this point?

Stoke Poges.

THOMAS G. HAWKINS.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS.

On Christmas Day, for morning service, at the Parish Church, West Wickham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire, with ten callings): J. Page-Wood 1, H. Mackinder 2, A. S. Richards (conductor) 3, G. W. Jones 4, C. A. Tammidge 5. First quarter in two methods for all.

At Halesworth, Suffolk, on Christmas morning, for 7.30 a.m. service, 1,008 changes of Bob Triples: J. Nunn 1, F. O. Lambert (conductor) 2, C. Moss 3, R. Gardiner 4, C. Ainger 5, C. Goodwin 6, A. H. Took 7, H. Jillings 8. Also during the day touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, concluding at 5 p.m.

On Christmas Day, before the morning service, at St. Michael's Church, Bath, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,248 changes: H. Brown 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Miss Nora G. Williams 3, R. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, F. S. Merrett 6, E. Evans 7, G. Harding (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method for E. Evans and F. Merrett.

At Cradley, Herefordshire, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Pratt 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, C. Horne 3, C. Bowers 4, D. Horne 5, G. Jordan 6.

**DEATH OF MRS. M. C. ROBINSON.****WIDOW OF OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S FIRST MASTER.**

At the advanced age of 86 years Mrs. Mary Caroline Robinson, widow of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, passed away on December 21st, at her residence, Fair Home, Wokingham, Berks.

The deceased lady was the daughter of a former Vicar of Appleton, where the Rev. F. E. Robinson was at one time curate. Throughout their many years of married life Mrs. Robinson took an active part in the varied parochial work which usually falls to the wife of a parish priest, and during her long residence at Drayton, where her husband was Vicar, she endeared herself to all by her practical kindness and high Christian character, which she continued to exercise, also, when she removed to Wokingham some 25 years ago.

Many ringers of the old school have pleasant recollections of ringing visits to Drayton, when the Rev. and Mrs. Robinson kept 'open house,' of the great rounds of beef and the enormous hams, which always seemed to be in readiness for satisfying the appetites of ringers, however numerous or unexpected. Mrs. Robinson took a loyal and sympathetic interest in her husband's great hobby and in the discharge of his duties as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, an office which he filled for over a quarter of a century. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson brought up a large family, but none of the children took any interest in ringing, except the youngest daughter, Miss Vera Robinson, who is an active member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and serves on the committee.

During her residence in Wokingham the late Mrs. Robinson identified herself very closely with the work of the church in the town, and particularly in the parish of All Saints.

The funeral took place at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday week, the service being fully choral. A large number of friends were present. The former and present Rectors of All Saints', the Rev. Canon B. Long and the Rev. Gordon Kenworthy, officiated. The hymns sung in church were 'Alleluia, Alleluia,' and 'Holy Father, cheer our way,' while Psalm xxiii. and the Nunc Dimittis were chanted, the processional cross being carried at the entrance to the church and to the graveside.

The mourners were Dr. W. E. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Robinson, Miss C. Robinson, Miss M. V. Robinson, the Rev. L. E. Lydtker, Mrs. Lydtker, and Mrs. B. W. Stanley Palmer. The Rev. R. H. Robinson, D.D. (son), of Wilby Rectory, Wellingborough, was absent owing to illness. The Oxford Diocesan Guild was represented by Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master) and Mr. W. J. Paice (hon. secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch).

**BROADCASTING.****LOCAL DIFFICULTIES.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Although, I am afraid, Mr. Amos has got rather badly 'off the track' on this question of the broadcasting of ringing, I am inclined to think, sir, that you laid yourself somewhat open to attack by the 'ruthless' character of your article in the issue for December 1st. While it may be quite easy for you to be absolutely 'ruthless,' and to advise that procedure from the Editor's chair, and in the interest of a good performance, I am wondering what sort of an attitude you would adopt if you found yourself in charge of an eight-bell tower which had been asked to broadcast, and your band consisted, say, of only seven strikers and one indifferent. You say, 'The man who is known to be a defective striker should be ruthlessly ruled out.' Yes, and if that man really appreciated the fact that he was a bad striker, he would, in all probability, rule himself out. Some of us who are bad strikers do know it, but, unfortunately, there are many of that category who do not know it, and although they may not be good strikers, in many cases they are good, regular and consistent members of the band, both for practice and service ringing, and are probably of the opinion that their ringing is as good as the rest. In a case of this sort (and all of us must know of cases where it will apply) are you still prepared to advise such ruthless ruling out? In the case of the ringer who knows his striking is faulty no trouble will follow, but with many I am afraid the foreman would be taking the risk of being told to get outside assistance on the next Sunday, and I, personally, would prefer (just for the sake of those few minutes) to put over something which 'might be better' than to upset the feelings of a good member of the band, whom you could ill afford to lose, and in all probability upset the good feeling in the tower generally for perhaps a long time. I quite agree that, as you say, nothing but the best (striking) should be good enough for a broadcast programme; at the same time many bands would, I think, find the adoption of your 'ruthlessness' a very risky proceeding.

Mr. Amos' comparison of the 'stuff' from St. Martin's to 'milk and water' is as odious as are most comparisons, and in addition is an insult to milk and to water, and it is a thousand pities that such 'stuff' should be broadcast to the world as appertaining in any way to English bells. Cannot the 'Cumberlands' see about it?

R. WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will all the readers who have sent us their good wishes for the new year please accept our heartiest thanks.

An unusual double event took place on Sunday week at Framsdon, Suffolk, when Mr. G. Bennett rang his 200th peal and Mr. James Bennett, jun., his son, rang his 100th peal. Mr. J. Arbon rang his first peal of London Surprise Major and is the first native of Monewdon to ring a peal in this method.

The conductor of the peal rung at Bishopsgate on December 11th was J. E. Davis and not C. W. Roberts as published.

A peal was rung at Hughenden, Bucks, on Friday, December 29th, 1933, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was Grandsire Triples, Holt's Ten-part, rung on December 29th, 1883, by W. Finch, T. Payne, G. Lapworth, S. Hounslow (conductor), C. Hounslow, J. W. Washbrook and T. Warner. It would be interesting to know if any of these are still with us.

In connection with the peal of 'Grandsire' rung at Syston on December 23rd, an interesting event happened in that while the peal was in progress a grandchild was born to the tenor ringer, Mr. W. Wright, who thus became appropriately a 'grandsire.'

Meetings to-morrow of which only short notice has been given included the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association at Derby, Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Winchester, and the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Thames Ditton.

A correspondent informs us that the variation of the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, mentioned by Mr. A. P. Cannon, on page 790 of 'The Ringing World' of December 15th, is false, as several leads rung when the bells are in course are rung reversed when the bells are out of course.

During the year 1933 eight twelve-bell peals were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, and these have been of considerable variety, viz., two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and one each of Superlative Surprise, Duffield, Little Albion Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques.

Miss Hilda Snowdon, of Halslead, Essex, rang her first two peals of Surprise Major—Superlative and Cambridge—on Boxing Day. This was a great achievement, and it is believed that it is the first time a lady has rung her first two Surprise peals on the same day.

Mr. G. R. Pye easily heads the list of peal ringers for 1933. He scored exactly a hundred. Few men have rung as many peals at this in a single year. We recollect only three.

The first to do so was the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who in his heyday once rang 127 in the year. In 1912 the late Mr. Bertram Prewett rang 100, and the late Mr. Alfred W. Grimes rang 114. The latter established a new record in the following year when he rang 136, making a total of exactly 250 in two years. We do not remember anyone ringing a hundred peals in a year since, but if it has been done perhaps someone will tell us.

Incidentally, to-day is the 17th anniversary of Alfred Grimes' death.

There have been some other good 'scores' during 1933, among them Mr. William Keeble, of Kelvedon, who rang 66; and that remarkable youth, Edwin A. Barnett, of Crayford, who, although only 15 years of age, rang over 50.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' was rung by the St. James' Society eighty years ago next Wednesday.

The many ringing friends of Mrs. F. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey, will wish her a speedy recovery from a rather serious illness which suddenly overtook her last week, while shopping.

With her husband, Mr. Robert Whittington, Mrs. Whittington has rung in something like 400 towers throughout the country, which they visited on cycling tours, usually on a tandem machine. In this way they have ridden together over 100,000 miles. Mrs. Whittington was one of the earliest members of the Ladies' Guild.

Canon Coleridge will dedicate the restored ring of six bells at Pirbright, Surrey, on Wednesday, January 24th, at 7 p.m. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

## YOUNG COMPOSERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your comments re young composers, my brother, G. Stedman Morris, composed peals of Bob Major, Double Norwich, etc., at the age of 15, one of Double Norwich which I called for him—see M.C.A. report, 1923, where this fact is stated. If young Mr. Barnett will write me, I will send a copy of this composition, and perhaps he will add to his already splendid record by conducting at 15 the composition of another ringer of 15.

May I add my congratulations to young Mr. Barnett in so ably following the footsteps of his father and grandfather. I myself have tried to do this, and like the late Mr. Barnett, sen., my own grandfather, although only a three-bell ringer at Cattistock, Dorset, was an ideal example of a fine old English gentleman, and it is by following such worthy examples as these that we can make our own lives and records worth while. I trust young Mr. Barnett will go on from a glorious beginning to a long and honourable career.

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon, on Boxing Day. There was a fair attendance of members from both dioceses, but not such a large number as usual. The bells, a ring of 10 (one of Taylor's best) were rung during the afternoon. The Dean officiated at the service, and the lessons were read by the Rev. Ivor Phillips, who is a ringer and curate at Machen Church. The Dean gave a most interesting address, specially emphasising what a pleasure it was to him to welcome the association to St. Woolos.

Following the service a move was made to the Westgate Hotel, where tea was in readiness which had been very kindly arranged by the Dean.

The business meeting was presided over by the Dean. Instructors' reports showed that progress was being made at Redwick, Caerleon and Nash.

Restorations and augmentations were reported on, with the result that three guineas were voted towards the cost of a proposed new treble bell for Nash, where last year the bells were restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Mr. T. Wood, of Llandaff, was appointed Master, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) and auditors were re-elected.

It was arranged to hold the next annual meeting at Llandaff, the next two quarterly meetings at Bonvilstone and Llanfrecchfa, the Bonvilstone meeting to be held on Easter Monday.

The Dean, having to leave to keep another engagement, was heartily thanked for his kindness and hospitality. The chair was then occupied by the Rev. Ivor Phillips.

Quite a number of new members were elected.

The proposal to hold a dinner last year not having matured, it was decided that it be held next October.

The hon. secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. Harry Page, of Pentre, who has been ill for some time, wishing him a speedy recovery.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed, and the bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' Churches were rung until late in the evening.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION. NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The annual general meeting of the North-Western District of the Essex Association took place at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday week, and was well attended. After ringing touches at St. Michael's Church, the ringers attended a special service which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. McCarthy), who gave a short address. This was followed by tea in the Parish Hall, at which a company of 30 was present, including a number of lady ringers.

Before the Vicar left he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his welcome to the ringers to St. Michael's and for his address. In reply, the Vicar said it always gave him great pleasure to see them there, as he considered the ringers were an integral part in the service of the church.

For the business meeting, Mr. F. Dench, of Safron Walden, was voted to the chair.

The election of the Ringing Master resulted in Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow Common, being re-elected unopposed, and Mr. H. Wacey was also re-elected hon. secretary.

Mr. Dent then took the chair, and referred to the illness of the Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree), who usually attended this meeting, and moved that the secretary send a letter of condolence to him and his family.

A letter of sympathy was also sent to Mr. Walter Prior, of Stansted, and a wish for his speedy recovery.

It was decided that the next meeting of the district should be held at Raydon in February.

Mr. Dent gave a welcome to ringing members from a wide district, including Safron Walden, Sawbridgeworth, Braughing, Harlow, Harlow Common, Chelmsford, Exning, Great Chrishall, Sawston, Barley, Melbourn, Fulbourne, Stansted and Bishop's Stortford.

Thanks having been accorded to the organist, the ringers again repaired to the tower and rang touches for the rest of the evening.

## THE EIGHT 720's OF CAMBRIDGE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was interested to read in 'Reflections of W.W.' of Henry Wilde and the eight 720's of Cambridge. Curiously enough I met Mr. Wilde for the first (and last) time on the day before the Council meeting W. W. writes about; it was the occasion of the Essex Association jubilee. We spoke of the Bankes James Cambridge, and I told him that the 'eight' tenors-right extents were 'in my pocket', and dozens of others of 'all sorts'—the product of another man, with whom Mr. Wilde ultimately got in touch. He told me he had the eight, too, but the point is this: he stood aloof because of the hopelessness of convincing the Council that the 'eight' were all 'different'!

Hornchurch.

GEO. L. JOYCE.

## THE PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR.

### BELLS IN THE BROADCAST PROGRAMME.

Bells put a crowning touch to the midnight broadcast in this country at the passing of the old year. Those who listened to the wireless programme heard the bells of Westminster Abbey ringing half-muffled just before twelve o'clock, and, following the striking of the hour, by Big Ben, the bells of Canterbury Cathedral ringing in the new year, came over the ether. The amount of ringing heard by the public was very limited, but it gave to the broadcast a characteristically English note which has been missing in the hectic celebrations in some previous years.

At many churches up and down the land, where circumstances permitted, the bells were rung at midnight.

At St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, four ladies took part in the ringing, and the next day their efforts were graphically described in a London newspaper. At Aldershot, however, no fewer than nine local lady ringers shared in ringing out the old year.

At St. Peter's Church, Portishead, Somerset, on New Year's Eve, with the bell half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: R. Porter (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, Miss H. Orchard 2, E. Goldstone 3, Mrs. W. Edwards (conductor) 4, Miss G. Stadden 5, E. Smith 6, A. E. Colburn 7, J. Thomas 8.

## RECORD BEATING.

### THE SILENT PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—After heartily wishing all friends of change ringing every blessing and the compliments of the present season, I feel bound to voice my humble congratulations and say, 'Well done, Birmingham!' on the marvellous success of a truly wonderful band in achieving a truly wonderful peal, and evidently presided over by a truly wonderful Young Person.

I allude, of course, to the 'Silent' Peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the 15th ult.

It would have staggered the men of a bygone age!

For combined concentration it is amazing, and only those who have rung handbell peals can fully realise what the conditions, as imposed, required of the gentlemen taking part.

Half a century ago I assisted in two or three of the then records on tower bells, and now the question arises, 'Where is this record-breaking going to stop?'

Will any other band ever be able to invent anything that can possibly beat it for intellectual skill, truly described by you in 'The Ringing World' as a 'brilliant performance'!

F. E. DAWE.

## SURPRISE MINOR CONDUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query of Mr. H. M. Day in your issue of December 22nd, the following peals, rung by the St. John's (Leytonstone) Society, were in each case the first attempt at conducting by the respective conductors:—

April 2nd, 1933, at Leytonstone, seven Surprise methods, A. Prior (3); November 29th, 1924, at North Weald, seven Surprise methods, E. D. Smith (tenor); March 24th, 1928, at Chigwell Row, 22 Surprise methods, G. L. Joyce (treble); January 28th, 1929, at Leytonstone, seven Surprise methods, G. Dawson (5); December 31st, 1932, at Leytonstone, seven Surprise methods, P. H. Avey (5).

A. PRIOR.

## TWENTY-TWO METHODS.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Hunt's letter of December 29th, it may be of some slight interest to recall that the Essex Association rang, some years ago, seven extents comprising twenty-two Surprise Minor methods with a footnote, 'first as conductor,' although this 'feat' reflected very little credit to the individual concerned, he having called the extents many times previously. I think, however, that these do not directly concern Mr. Day's original question, but I should imagine that somebody at Leytonstone could claim a seven-method Surprise peal as his 'first as conductor.'

G. L. JOYCE.

## EXTENTS OR METHODS?

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Hunt's reply to my enquiry he uses the word 'extents.' Does he mean methods, or extents of one method? In my humble opinion there are no different extents. There is only one 720, however many methods are rung or callings varied, although we often see in print 'seven different extents,' instead of 'seven different callings.'

H. M. DAY.

## A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Edmund's Church, Warkton, Northants, on Sunday, December 31st, for evensong, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1933 changes) in 1 hour 12 mins.: Miss D. J. Moir 1, H. T. Eastbrook 2, A. S. Foselard 3, B. P. Morris (conductor) 4, H. Patrick 5.

## THE VILLAGE OF GRESFORD—ITS CHURCH & ITS RINGERS.

'Romantic scenes here open to the view,  
Scenes that surprise, and prospects that are new.'

One of the prettiest and most picturesque villages in the border counties is that of Gresford, and many travellers who pass through the quaint railway station (on the Great Western Railway) in fast express or local train feast their eyes for a brief period on diversified beauties of hill and dale, meadow and stream, and ejaculate, 'Ah, now we're in North Wales!'

Geographically, Gresford is situated about three miles from Wrexham and eight from Chester. It comprises the lordship of Marford and Heseley. The parish is supposed to have derived its name, anciently 'Croesfordd,' or, 'the road to the cross,' from its situation near an ancient cross, within half a mile to the south of the present church, of which the shaft is still remaining. It is very extensive, comprising upwards of twelve thousand acres.

The village is delightfully situated on the western side of the road from Wrexham to Chester, near the head of a beautiful valley, which opens into the Vale Royal of Cheshire, a tract of country remarkable for the richness of its soil, the beauty of its scenery, and the pleasingly diversified views which its presents.

The little vale of Gresford is one of the most lovely in the Principality, abounding with pleasing and interesting objects, enlivened



GRESFORD PARISH CHURCH.

by the wanderings of the river Alyn through its meadows, and finely varied with richly wooded eminences, on one of which stands conspicuously its beautiful church, remarkable for the elegance of its architecture and its picturesque appearance; the plantations and pleasure grounds attached to the elegant villas and rural mansions, which are scattered throughout this small but romantic dell, combine with the natural beauties of its scenery to render it in every respect one of the most interesting and attractive spots in this part of the country. It is bounded on the east by the Dec, and is intersected by the Alyn, a tributary of that river.

The Welsh name, which became 'Gresford,' was, in full, not 'Croes-fordd,' but 'Y Groes-ford,' the cross-road, in which the Welsh article causes the mutation of the initial consonant, when the noun happens to be feminine. So in many other cases the Welsh name appears with the softer initial, though the article has been omitted.

Willis, in his 'Survey of St. Asaph,' contends that the origin of the word 'Gresford' was 'Croes-fordd,' from the fact that it was built where four cross-roads meet, but in the Domesday Book the name is spelt Greford, and as the cross was probably not in existence at that time we must seek further for the origin of the name.

In Domesday Book the village is recorded as situated in the Hundred of Exestan, which formed part of Cheshire at the time of the Survey, and the following is a translation of the entry:—

'Hugo and Osbernus and Rainaldus hold Greford. Thoret held it as a freeman. There are xiii. hides of taxable land. The land is xii. ploughs. Hugo holds v. hides, Osbernus vi. hides and a half, and Rainaldus one and a half hide. One and a half plough is held by the lord. There is a Church and a Priest, and seven villeins, and twelve husbandmen and one freeman. These have two and a half ploughs of land amongst them all. In the whole

manor there is a forest 5m. 4f. long and 2m. 6f. wide, and two eyries of falcons. Osbernus has a mill which grinds the corn of his own establishment. In the time of Edward the Confessor the whole was waste, and the present holders received it as waste. It is now valued at 65s. amongst all the holders.'

### AN IMPOSING CROSS.

Coming back to the cross, this structure must at one time have been an imposing one—even in the days when village and churchyard crosses were common—judging from the size of the pedestal, which is all that now remains of it. It stands under a grand old sycamore tree, at the junction of the roads from Wrexham to Chester, and from Gresford to Rhosnessney. It rests on large stones or steps. The pedestal is square in shape, and there is ample evidence that sculptured figures of bold design occupied the four corners. No inscription is now visible, except what may perhaps be the handiwork of forgotten individuals who desired to transmit their initials and certain dates to a careless, unheeding posterity. There is an apocryphal story of Queen Margaret having rested at this spot 'after one of the defeats of King Henry VI.'

It is worth noting that Gresford was the birthplace, in 1807, of Samuel Warren, the author of 'Ten Thousand a Year,' 'The Diary of a Physician,' and other works. He was born at a farmhouse called 'The Rackery,' where his mother happened to be visiting Mr. Williams, a relative. The village has other literary associations, as the former residence of Eliot Warburton, author of 'The Crescent and the Cross' (who perished when the 'Amazon' foundered in 1852); and as the scene of 'The Angler' in Washington Irving's 'Sketch Book.' This author considered the scenery by the River Alyn to be quite after Izaak Walton's own heart. It may also be noted that Sheridan once proposed to make Gresford his abode, and the lovely Mrs. Sheridan inspected a house there. The idea, however, was not carried into effect.

Of a former Gresford resident, Colonel Robinson, the famous Royalist, it is related that he had to fly the country on the death of Charles I., but returned at the Restoration. He found his house deserted by a Puritan, who had rebuilt it in his absence, and he thereupon took undisturbed possession of it. He was buried in Gresford Church.

Opposite the church is a building of somewhat long dimensions, a small portion of which was at the time of its foundation used as a school. It still bears the following inscription: 'Scholae Eleemosynæ, Dnæ Margaretæ Strode. Fundata 1725. Ad pauperes ejus sumptibus erudiendos.' Another portion of the same building is inscribed: 'Hospitium Invali Dorum Parochianorum impensis Structum, A.D. 1725. Thoma Pate, Rogero Jones, Petro Potter, Johani Edwards, Guardians.' This almshouse was probably erected with charity money in the hands of the parish officers, who exercised the right of admission. In the churchwardens' accounts are some memoranda of agreement made by them with several contractors, which show the cost of building work in those days. Bricks cost 5s. per thousand; lime, 10d. per barrel; bricklayer's work, brick and half, 4d. per yard; slating, including materials, 2s. 1d. per yard. In 1786 the trustees of the Strode Charity added to the original buildings for the purpose of furnishing the schoolmaster with a dwelling-house. In the year 1836 it was decided to build new schoolrooms by subscription, and a wing was thereupon added, opened at Christmas, 1838. The walls of the schoolrooms are nicely panelled with oak, which came from the old seats of the church when they were replaced by the present modern benches. These schools have now been replaced by modern buildings on the south side of the church. Above the front porch is the date 1874, and the following inscription: 'These school buildings were erected by relatives in affectionate memory of Thomas Vowler Short, late Bishop of St. Asaph, an earnest promoter of education; who died at the Vicarage, in this parish, April 13th, 1872.'

### THE CHURCH.

Gresford Church, which is dedicated to All Saints, is always an object of great interest to visitors, and deservedly so, as it is extremely handsome and of noble proportions. The living is a Vicarage, in the gift of the Bishop of St. Asaph. It formerly belonged to St. Stephen's College, Westminster, and then passed to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, who, according to a document among the Bridgewater MSS. in the British Museum, granted the 'Rectory of Gresford in Denbighshire' to Queen Elizabeth, February 1st, 1581.

Of the church itself, it may be said that it is a spacious and elegant structure, consisting of a nave and north and south aisles, the roofs of which are of oak, panelled, and profusely ornamented with fruit and flowers exquisitely carved. The ground plan is a parallelogram, 110ft. long and 59ft. wide, the nave extending 73ft. With the exception of the pillars of the nave, arching the lower portion of the church, and the graceful Decorated window of the south aisle, the general character of the architecture is late Perpendicular.

The main body of the church belongs to the middle of the thirteenth century. The church tower, to the height of the first band, is believed to have been built towards the end of the fourteenth

century, when the chancel was also lengthened. Towards the end of the next century the church was in a great measure rebuilt, the principal part of the beautiful tower added, the elaborate roodloft and handsome screen erected, and the windows filled with rich stained glass.

The lofty square embattled tower is of fine proportion, richly ornamented on the summit with the figures of the Twelve Apostles, alternated with crocketed pinnacles. The tower is also decorated with traceried bands, quaint gargoyles, and hollow cornices, which adorn its four sides, and these last are carried round the entire church, and represent a race of cats, mice, dogs and grotesque creatures. In 1543, Vicar White wrote to Bishop Wharton, 'that many offerings had been brought to this church from divers parts of the country, by reason of which it was strongly and beautifully made erect and builded.'

There are some very handsome stained-glass memorial windows in the church. In the south aisle is a window of bold design and vivid colouring, depicting four of the disciples, erected to the memory of a former Vicar, as will be seen from the inscription: 'To the glory

#### THE BELLS AND SOME EPITAPHS.

The bells of Gresford have long been noted for their sweet and harmonious tones, and are numbered among the so-called 'Seven wonders of Wales.' (These seven wonders are as follows: St. Winifred's Well, Wrexham Church, Overton Churchyard, Gresford bells, Llangollen Bridge, the falls of Pistyll Rhaiadr, and Snowdon.) They bear inscriptions:—

Tenor: 1623. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Seventh: Thomas Mears, of London, founder, 1836.

Sixth: 1623. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Fifth: Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester, founder, 1775.

Fourth: 1623. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Third: Peace and Good Neighbourhood, T.R., 1775.

Second and Treble: Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Prayer Bell: 'God save this Church.'

A new and elegant Caen stone pulpit was given by the late Miss Egerton, of Gresford Lodge, in 1867. The churchyard contains a number of imposing monuments, among which are the following legacies:—



THE GRESFORD BAND.

With their former Vicar (Archdeacon Williams) (centre) and their present Vicar (Rev. W. E. Jones) (right).

of God, and in loving remembrance of the Ven. Robert Wickham, M.A., Archdeacon of St. Asaph, for thirty-four years Vicar of this parish, who died December 21st, 1860, aged 78 years.' There is also a stained-glass window in the east in the Madoxes Chapel of some antiquity. It represents the legend of the Virgin Mary's birth, and shows the date of erection to be 1498, but the names of the donors cannot be traced. This window was restored in 1872.

Among past Vicars of Gresford there have been four who ultimately reached the episcopal bench: (1) Hughes, a native of Carnarvon, who became Bishop of St. Asaph in 1573. (2) Hugh Bollot, born at Moreton, in Cheshire, and buried in Wrexham Church, who was successively Bishop of Bangor in 1583 and Chester in 1595. He was employed by Queen Elizabeth as one of the Biblical translators. His remains now lie in the chancel of Wrexham Parish Church. (3) Richard Parry, a native of Ruthin, Bishop of St. Asaph in 1604. (4) Humphrey Lloyd, a son of Richard Lloyd, Vicar of Ruabon. A still higher honour was accorded Nareissus Marsh, Vicar in 1689, who became Bishop of Ferns, Archbishop of Cashel, then of Dublin, and then of Armagh, and Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

The earliest registers commence in 1660 in Latin. In addition to the ordinary brief announcements of baptisms, marriages and burials, there is occasionally an item of interest, including: 'Mem. The fairs began at Gresford, 4th December, 1752.' 'A drought in the year 1762, from the 2nd of May, new style, to the 7th day of July, following.'

'Affliction sore with patience bore,  
Physicians were in vain,  
Till death did ease and God did please  
To ease me of my pain.'

'This lovely bud, so young, so faire,  
Cut off by early doom,  
Just come to show how sweet a flower  
In Paradise would bloom.'

'No verse of praise write on my tomb,  
Since there is judgment yet to come;  
Leave all to God, who justly knows,  
And more than we deserve bestowes.'

Outside the south porch is an old sundial, on a stone pedestal, dated Anno 1732.

There are several yew trees in the churchyard, one of which is a veritable giant, and supposed to be the oldest in the kingdom. At one of the meetings of the British Associations, a speaker contended that, judging from its size, etc., it was more than 1,400 years old. It is over 30ft. in girth, and reaches a height of about 60ft. 'Haydn's Dictionary of Dates' says that in 1851 its 'circumference was nine yards nine inches, being the largest and oldest yew-tree in the British Dominions.' During the last century it was known to have grown nine inches larger in fifty years.

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## TWO YEARS' RECORD.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, for evensong on Christmas Eve, 1,260 (Grandsire Triples: J. S. Fulford 1, J. Maidment 2, F. Pittman (Christchurch) 3, A. Fry 4, W. A. Romaine 5, F. C. Smith 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8. By ringing this quarter-peal St. Martin's band have now rung a quarter-peal for a Sunday service every month for the past two years, all of which have been rung by St. Martin's ringers except on five occasions, when visitors have stood in. On Sunday, December 31st, after the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Jewel 1, J. S. Fulford 2, W. A. Romaine 3, S. Macey 4, J. Daniell 5, L. Harris 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, A. Southey 8.

## YORK SURPRISE.

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First rung by the Warwickshire Guild at Nuneaton on December 16th, 1933.

## GRESFORD VILLAGE AND BELLS—Continued.

In a violent storm in 1850 one of the pinnacles of the tower fell on the roof of the nave, carrying away one of the main beams and causing damage to the amount of about £200. From the oak of the beam which fell two chairs were made for the communion table and presented to the church by the Vicar (Rev. Robert Wickham).

Extensive repairs, through the ravages of the beetle, have now been completed to the roof of the nave and north and south aisles, the greater portion of the oak beams and panels being renewed. These timbers had supported the roof since 1729, and beneath the leads on the north side was found a hand-forged chisel and gouge, and on the south side a hand-made pincers, one foot six inches long, with jaws three inches across.

In the group photograph, reproduced with this article, is the recently resigned Vicar (centre), Archdeacon J. E. Williams, and (right) the new Vicar, Rev. William Edwyn Jones, and the band of Gresford boys, who rang their first peal together on January 27th, 1931, each born within a mile of the church, baptised and confirmed in the church, and all except two married in the church. With one exception all are Sunday service ringers. The ringers were George Williams, Arthur Prince (Bath), William J. Roberts, James Alderman, Samuel Roberts, John A. Randles, Thomas R. Griffiths and Arthur Tilston.

The Domesday Book was originally 'The Book of Winchester,' but acquired the name 'Domesday'—the day of judgment—by metaphor, and was the outcome of a general survey of England by William the Conqueror in 1086. He wanted to know how much each place could and should pay either by way of gold, land tax, rents, or other dues. This book was kept in the 'Domesday Chest' with other State papers. It had three different locks, the keys of which were kept by three State officials, and could only be opened in their presence. The book and chest are now at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, where they can be seen without payment.

## AN EDITOR'S POSITION?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Just as I expected! The whole question re the above has very humorously and cleverly been turned to a huge joke, and that by the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who talks of such as being no argument, and when one has no case, I won't say abuse on this occasion; perhaps a more fitting word would be amuse the other side. He richly deserves the compliments of the writer of this letter for it. You surely never thought of all that yourself, did you, Mr. Editor? We are not face to face, or you might be given a pat on the back for it! Very amusing, isn't it, that the answer as to what should be an Editor's position should be 'a turkey and a Christmas pudding'? It really does tickle one to death.

Amusing, too, isn't it, that a person should (in addition to being ringer and editor of a paper), hold such offices as that of a secretary, member of 'a thousand and one' committees, Central Council representative, etc., and yet be termed by Mr. Frank Warrington as an independent and silent witness? This does really 'win the bun.' Independent and silent! Those two words ring in my ears like the sound of an explosion from a machine gun. I could say quite a lot regarding this, but prefer not to give too long an epistle beyond referring to that lengthy controversy on five and six bell ringers. Who in the name of goodness has done more to criticise these and put them in their place than the Editor of 'The Ringing World'? They ought not to ring Morris and Pitman's 240's of Doubles. They ought not to ring peals of Minor in less than seven methods after so long. They ought not to do this and that; in fact, I wonder they ought to do anything at all without first asking the Editor and some of these Central Council men if they can! Hitler himself couldn't be a bigger dictator than some of them are! In fact, it is a real marvel that most of us were ever intended to have a will of our own at all. Independent and silent. Oh, dear! Fetch me the smelling salts, somebody do! All day long I have been trying to concentrate on Sahara Sandals, but each time I put my thoughts on them a voice whispers in my ears, 'Independent and silent!' 'Nuff said.' The season's greetings, Mr. Editor.

P. AMOS.

Wellingborough.

[And the same to you, Mr. Amos.—Ed., 'R.W.']

## 'NONE OF HIS BUSINESS.'

Dear Sir,—In to-day's issue of 'The Ringing World' you publish a letter from Mr. Percy Amos, the tone of which all decent ringers will deplore. He attacks you for being on the Central Council and for being a general secretary of a Guild. Why suggest that editors should be debarred? You have earned the respect of every good ringer by sheer good work, and you hold the positions in the Guild and on the Council as a church bellringer, not as editor of a paper. I suggest that Mr. Amos takes these matters to the Central Council and the Diocesan Guild for their decision; he would probably get the answer he deserves, viz., 'It is none of his business.'

He also accuses you of unfairness. What piffle! For myself I can say that I have known you over 30 years, and during that time I have never found anything of the kind. It is true that we do not see eye to eye in some things, and that we have differed in our opinions, but I am sure both of us never allowed such variations of opinion to open the door of personalities. After all is it not clearly the duty of a ringer to look for the best in a brother ringer, and not seek to pick holes in any good work he is trying to do? Mr. Amos' letter is devoid of reasonable logic and argument, and if he cannot do any good he should certainly try and refrain from doing harm.

I hope we shall not get anything like this from any others of the younger school of ringers, to which I presume Mr. Amos belongs. Editors (even of ringing papers) are only human after all, and if one of the Exercise does not appreciate a good hard worker, believe me, all the others, including myself, do.

It is not an editor's duty to test the accuracy of statements made by correspondents, but it is clearly the duty of a correspondent to be of a fair mind to all.

I wish you a very happy 1934. Let not those who want to stir up trouble and strife keep us from giving to the best of our ability.

WM. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

## NOTICE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wilton (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. All ringers welcome. Tea has been arranged (1/9 per head) at the Temperance Hotel. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise before Jan. 12th.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 3 London Road, Davenham, near Northwich.

**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 9th, St. Magnus' on the 17th 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.

**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.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

**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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

**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.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Amended Notice. A quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, January 6th. Tea and business 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district will take place at Derby on Saturday, January 6th. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from four o'clock till seven o'clock. The business meeting will commence at five o'clock for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business. All welcome.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—To-morrow, Saturday, January 6th. Meeting at S. Nicolas', Thames Ditton. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will members of the district please make a special effort and support this meeting?—K. Eastes, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society).—January notices: Jan. 8th, practice, 6.30 p.m.; quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m. Jan. 22nd, practice, 7.30 p.m. The above at St. Clement Danes', Strand. Also at St. Mary's Lambeth, practice, Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 8 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

**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.

**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. Apply for tickets before Tuesday next to 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.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter-de-Merton, Bedford, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting for election of officers, etc., for the year, including a new district secretary. It is hoped all will endeavour to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting of Southampton District will be held at Southampton on January 13th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Dedication of two new trebles to complete ring of ten by John Taylor and Co., will take place during this service. Address by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in Chantry Hall. Meeting follows. Numbers for tea by January 10th. St. Michael's bells available from 2.30 p.m., St. Mary's from 6 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on January 13th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Secretary, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**BUSHEY.**—Saturday, January 13th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea, Institute 5.45. Bells available till 8.45. Cheap tickets by coach, train, etc., from all parts. The rest is up to you.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—'Short Notice.' A meeting will be held at Feniton on Saturday, January 13th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8).—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford (six bells) on Saturday, January 13th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Adoption of report and balance sheet.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 13th. St. Lawrence Jewry 3 till 5 and St. Dunstan-in-the-East (recently overhauled) after tea. Business meeting at St. Dunstan's.—James G. A. Prior, 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, E.1

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warkton (five bells) on Saturday, January 13th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, January 9th?—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by January 10th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea (5 p.m.) and meeting at Station Restaurant, Eldon Street. Please notify Mr. W. Carbutt, 79, Park Grove, Barnsley, by Friday, 12th. All ringing friends cordially invited.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**TUTBURY, STAFFS.**—On Saturday, January 13th, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Lichfield will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. By kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Hudson, tea will be provided free to all ringers who notify him of their intention to be present by Thursday, January 11th.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Caythorpe, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea only for those who send names by Monday previous to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available at three o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow in Church Hall. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Guilsborough (six bells) on Saturday, January 13th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

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**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.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Cafe, The Borough, 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea by Tuesday, 16th, to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday afternoon, January 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 20th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rector. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Tea in Church House 4.45 to those who inform me by January 15th. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, January 20th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by invitation. Please advise by Tuesday, 16th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at the Guild Hall, Hadleigh, on January 20th. Tea at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, January 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. N. B. Watson, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday previous.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, January 27th. Further details next week.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, February 3rd. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

#### DEATH.

**ROBINSON.**—On December 21st, 1933, at Fairhome, Wokingham, Mary C. Robinson, widow of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., aged 86.

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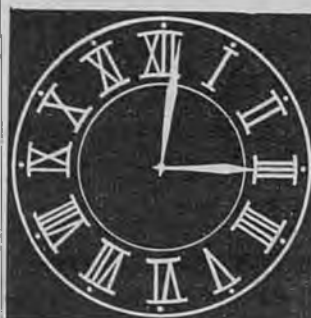
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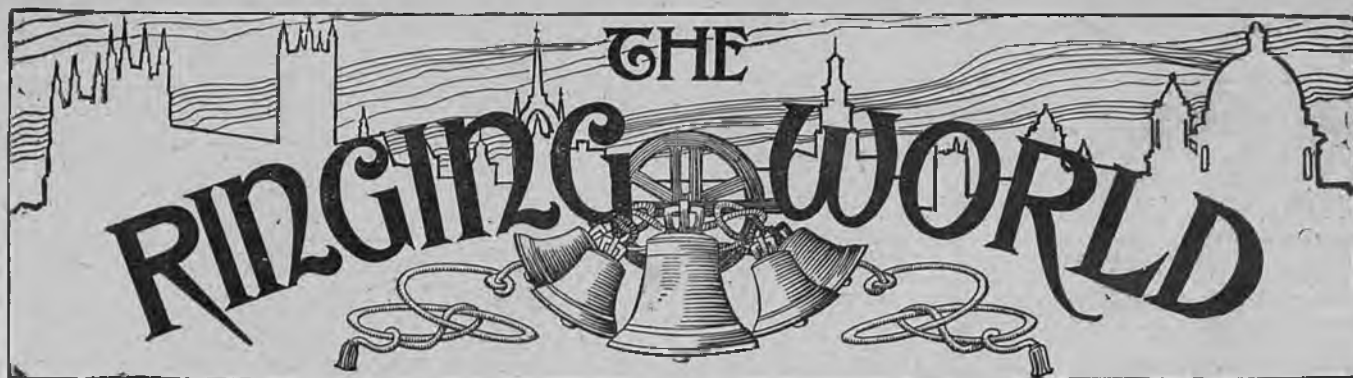
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**BELLS IN BROADCAST PROGRAMMES**

Broadcasting in relation to bells is a matter of comment in two connections this week. In one case it is a matter for praise; in the other a subject of criticism. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who is convener of the Central Council's Committee, which includes bell broadcasting in its purview, writes with regard to the New Year's Eve programme. It has been one of the aims of the committee to induce the British Broadcasting Corporation to make more use of bells upon appropriate occasions. English bells were absent from the New Year's Eve programme a year ago, but last week, when, presumably because the last day of the year was Sunday, there was a more subdued programme than on some former occasions, English bell ringing, typical of the passing of the old year in this country, came into its own, even if only to a limited extent. From Westminster Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral, two of the most sacred shrines in this land of ours, the bells were heard. From Westminster half-muffled and solemnly the old year was rung out, and, after the hour of midnight had resounded from Big Ben, Canterbury Cathedral ushered in 1934 with a merry 'peal.' To listeners everywhere these moments must have been soul-stirring. The B.B.C. are always keen to know what their vast public think; and we would emphasise the appeal made by Mr. Edwards to all ringers to write to the B.B.C.—a postcard is enough—expressing their appreciation of this feature of the programme, and the hope that it may be included and extended in future years.

The criticism that is offered relates to the use of gramophone records of bells in recent broadcast sketches. Reference was made to it by the Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Association, when speaking at a dinner at Stanmore. On the occasion of the performance of Dickens' 'Christmas Carol,' bells were used to create an 'atmosphere,' but the record introduced was of St. Paul's Cathedral bells *half-muffled!* The other instance mentioned was in another sketch, when one man was supposed to have secreted himself in a tower, and, at a given moment, rung all eight bells—and the record introduced revealed that he was ringing Grandsire Triples. Ringers who heard these two broadcasts must have smiled at the incongruity of the one and the impossibility of the other. The public, in their ignorance, may not have noticed the technical faults in the productions, although there must have been some who, did they give it a thought, must have wondered at muffled bells at Christmas. The B.B.C. are ever anxious to get the details of the broadcasts correct, and we suggest that the

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Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7
JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 2	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 8
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Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

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### TEN BELL PEAL.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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At the Church of St. Lambert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

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*SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 5	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

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On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
WILLIAM HALFORD ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7
GEORGE HINTON ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rang on the centenary of the 8,448 of Treble Bob Major at St. Helen's, Worcester, 1833. John Hinton, great-grandfather of George Hinton, rang the 4th in the 1833 peal.

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## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH EVANS ... .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
A. REGINALD BLASY ... .. 2	ARTHUR NEWTON ... .. 6
JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. 3	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 4	VICTOR EVANS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on these bells. All except the ringer of the 3rd are regular Sunday service ringers at this church. The 197th peal on the bells.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Friday, December 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ERNEST L. SHELTON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER ... .. 2	HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 6
JAMES L. WARD ... .. 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 7
CLIFTON NEWMAN ... .. 4	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method by all the band, and the first in the county. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Ellen Tyler, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Tyler, to Mr. Edgar Hackney.

## CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 6
FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. E. REEVES.

The conductor's 400th peal.

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 2	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
*JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. This peal was rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. F. L. Vaux. He presented the bells to the church 32 years ago, and was churchwarden for 50 years. He died on Christmas Eve.

## SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 5
*GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... .. 2	*KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 6
*R. FREDERICK ROE ... .. 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 7
*EDWIN LLOYD ... .. 4	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by K. A. ROE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung in commemoration of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Roe, of Wigston Magna, parents of the ringers of the third and sixth.

## TANFIELD, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

HARRY TYSON ... .. Treble	*KENNETH W. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
JOHN A. BROWN ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 6
*HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
*STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

## BROWNEIDGE, BAMBER BRIDGE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON AND WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ADAM BLOGG ... .. Treble	FRED RIGBY ... .. 5
THOMAS BAREER ... .. 2	*FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... .. 6
*JOHN JACKSON ... .. 3	ARTHUR HATCH ... .. 7
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 4	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

\* First peal, and belong to the local company.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19¾ cwt. in F.

GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 5
PERCY GREEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
*JOSEPH ELLIOTT ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. The conductor's 56th peal in 1933. Rung in honour of the 56th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler's wedding day (January 1st, 1878).

## OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CROSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... .. 5
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM G. BROOKER ... .. 3	ERNEST W. BRADSMORE ... .. 7
F. GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES CARLTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 5
*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 2	WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 6
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method. First New Cambridge on the bells.

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## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE ... .. Treble	S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 2	JACK ROY ... .. 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	PERCY MERSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... .. 4	JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

## CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSIOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... .. 5
ROBERT ROFFEY ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7
HERBERT J. ELDRD ... .. 4	JOHN W. LANGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Mr. G. R. Pye's 100th peal in 1933.

## STAPLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	† WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 6
* MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	* WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 4	† LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal of Oxford. The composition, No. 369, is rung for the first time.

## DORCHESTER, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
FRANCIS E. MAY ... .. 2	REV. C. ELIOTT WIGG ... .. 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 3	* RICHARD A. POST ... .. 7
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 4	† WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* 75th peal. † 150th peal.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... .. Treble	WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 5
* ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 2	* ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	JACK COOK ... .. 7
PETER CHARMAN ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in the method.

## SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. Treble	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... .. 5
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 6
MISS CONSTANCE ELING ... .. 3	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... .. 7
* NATHANIEL MOXON ... .. 4	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

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

## APPLETON, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... .. Treble	JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 5
HENRY C. WHITE ... .. 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... .. 6
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... .. 3	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. WHITE ... .. 4	COTBERT G. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. F. E. Robinson, who was interred at Wokingham the previous Saturday, aged 83. Rung after meeting short for Orders.

## WORCESTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 7
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. W. ROGERS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD SKETCHLEY ... .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 5
* PERCY WEBB ... .. 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 7
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

\* First peal of Surprise. This peal contains the 4th and 6th extent in 6th's place without the 2nd in that position.

## LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Treble	* JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... .. 3	* ERNEST B. BETTS ... .. 7
HAROLD SENIOR ... .. 4	FRED HODGSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

\* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' Rung as a first birthday compliment to the son of E. Betts. Believed to be the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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## WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN WORTH ... .. 5
FRED DONKERLEY ... .. 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 6
WILFRED STEPHENSON ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Dedicated, as a token of respect, to the late Mr. Titus Barlow, of Bolton, who passed away after a brief illness.

## CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEONARD MORGAN ... .. Treble	RONALD G. JONES ... .. 5
ERNEST WARING ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
CYRIL JONES ... .. 3	FRANK FOX ... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

## BRIDGEND, GLAM.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. PHILLIPS ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. EVANS ... .. 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... .. 6
EDWARD T. BAILEY ... .. 3	D. REES JAMES ... .. 7
BENJAMIN J. TOBY ... .. 4	EDWIN M. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung for the watchnight service. The above are all Sunday service ringers at this church, and this is the first local peal on the bells for over 21 years. A birthday peal for the ringer of the tenor; also for Miss Marion James, youngest daughter of the ringer of the seventh.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

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

*NORMAN V. HARDING ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 5
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 31, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE WHITING ... .. 5
*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... .. 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 7
ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 4	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

\* First peal of Superlative 'inside.' J. Bennett has now 'circled' this tower. Rung to mark the passing of the old year and usher in the new, the bells coming into rounds a few minutes after midnight.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Eager 1, C. H. Shepherd 2, J. H. Cassidy 3, W. Tate 4, P. Giles 5, E. R. Warner 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, S. A. Bamford, R.M., 8.

## HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 5
JOHN CBARNOCK ... .. 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 6
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 7
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

## MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... .. 5
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 2	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	GUY R. AMEROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. George A. Jones, a member of the band at Milton and, for 34 years, a member of the above association, who died on December 31st, 1933. The ringer of the 5th has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

REGINALD C. THRIFT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 2	HAROLD E. PENNACK ... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 3	PERCY GREEN ... .. 7
ALBERT BATHOLOMEW ... .. 4	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE L. BUTCHER ... .. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE &amp; RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... .. 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... .. 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 7
LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung to welcome the new curate, the Rev. Lawrence Wood, to the parish. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the county, for the Guild and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt. This composition has 80 leads of Cambridge and 80 leads of Rutland, and is now rung for the first time.

BOLTON.—On Christmas morning, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Fishwick 1, P. Crook, jun., 2, Miss G. Annie Crook 3, A. Sandiford 4, E. Ford 5, E. Edwards 6, P. Crook, sen., 7, O. Olive 8. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday (Christmas Day) and 70 years' connection with Holy Trinity Church of Mr. James Henry Sharples, a former churchwarden and now superintendent of the Sunday School.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.  
 \*GEORGE E. CATCHPOLE ... Treble | ERIC DURRANT ... 4  
 \*ARTHUR S. BROTHERS ... 2 | WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5  
 WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 3 | WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor  
 Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

\* First peal. Twelve members of this band have rung their first peal since the company first came together nine years ago, New Year's Eve, 1924. Five other members have rung their first 720's.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 6 cwt. 8 lb.

\*CECIL A. HARPER ... Treble | †JOHN BROUGH ... 4  
 FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 2 | \*JESSE BAYLEY ... 5  
 †ARTHUR JERVIS ... 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor  
 Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal in two methods. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, Norwich, Wells, York, Ipswich and Durham.

\*ALBAN JACK ... Treble | JAMES STANWAY ... 4  
 WILLIAM P. DEANE ... 2 | WILLIAM HAZELDINE ... 5  
 JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3 | JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor  
 Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

\* First attempt for a peal.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 8½ cwt.

GORDON WARREN ... Treble | THOMAS BIRD ... 3  
 CHARLES WEAVERS ... 2 | ALFRED BIRD ... 4  
 GEORGE PANNEL ... Tenor  
 Conducted by G. BIRD.

First peal on the bells.

YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, Cambridge, York, Durham, Primrose and Ipswich.  
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... Treble | THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4  
 CHARLES W. WOODS ... 2 | HORACE M. DAY ... 5  
 WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3 | JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... Tenor  
 Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First Surprise peal on the bells. First extent of Carlisle by ringer of the 2nd. It was arranged to ring nine methods, but the bells are too noisy for spliced ringing.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.  
 \*WILLIAM MALLABON ... Treble | WILLIAM T. COX ... 4  
 FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2 | JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5  
 EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... 3 | WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor  
 Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

\* First peal.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 of Double Court and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.  
 FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble | ALEC GENERY ... 4  
 FRANK CLAYDON ... 2 | WALTER ARNOLD ... 5  
 \*GEORGE LORKIN ... 3 | ALBERT L. DIXEY ... Tenor  
 Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 of Woodbine, two 720's of Kent, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... Treble | \*ALBERT E. EVEREST ... 4  
 \*FREDERICK BODMIN ... 2 | JOHN O. WELLER ... 5  
 LEONARD A. TIDY ... 3 | JAMES W. KNIGHT ... Tenor  
 Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

\* First peal.

SETTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

\*DAN LEA ... Treble | ROBERT GUY ... 4  
 \*LESLIE CORTEEN ... 2 | JOHN BROWN ... 5  
 JAMES MARTIN ... 3 | ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor  
 Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal in five methods for ringers of 1, 2, 4 and tenor. The ringer of 4th is of the local company and remainder of Christ Church, Bootle, the latter taking this opportunity of thanking Mr. Guy for allowing them the privilege of ringing a peal on this newly hung peal, the 'go' of which is excellent.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

GREAT, SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At Harbledown.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 1-2 | WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6  
 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4 | \*WALTER AYRE ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.'

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**LINK WITH PEAL 100 YEARS AGO.**

WORCESTERSHIRE CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

The centenary of a peal of 8,448 Kent Treble Bob, rung at St. Helen's, Worcester, on December 26th, 1833, was celebrated by a peal in the same method on Boxing Day. There was a direct link between the two peals for the great-grandson of one of the ringers in 1833 took part in the peal in 1933.

A peal board in St. Helen's tower records the following: 'On the 26th of December, 1833, a complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising of 8,448 changes, being the full extent with the tenors together, in 5 hours and 10 minutes: John Brush treble, John Hunt 2, Thos. Price 3, John Hinton 4, Willm. Taylor 5, Alexr. Stephens 6, Fred. Bradley 7, John Dovey tenor. Conducted by John Dovey.'

John Hinton was the great grandfather of George Hinton, who rang in the commemorative peal at Malvern.

### RINGERS' SUPPER AT STANMORE. WHERE THE B.B.C. TRIPPED UP.

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist, Stanmore, held their annual supper on Saturday, January 6th, at the Crown Hotel, Stanmore. The Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett) presided, and amongst the guests were Messrs. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association), Mr. F. Edwards (Bushey), and several members of the Harrow Weald band, the whole company numbering 24.

An excellent meal over, the Chairman proposed the loyal toast, which was drunk with musical honours.

The Rector then said it was his prerogative to appoint the Ringing Master for the ensuing year, and he gladly asked Mr. G. A. Hughes to occupy that post again. He took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Hughes and his fellow-ringers for their excellent work; Sunday after Sunday, as well as on special occasions, the bells were rung. Ringing such as they knew it, he said, was essentially English, and he did not think the bells were rung in any other country like they were in England.

Mr. Hughes, in thanking the Rector for once again appointing him to be Master of the band, referred to the fact that Mr. G. Cheshire, who was present, was just entering upon his 51st year as a ringer at Stanmore, whilst Mr. Moxom and himself had been ringers there for 41 years.

Mr. E. Leversuch next proposed the health of 'The Visitors.' He said that they were pleased to see many visitors present on that occasion and on their occasions of ringing, and he also referred to the fact that the Stanmore ringers would sometimes have found it difficult to raise a full band but for the help of their ringing friends from elsewhere. He said how difficult they found it was to interest young men in ringing, and hoped they would soon find a remedy for the lack of interest. He coupled Mr. Coles' name with the toast.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in replying, first thanked the Stanmore ringers for their invitation, which he had been very pleased to receive and accept. He stated that the difficulty experienced at Stanmore in obtaining recruits for the belfry was not confined to that tower alone, it was a difficulty being experienced almost everywhere. It required great efforts to keep a band going. It was the duty of all bands to see that there were young ringers to carry on after them, and he urged co-operation with the church authorities in their endeavours to find the youngsters they required. Mr. Coles also referred to the Rector's remarks about the art of ringing being essentially English, but, he added, it was strange how little was known of ringing outside the ranks of ringers themselves. For instance, twice recently the B.B.C. had broadcast ringing from gramophone records which

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### A LONDON RINGER'S DEATH.

At St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Sunday, January 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Edward J. Sampson, a much-esteemed member of the St. Andrew's Guild: William R. Dennis 1, Henry C. Alford 2, Joseph S. Hawkins 3, Charles J. Choct 4, Robert W. Green 5, Thomas Langdon (conductor) 6, Ernest Brett 7, William J. Norton 8.

Mr. Sampson was also a member of the St. Dunstan's, Stepney, band, and was junior steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1928.

He passed away in the London Hospital on January 1st, after an illness patiently borne, and was interred in Bow Cemetery on Saturday last in the presence of a large circle of friends.

The deceased, who was 49 years of age, was unmarried and lived with his parents.

### ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

#### PRESENTATION TO RETIRING MASTER.

On Tuesday, January 2nd, the annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society was held, and the following officers were elected for 1934: Master, Mr. Frederick J. Tillett; Deputy Master, Mr. Herbert Shemming; treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley; auditors, Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, Mr. George E. Symonds.

Advantage was taken at this gathering to present a barometer to the retiring Master, Mr. Harold E. Symonds, on the occasion of his wedding. The presentation was made by the father of the society, Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who with a few well-chosen words said in his long life he never remembered a Master of St. Mary-le-Tower Society being married during his term of office.—Mr. Symonds suitably thanked the company.

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was totally unsuitable for the occasions; once in a Christmas play they had heard a record of St. Paul's Cathedral bells rung 'half-muffled,' and again when a trick was being illustrated and the bells were said to be rung by one man, a record of Grandsire Triples being rung was put on. It certainly was a clever man who could cause eight bells to be rung by one ringer.

A good programme was enjoyed during the evening, songs by Mr. G. A. Hughes, violin solos by Mr. Wood, pianoforte solos by Mr. Springett, and an excellent arrangement of conjuring tricks by Mr. Schofield, passing the time away very pleasantly. It was suggested to the latter gentleman that he should learn how to ring eight bells at once, like the trickster previously referred to, and their troubles as to a shortage of ringers would be over.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The attention of members of the Lanes Association is called to the fact that the service at the meeting of the Liverpool Branch on Saturday is at 5 p.m. instead of 5.30, and tea will be at 6 p.m.

It is something to be proud of for a struggling young band to be able to say that all its members have rung a quarter-peal. The Evershot (Dorset) ringers rang two quarter-peals of Doubles on New Year's Eve, and in these performances the last three of their band of eleven scored their first quarter-peal.

The peal of Major rung at Slough on Boxing Day was the 21st conducted by Mr. Harry Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, during the year 1933. He also attained his majority as a member of the Oxford Guild, having been elected 21 years ago.

Residents of Sparkhill, Birmingham, say there was a distinct odour of Stedman all the Christmas week. It appeared to emanate from the side of a certain street with the houses numbered odd.

Some of them may have known the late Mr. John Carter—who had a difficulty in pronouncing his s's—and should be informed that 'tedman 'tinquies' are not grown in the Yardley lavender fields.

Next Wednesday is the jubilee of the first peal rung in Hampshire by the old Winchester Diocesan Guild. This was Grandsire Triples at Soberton, Hants, and incidentally was Mr. George Williams' first peal.

Canon Parry, of Bigby, who is one of the representatives of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on the Central Council, has been appointed Archdeacon of Linsay.

## NEW YEAR'S BROADCAST.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Only a very small proportion of ringers can have heard the midnight broadcast of Westminster and Canterbury bells, as most of us were otherwise occupied. It is nevertheless a cause of satisfaction to the whole Exercise that such a broadcast was given.

I venture to appeal to all your readers to send a postcard or brief note to the B.B.C. at Broadcasting House, London, W.1, expressing their appreciation (a) of the broadcast and (b) of the prominence given to this feature in their published programmes, with the hope that in future years it will be of longer duration.

Just before the end of 1933 the B.B.C. exhorted listeners to give their views on the various features of their programmes. It really is of the first importance to leave them in no doubt about our emphatic appreciation of these broadcasts of ringing.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

## SEVEN 720's.

A CONFUSION OF TERMS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your last issue, Mr. H. M. Day, whose great experience as a six-bell ringer and conductor entitles him to speak with authority, tells us that, in his opinion, there is only one 720 (of Minor); that there are no different extents, however many methods are rung or callings varied—meaning, of course, that there can only be the same 720 changes on six bells, however rung.

If I remember aright, the Rev. E. S. Powell told us in your columns some time ago that the variation of a calling made a 'different' 720.

What, then, is the correct description to apply to a peal of Cambridge Minor if we ring seven of the 720's referred to last week by Mr. Joyce? There are six of these in which, certain authorities have said, the calling is the same, or reversed, or begun at a different point.

What does this peal really consist of? According to Mr. Day it is not seven different 720's; according to others it is not seven different callings; and yet in each the leads come up in a different order to the rest and according to Mr. Powell are, therefore, different extents.

This is all very confusing to the ordinary ringer and seems to call for elucidation by the Central Council laying down some definition of terms.

CURIOUS.

## 'NO ROOM IN THE INN.'

THE RINGERS' RECEPTION.

The following incident, vouched for by one of the ringers, will, we feel sure, amuse our readers. It occurred at a Surrey church, and we give the story as it has been sent to us:—

'On New Year's Eve we, the bellringers at the Parish Church, attended divine service in the evening (the first time for a number of years).

'On getting into the pulpit to deliver his sermon, the Rector gave a good look round the church, then gave out his text, which was as follows:—

"'There was no room for them in the inn.'"

'Was this a coincidence, or was he deliberately trying to take a rise out of us? Not one of us has had the "neck" to ask him, but at any rate he made us think, although none of us are in the habit of spending much time in the place referred to.'

## WOODBIDGE BELLS.

### FAMOUS SUFFOLK PEAL RESTORED.

On Sunday the restored bells of Woodbridge, Suffolk, are to be dedicated at 3 p.m. by Bishop Maxwell-Gumbleton, the service having been postponed from to-morrow owing to the indisposition of the Bishop of Ipswich.

Woodbridge bells are one of the oldest complete rings of eight in the country. They were all cast by Thomas Osborn, of Downham, Norfolk, in 1799, and, according to one authority, for whose accuracy, however, we cannot vouch, were 'the last bells cast before the ancient and beautiful system of casting and tuning was finally lost, a hundred years before Canon Simpson re-invented the system.' They are, however, a very fine old peal.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have rehung the bells in a new frame, some 17 feet lower in the tower than formerly, thus improving the effect of the bells outside and strengthening the stately tower itself.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

- Treble.—The Lord to praise my voice I raise.  
 2.—Hear me when I call.  
 3.—Strike me and I sound sweetly.  
 4.—Peace and good Neighbourhood.  
 5.—Our voices shall with joyful sound,  
 Make hills and valleys echo round.  
 6.—In wedlock bonds all ye who join,  
 With hands your hearts unite,  
 So shall our tuneful tongues combine  
 To laud the nuptial rite.  
 7.—We to the church the living call,  
 And to the grave do summon all.  
 Tenor.—John Hammond, Robert Allen, Churchwardens.  
 Also on all, in addition to the above, is, 'Thos. Osborn, Founder, 1799.'

## MURSLEY, BUCKS. BELLS RESTORED.

### HEARD AGAIN AFTER 36 YEARS.

In 1925 the then Vicar and churchwardens of the pretty Church of Mursley, Bucks, decided it would be a good thing to have the bells ringing again after a silence of 28 years. However, the bad trade depression stopped funds for a time. On a change of Vicars another move, some three years ago, resulted in the fund being revived, and by steady progress the job was completed last year.

The bells, a ring of six, have now been rehung in latest type ball bearings, new steel headstocks and latest type fittings. The framework has been strengthened, and the bells now are in first-class order. The old 2nd and 5th bells, which had been cracked for many years, have been recast and all have been retuned on the latest principles.

On Wednesday, December 20th, a visiting band from Simpson and district, with the addition of the bellhangers, rang the first 720 on the bells for over 36 years. The bells also rang out the old year and welcomed the new year, the Vicar and his son taking part. The ringers had nothing but praise for the 'go' of the bells. The entire work was carried out under the personal supervision of Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, who is well known in the county of Bucks.

## THE CONSTRUCTION OF SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If the construction of Surprise Major were confined to alternate quadruple and triple changes, as Mr. Hawkins suggests, quite 50 per cent. of the Surprise methods yet rung would be illegitimate, including Cambridge, London and Bristol, as the latter two, although composed solely of quadruple and triple changes, are not alternate.

The change at the cross-section of 'Bushy,' which Mr. Hawkins includes in his letter, is a double change, and although there is, I believe, a school of thought, which, for some reason or other, deplores the introduction of double changes into Major methods, it would be difficult to apply any rule on the subject, as such rule would automatically wipe out both Cambridge and New Cambridge, and I do not think anyone would say that this would be for the good of the Exercise.

H. G. CASHMORE.

Watford.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sunday, December 24th, at St. Michael's Church, for first Christmas evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) in 48 mins.: S. J. Philbrick 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 2, C. W. H. Powell 3, J. E. Philbrick 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, F. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8.

## A 'HEARTBREAK' AREA.

### A SURREY DISTRICT THAT DEFIES ORGANISERS' EFFORTS.

A village with narrow, winding streets, standing by the riverside on the fringe of suburban London, and only a short distance from one of the great roaring highways leading from the Metropolis to the South Coast, Thames Ditton has a really wonderful old church. Parts of it date from the eleventh century, and its squat flint and stone tower, large enough to hold a peal of twelve bells, but containing only a very light six, is crowned by a diminutive spire. One curiosity of the church is that it has three aisles, and the nave, thus expanded from time to time, is wider than it is long.

The Chertsey district of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting there on Saturday. This part of the county of Surrey has always defied the efforts of ringing organisation to create interest in their work. It is a 'heartbreak' area, but the Guildford Guild continues in its attempt to do what the old Winchester Guild and the Surrey Association failed to accomplish. The impression made, so far, has been apparently infinitesimal, but even now hope has not been abandoned. Only two of the district towers were represented at the meeting: Thames Ditton and Esher, but visitors from places further afield enabled some useful work to be put in in the tower, where much time was spent in encouraging less advanced ringers in Grand-sire and Plain Bob. The only thing rung outside these methods was a couple of courses of Cambridge, and this is mentioned merely to indicate that, although there were Surprise ringers present, they did not monopolise the bells.

At the service the Vicar (Rev. J. Blackborne), who officiated and also ably accompanied the singing on the harmonium, gave the Guild a welcome, and, in an informal address, spoke of his love of the sound of bells and of the importance of the mission of ringing organisations in maintaining the old English art. It would have been well if more of the ringers in the Chertsey district could have heard his address.

Another engagement prevented the Vicar from joining the ringers at tea, but at the subsequent business meeting he was heartily thanked for his kindness in allowing the meeting to be held, and for his address. The local ringers were also thanked and, although none of them are at present members of the Guild, it is hoped that some at any rate will join in the near future.

The officers for the district for the ensuing year were nominated as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Ottershaw); hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (in the place of Miss K. Eastes, who is retiring); hon. member of executive committee, Mr. R. T. Sayle (Ottershaw); ringing members on Executive Committee, Messrs. W. Massey (Esher) and J. B. Hessey (Chertsey).

It was announced that the annual meeting of the district would be held at Chertsey on February 3rd.

There is an interesting 'peal' board in the tower of Thames Ditton Church, which records a peal of 5,040 changes rung in the year 1827 'without the aid of the Plain Bob method.' It has been the cause of much speculation among subsequent generations of ringers, for no one seems to know exactly what was rung.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY.

To all ringers.—Please note the change of address.

The Hon. Librarian has in stock about 7 cwt. of publications. He would be glad to see the amount of this considerably reduced.

The new 2d. pamphlet, 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' is receiving a very quick sale, the first 1,000 being nearly exhausted.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE.

Walsoken Rectory,  
Wisbech, Cambs.

## 5,120 SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.

### CAMBRIDGE AND RUTLAND.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456 B. M. W. H.

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56234	—	—
25634	—	—
43652	—	—
65432	—	—
65324	—	—
32654	—	—
63254	—	—
26354	—	—
35264	—	—

Repeat four times.

This composition has 80 leads in each method.

The courses which contain a bob Before are all Cambridge, the remainder (of three leads each) are made up of Rutland, Cambridge, Rutland, in that order.

## DEATH OF MR. W. H. INGLESANT.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Hyde Inglesant, of Quorndon, who passed away after a long illness on December 30th, at the age of 61 years. Mr. Inglesant took a prominent part in ringing in the Midlands a generation ago, and shared in some of the long lengths of the early years of this century, culminating in the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909. Mr. Inglesant was also a composer of ability, and was the author of a number of good peals in several methods.

### AN APPRECIATION.

The weary eyes of the watcher looked out o'er an unknown sea, waiting. For him, Life's day was drawing to a close and the shadows were gathering around. The setting sun was sinking like a ball of molten fire into the abyss of the Great Beyond, reluctantly retreating before the dark clouds of advancing Night.

Lower and lower, now it was just above the horizon, but defiant to the end, like a forlorn hope, sent up lurid shafts of flame into the billowy banks of clour, transforming them into fantastic mountain ranges tipped with gold. In a few minutes it would be gone, dissolved in a halo of iridescent light, and then—oblivion.

Down where the dark waters faintly lapped the shore, a boat was waiting to put out to sea. Its riding-light beckoned like a twinkling star to the watcher, who knew he must soon cross the bar and make the passage—alone. The tired eyes closed and all was dark. The quivering form ceased to struggle, and 'sank, like a little child to sleep.' The touch on the shoulder had come, and the soul of the watcher went out with the tide. Requiescat in Pace.

William H. Inglesant was born at Liverpool on August 19th, 1872. When a youth, his people migrated to Loughborough, Leicestershire, and finally settled down at Quorndon, an adjacent village, where the deceased got interested in the church and bells. Here he learned to ring, and at every opportunity he would be found in the belfries in and around the Loughborough and Leicester districts. His first peal was Stedman Triples, in October, 1891, and there he was usually included in the many peals rung by the Loughborough band when the late Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., was in his prime, and Friday night was 'peal night' at All Saints'.

A surveyor's clerk by profession, there were not many outside opportunities for scoring peals, but what there were William Inglesant was at all times ready and willing to share. With the writer he had rung many, amongst which were four, all over 10,000 changes. They were 10,176 Treble Bob Major, 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich, and the then record length of 18,027 Stedman Caters. He also rang in the first seven-method six-bell peal by the Midland Counties Association at St. George's, Leicester, in 1894.

He would prick out whole peals in full, and tap them out on the piano, writing in his MSS. book the time and place, like ordinary peals. He also entered the field of composition, and had produced peals of Treble Bob Major and Superlative, Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal, some of which are occasionally rung. Altogether, he had rung in 141 peals up to 1916, when the calamity that ultimately brought about the end occurred. His lower limbs became affected with numbness, and, after a while, it was apparent that a creeping paralysis had its deadly hold upon him. Year after year it made headway, until half the body was dead below the waist. Still he never murmured.

His chief joy was to receive the weekly issue of this journal, which kept him in touch with the outside world; and the visit of a ringer to see him and to talk over old times, was a treat indeed.

An earnest churchman, he never railed at his fate. He just accepted it as part of the divine plan. Never a Sunday, when he was able to be wheeled in his chair, did he fail to be present at Holy Communion, never a night without a passage of Scripture being read. For a long time before the end came he was like a helpless babe, but grateful for all that was being done, ever praising his wife, who was mother and nurse to him. He was just waiting to cross the dark river, and the end came for him with the dying year.

The funeral took place on January 3rd, and he was laid to rest in the churchyard he loved. Among the many wreaths were three from ringers' societies, one being from the Midland Counties Association, which was represented by Mr. J. A. Oldham (Loughborough Bell Foundry), Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Willson (vice-president), Mr. J. Morris, and Mr. J. Harris.

The deceased leaves a widow to mourn her loss, but there are no children. Those who knew William Hyde Inglesant will regret the broken link in the chain of friends.

### EPILOGUE.

The barque is Outward Bound, over the ocean's breast,  
Through seas uncharted, not a sound,  
And the waters are at rest.

The boat will make the Port; no doubt or fear we feel.  
The powers of ill are brought to nought  
With our Pilot at the wheel.

Safe 'into Thy hands,' O Lord. The passing bell may toll.  
But over the silent sea and broad,  
Is the harbour of the soul.

W. W.

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## SOUTH SHIELDS BELLS RING AGAIN. RESTORATION AT ST. HILDA'S.

The eight bells (tenor 9½ cwt.) of the ancient Church of St. Hilda, South Shields, were unringable for two or three years, but, thanks to the persistent efforts of Mr. W. Robson, captain of the Ringers' Guild, the money necessary to repair them has been raised, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have now made a first-class job of them.

The re-opening service was held on Saturday week, and in spite of very stormy weather a large congregation assembled. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Hudson Barker) conducted a shortened evensong, and the Lord Bishop of Newcastle, who is a former Vicar of St. Hilda's, preached the sermon, his subject being 'Christian Joy.'

Owing to rather short notice being given, there were only about 20 ringers present, but touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and all agreed that the quarter-turning and repairs had made a wonderful improvement in the tone and the 'go' of the bells.

At the invitation of the Vicar and the four churchwardens, an excellent tea had been provided in a neighbouring cafe, and after full justice had been done to it Mr. Wm. Story, J.P., of Newcastle, expressed the thanks of the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association for the hospitality extended to them, and congratulated St. Hilda's people on the success of their efforts.—The Vicar and Messrs. Hall and Park, churchwardens, responded, Mr. Park giving some very interesting reminiscences of his ringing experiences over fifty years ago.

The association secretary read letters of apology received from the president (Mr. J. Anderson, Newcastle) and from Mr. W. Newton, of Stockton, a foundation member of the association, whose name appears on a peal board in the belfry recording a peal of Kent Major rung on August 12th, 1886.

Mr. Robson was promised every assistance in his efforts to re-organise a change ringing band, and he thanked the Vicar and wardens for this happy culmination of his efforts and his fellow-ringers for their kind help.

The bells were kept going until nearly eight o'clock, several touches being rung for the benefit of the new band.

## ROCK FERRY'S SURPRISE YEAR. RECORD PROGRESS.

On Sunday, December 31st, at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, 720 of Canterbury Surprise was rung by: J. Cooke (conductor) 1, Miss E. M. Cooke (first 720 in the method) 2, Miss D. I. Leatham 3, J. Leslie 4, F. T. Parry 5, W. Dean 6.

This, the last 720 in the old year, brought to a close a year of record progress by the local band.

During the year one hundred and five 720's were rung in 20 Surprise methods, i.e., London 16, York 10, Chester 11, Carlisle 9, Canterbury 6, Cambridge 12, Beverley 12, Wells 3, Durham 3, Munden 4, Newcastle 2, Surfleet 3, Ipswich 2, Stamford 2, Northumberland 2, Immanuel 1, Berwick 2, Lightfoot 2, Hexham 1, Primrose 2. The last eight methods were rung for the first time by a local band in the Wirral Branch.

The following ringers took part: F. T. Parry 91 720's, J. Leslie 83 (conducted 7), J. Cooke 77 (conducted 35), Miss M. Cooke 71, W. Dean 63 (conducted 47), J. Hughes 58, W. H. Parry 52, A. K. Leatham 42 (conducted 15), Miss D. Leatham 42, Miss E. M. Cooke 11, T. Rogers (Wallasey) 1 (conducted 1), G. R. Edwards (Bidston) 2, G. L. Grover (West Clandon, Surrey) 1, E. Breeze (late of Bebington) 1. Mr. Breeze is aged 68, and this was his first 720 of Surprise.

It is interesting to note that the last touch in the old year and the first in the new year was rung by a band whose average age was 19, and was composed of two sisters, two brothers and brother and sister.

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The record peal at Loughborough, in which the late Mr. Inglesant took part, was the first rung single-handed which lasted 'round the clock,' the time occupied being 12 hours 18 minutes. The band was: George R. Pye 1, Isaac G. Shade 2, William H. Inglesant 3, John H. Cheesman 4, Bertram Prewett 5, Benjamin A. Knights 6, William Willson 7, William J. Nudds 8, Gabriel Lindoff (composer) 9, William Pye (conductor) 10.

Mr. Inglesant could trace his family back for nearly four centuries in the district of Quorn. A member of the Hyde family held a cottage at the will of the Lord of Beaumanor as long ago as A.D. 1544, and John Hyde did fealty to the Lord of the Manor of Barrow for the house, which stood near the site of the present stables of Quorn House, in 1753, and where the family lived until 1830. This John Hyde was one of the commissioners for the dividing and enclosing of the open and common fields of Quorn in 1763, and, later on, was one of the Freeholders who voted for the election of a knight of the shire to represent the county in Parliament.

## PARISHIONERS INVITED TO BELFRY.

### NEW YEAR'S WEDDING BELLS AT YATELEY, HANTS.

The old wooden belfry at Yateley, Hants, was again, on New Year's Eve, packed to its utmost capacity. At the services on Sunday the Vicar intimated that he was holding a short service with the ringers in the belfry a few minutes before midnight, and any who wished to join in and see the new year rung in would be welcome.

The ringers met at the belfry at 11.30, and cars began to come from all directions, the village soon becoming ablaze with light. The belfry was quickly filled in every nook and corner, and also up the stairs.

Handbells were produced and exhibitions of change ringing were given which greatly interested the large company, many of whom saw for the first time the method of ringing and of the work carried on in our belfries.



YATELEY'S WOODEN TOWER.

A few minutes before midnight the passing bell was rung, and as the clock struck the hour the Rev. F. R. Pechey offered suitable prayers for the occasion, including one from the Guild's service, and then gave the Blessing.

The bells then rang out to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman, all ringers present taking a part. After many wishes for 1934, the company dispersed, but it is understood that some of the ringers visited the home of the president, where more good wishes were exchanged until all appeared tired out.

However, they were not to be allowed to rest for long, for amongst the company in the belfry was Miss Dorothy Macrae, who, quite unknown to them, was in a few hours to become a New Year's Day bride. Nothing was known until about 1.30, when the ringers were called out to celebrate the happy event of her marriage to Capt. Harper, which had taken place by special license at Mortimer, Berks.

Miss Macrae had always taken a great interest in the Yateley band, and everyone turned out and rang. The first touch was 350 Grandsire Triples to allow Sailor Boy Cooper to ring, and conducted by the head gardener of the bride's home, Mr. A. Goodall. This was followed by a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. G. Butler, after which the whole company were lavishly entertained by Mr. Kenneth Macrae.

New Year's Day, 1934, will be long remembered by the Yateley band, and also by many more who, for the first time in their life, began to think that there is more in change ringing than appears on the surface. It is a good thing to invite as many as possible to our belfries on the occasions of ringing whenever convenient.

S. J. R.

## THE TOWER AND BELLS.

The wooden tower at St. Peter's Church, Yateley, was probably first erected by local talent. Later on it was shored up, underpinned and brickwork inserted owing to its sinking on the south side. Nearly 30 years ago the bells were going so badly, owing to the sway of the structure, that one of the ringers undertook to steel 'fitch' the interior above first-floor level with 9in. by 3in. fitches, and from that time the bells have gone very well indeed. The tower is covered with oak shingles.

The tower contains an old clock, which told time to the village in the days of Queen Elizabeth. It has the best eight-bell ringing chamber in North Hants, and is on the ground floor with the font in the centre. Eight ringers, who were born in the parish and baptised at the font, have rung a peal of Grandsire Triples at this church—a truly 'local peal.' The band are strong and form themselves into a miniature Guild, having a president, vice-president, Ringing Master, secretary and treasurer, and for more than 40 years some of the present ringers have been members of the Guild.

The following are the details of the bells:—

Treble.—'Ex dono Johannis Pakenham Stilwell, MDCCCLXXXVIII.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.' (The gift of J. P. Stilwell, 1888. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.) Cast by Taylor, of Loughborough. Weight, 3 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Second.—'Ex dono Johannis Pakenham Stilwell, MDCCCLXXXVIII.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria Tua. Hosanna in excelsis.' (The Heavens and Earth are full of Thy Glory. Hosanna in the Highest.) Cast by Taylor. Weight, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Third.—'Sancti Petri sum, ex dono Johannis Pakenham Stilwell, 1878. Sit splendor Domini Dei nostri super nos.' (I belong to St. Peter. . . . May the splendour of the Lord our God be on us.) Cast by Taylor.

Fourth.—'William Yare made mee, 1613.' Cast at Reading foundry.

Fifth.—'Sancta Katarina, ora pro nobis.' (St. Catharine, pray for us.) Symbols, cat's head, cross in a circle, and a bunch of lilies. 'R.E.' (Richard Eldridge, of Wokingham.) Cast about 1555.

Sixth.—'Love the Lord the God, and of E.H.S., 1577, T.E.F.R.' Symbols, cross in double circle, a man with a beard, monogram FCJ in a rope circle, the figure 6, and a geometrical figure somewhat like a 5-pointed star between the letters TE and FR. Also a figure of a bearded man (? the Deity) holding the sun and moon. Recast 1921, the old wording and symbols being retained and the following added: 'In memory of John Pakenham and Georgina Elizabeth Stilwell, by their children and grandchildren.'

Seventh.—'Our hope is in the Lord. R.E. 1617.' Each word is followed by a heart.

Tenor.—'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1864. F.S.' The Royal arms. Before it was recast, this bell had the following inscription: 'Reprove mee not Lord in Thy wrath. R.E. 1617.'

A heart between each word. Weight, 15 cwt. Note G. Sanctus.—'R.E. 1623.'

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—For morning service, December 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Pickworth 1, D. Pink 2, G. Plater 3, D. Ovington 4, J. E. Miller 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, S. Wade 8.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On Sunday, December 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 1, W. H. Key 2, W. J. Baker 3, D. Ridley 4, H. J. Rowe 5, J. W. Hutchings 6. First quarter by all except the ringer of the treble, and first on the bells by an entirely local band. The conductor rang throughout with one hand owing to his right arm being temporarily incapacitated.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry, on Sunday evening, December 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, W. D. Smith 2, A. A. Hughes 3, F. Shorter (conductor) 4, E. Murrell 5, S. Stonard 6, G. Moody 7, W. Rose 8.—On Sunday evening, December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, A. A. Hughes 2, E. Murrell 5, F. Shorter (conductor) 4, W. Seabrook 5, S. Stonard 6, G. Moody 7, W. Allen 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. Magnus' on the 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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 p.m. Tea 6 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. — 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. —R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Caythorpe, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. — Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter-de-Merton, Bedford, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting for election of officers, etc., for the year, including a new district secretary. It is hoped all will endeavour to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting of Southampton District will be held at Southampton on January 13th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Dedication of two new trebles to complete ring of ten by John Taylor and Co., will take place during this service. Address by Rev. F. L. Edwards. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in Chantry Hall. Meeting follows. St. Michael's bells available from 2.30 p.m., St. Mary's from 6 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on January 13th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Secretary, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—'Short Notice.' A meeting will be held at Feniton on Saturday, January 13th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8).—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 13th. St. Lawrence Jewry 3 till 5 and St. Dunstan-in-the-East (recently overhauled) after tea. Business meeting at St. Dunstan's.—James G. A. Prior, 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, E.1

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, January 13th. 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.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—West Tyne Division.—A meeting will be held at Newburn, to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 13th. Bells of Parish Church (6) available from 3 o'clock.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

**BUSHEY.** — Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells available from 3.30 to 8.30. Tea at the Institute at 5.45. Coach service stop near church. Cheap return tickets from all parts by train or coach.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea and business at 4.45. Service at 6 p.m. Please let me know by the 9th if you require tea.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea (9d.) and business meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—Arthur E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northwich Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wilton (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. All ringers welcome. Tea has been arranged (1/9 per head) at the Temperance Hotel. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 3, London Road, Davenham, near Northwich.

**TUTBURY, STAFFS.**—On Saturday, January 13th, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Lichfield will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available at three o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow in Church Hall. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The general meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Leicester (10), on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained nearby. Business meeting in belfry. A good attendance requested. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

**WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.**—Ring of 8, tenor 26 cwt., rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Re-dedication by the Assistant Bishop of St. Edmundsbury, the Rt. Rev. M. H. Maxwell-Gumbleton, M.A., D.D., on Sunday, Jan. 14th, at 3 p.m.

**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.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Cafe, The Borough, 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea by Tuesday, 16th, to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday afternoon, January 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 20th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rector. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Tea in Church House 4.45 to those who inform me by January 15th. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by invitation. Please advise by Tuesday, 16th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Guild service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All members are asked to attend. Ringing friends welcomed.—Arthur W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend and have a jolly meeting.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, in the Church Hall, at a small charge, for those who notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 16th. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at the Guild Hall, Hadleigh, on January 20th. Tea at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, January 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. N. B. Watson, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday previous.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Jan. 20th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1s.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Huntingdon, St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. No service. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock for election of officers for 1934.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A practice meeting will be held at Worksop on Jan. 20th. Please make your own tea arrangements. Bells open at 2 p.m. Methods for practice: Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Major. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 17th, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at St. Nicholas', Wallasey. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Terrace, Birkenhead.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m., also Charminster and Fordington (6) from 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilchester on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 16th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry. Turn up well and make the meeting a huge success.—J. H. Swinfield, Sec. pro. tem., 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at St. Stephen's, Westminster (Rochester Row). Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting 5 to 6.30. Further ringing till 8.30. Post cards re tea will be appreciated by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of the Vicar and Wardens, for all those who notify me before the 18th inst.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30, when a memorial tablet to the late C. W. Player will be unveiled. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and social. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsea, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Parish Institute. Business meeting follows. All those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 18th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District. — The annual meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. The bells of the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify secretary by Thursday, Jan. 18th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. in Clergy Hall. Members please make own arrangements for tea.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Grantham. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church Hall. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday previous? Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' ANNUAL DINNER.**—Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Mary Redcliffe (12) available from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10) available from 2.30 p.m.; St. Nicholas' (10) available from 5 p.m. Tea and bun, St. Thomas', at 4.15 p.m. onward. At 3.30 p.m. (if permissible) a conducted tour of St. Mary Redcliffe Church will be arranged. Dinner 6 p.m. (please, prompt). Tickets, 5s. 6d., from Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**BRIXHAM, DEVON.**—Two trebles added in a new frame to complete ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) and old No. 5 recast by Gillett and Johnston. Re-dedication by the Bishop of Crediton on Wednesday, January 24th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.** — The ring of 6 (tenor 14 cwt.), restored and rehung with all modern fittings by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by Canon G. F. Coleridge on Wednesday, Jan. 24th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, February 3rd. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Chilvers Coton, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Jan. 27th (not 20th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall, to be followed by business meeting. The bells of Nuneaton Parish Church (8) available during the evening if required.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmon-ton, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at 1s. each. All requiring tea must advise me by Jan. 25th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.** — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lymptone on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Jan. 20th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, January 27th. Further details later. — J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1934 due, and may be paid at this meeting. For tea please notify.— E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District. — Owing to the fact that Godshill bells are being overhauled and rebung, the annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Waverley Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 23rd?— B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — General quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available. Committee meet 3.15. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m. in Schools, followed by general meeting. No tea provided unless notification sent to Mr. G. A. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, Leicester, not later than 24th. Frequent buses from Hinckley and Leicester Western Boulevard.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.** — North-Western District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service (if possible) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Members are earnestly asked to attend this meeting. Everybody welcomed. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford Branch.—Annual meeting at Heckington, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Also Great Hale (8) in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each, for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by Thursday, Jan. 25th. Business meeting 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting and unveiling of peal tablet at 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 23rd to the undersigned.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8), Idol Lane, E.C., and St. Magnus the Martyr (10), London Bridge, 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and after tea from 6 to 7 p.m. Service in St. Clement Danes 4.15

p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in St. Clement's Parish Hall 7.15 p.m. We are endeavouring to make all the above arrangements to be as bright and cheery as possible, and hope that all members will make a special effort to be there. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

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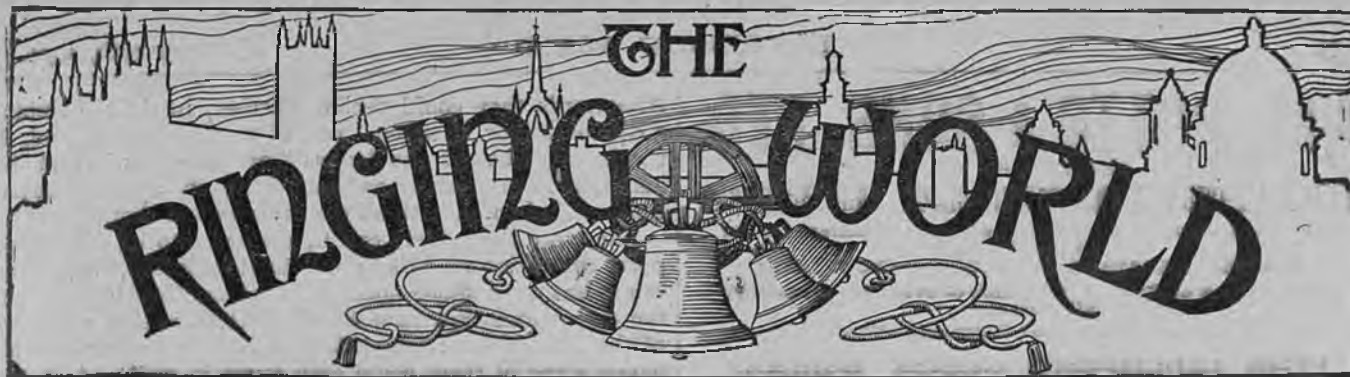
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**THE MINOR QUESTION.**

Everyone, we think, agrees that the 'Minor Controversy,' as it was termed, was left in a most unsatisfactory position after last year's meeting of the Central Council, when a resolution passed by a majority could not be accepted because under the old rules that majority was not two-thirds of the meeting. In face of that, the Council's ruling on the subject of peals of Minor is the decision reached at the Hereford meeting six years ago. It is quite certain, however, that the matter will not be allowed to rest where it is, although for our part, and, we believe, in the opinion of many others, except 'extremists,' the Hereford resolution, with slight amendment, meets the requirements of the situation.

We are led to return to this subject for two reasons. Between now and Easter someone will have to formulate a motion for the next Council agenda, if the question is to be adequately settled, or it may be that several people will endeavour to put forward a suitable solution. Secondly, we refer to the matter now to call attention to a letter in another column from the Rev. E. Bankes James, who, after a long silence, expresses his views upon what is, after all, an important question. It was owing to Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Minor compositions that all the controversy arose. He was the first to put forward compositions of Minor in which the 720's did not each 'begin from and end with rounds,' and there has probably been no subject in ringing in which there has been such a sharp cleavage of opinion as there has in this. Yet it is likely that, had compositions, with the purpose which Mr. Bankes James had in view, been confined to the same type as those originally produced, they would have been accepted by the Exercise as a perfectly legitimate form for peal ringing. Since they first appeared, however, others have put forward compositions which do not comply with the same conditions, but which, it is claimed, must, on principle, be admitted if the Bankes James compositions are accepted.

Mr. Bankes James, in his letter, concisely puts forward his reasons for the type of composition which he introduced and which, as distinct from others to which it is said to open the door, includes 720 different rows, in each extent. Unfortunately in the heat of debate the issue is frequently confused, and too many complications are introduced. We believe it would simplify matters very considerably if ringers would consider the different points raised as separate subjects and not endeavour to find a solution by mixing them all in one common discussion. Could not the Council, for instance, first say whether or not 720 true 'rows' are as true as 720 true 'changes'?

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The more the subject can be divided into its distinctive parts the easier we believe will be its solution, for, if one thing has been more apparent than another in many of the discussions that have taken place, it is that members of the Council have been asked to vote for principles with which some of them could only agree in part and, in the end, some have voted 'for' to save the thing they wanted, although they disliked the rest, and others have voted 'against' to save from adoption the thing with which they have disagreed, although they may have favoured some other part. What is wanted is something clear cut, and if this could be found in a short series of independent motions we believe the Council could come to some definite settlement instead of prolonging the unsatisfactory situation from year to year.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

JACK SPILLER ... .. Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 6
ERNEST SPILLER ... .. 2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. LERSON ... .. 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... .. 8
WILLIAM T. GRICE ... .. 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. 9
HARRY BAKER ... .. 5	FRANK BELSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN F. BAKER. Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE H. HAYDEN ... .. Treble	FRANK C. NEWMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 2	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 7
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 3	ALBERT J. BAYNES ... .. 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 4	LEONARD BAYBUT ... .. 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... .. 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ARTHUR G. BRAY ... .. Treble	FRANK CORKE ... .. 5
PERCY E. JONES ... .. 2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 6
†REGINALD W. DARVILL ... .. 3	EDGAR HANCOX ... .. 7
JAMES H. LUCAS ... .. 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. A birthday compliment to H. C. Chandler, of Histon, also to the second son of the ringer of the 2nd.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 4, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S NO. 11.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... .. 5
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 2	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM ... .. 6
HARRY MELLOR ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 7
HERBERT BARLOW ... .. 4	VERNON SYKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

PHYLLIS TILLET ... .. Treble	CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... .. 7
CHARLES SHEMMINGS ... .. 4	JOHN F. TILLET ... .. Tenor

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Tenor 14 cwt 7 lb. in F.

CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... Treble	REV. E. S. POWELL ... .. 5
MRS. E. S. POWELL ... .. 2	GEORGE W. JEFFS ... .. 6
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 3	CYRIL WILSON ... .. 7
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**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5504 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELY ... .. Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by H. C. CASHMORE.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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PRESTWICH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*VERNON SYKES ... .. Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS JONES ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 6
STEPHEN PARRY ... .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 7
*DONALD BROWN ... .. 4	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

\* First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHELOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN H. B. HESE ... .. Treble	JOHN P. PELLOR ... .. 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 6
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters. A birthday peal for G. E. Smith.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 5
GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 2	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 6
REGINALD MARTIN ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by all and by the association. Rung at first attempt. The band wish to thank Mr. C. E. Howard for his kind hospitality after the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
ROY A. WOODARD ... .. 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 3	LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 7
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

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

Rung on the 14th anniversary of the first peal of London on the bells. 100th peal on the bells for the Suffolk Guild. C. F. Bailey has rung in and conducted all the peals.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. Treble	CYRIL WINWOOD ... .. 5
HARRY GOODMAN ... .. 2	ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. ... 6
NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 7
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... 4	HENRY GOODMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Goodman, sen., on attaining his 80th birthday. He has been a member of the Dudley band for 50 years. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Goodman.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 5
FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 6
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. H. T. Carline Swingle, who is leaving Cranbrook to take the living of Blidworth, Notts; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Cannon, of Forest Hill. 150th peal for Mr. R. T. Lambert, and believed to be the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

## FEERING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. NEWMAN ... .. Treble	† ERNEST S. S. JOHNSON ... 5
* REGINALD GRAINGER ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
† STANLEY FISHER ... 3	HENRY NICHOLS ... 7
ERNEST MINGAY ... 4	FREDERICK FLUDDER ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal. The conductor's 450th peal for the Essex Association.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 2	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
ALFRED W. GROVES ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

## BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

* J. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	* S. T. SLATER ... 5
H. W. EMMETT ... 2	F. KENDALL ... 6
J. HILL ... 3	J. BRACEWELL ... 7
W. E. RAWSON ... 4	WM. ASHWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BRACEWELL.

\* First peal in the method. All are service ringers with the exception of the tenorman, who is an old St. Saviour's ringer. Rung to commemorate 50 years' service as teacher and Sunday School superintendent by Mr. John Shepard, who is also a retired ringer.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FLATT ... 5
* ROBERT GARDINER ... 2	GEORGE GOWER ... 6
ROBERT BAEBER ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
STANLEY COPLING ... 4	CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by GEORGE HOWLETT

\* First peal of Major.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

* KEITH W. WHITTLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... 6
† SHELFORD SPARROW ... 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4	* ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

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## ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL ... 5
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAYS ... 2	CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	FRED HODGSON ... 7
GEORGE ROBINSON ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

F. HORACE E. SIDDBS ... .. Treble	JOHN SADDINGTON ... 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 2	JOSEPH T. PACK ... 6
DAVID S. COLLINS ... 3	JOHN P. FIDLER ... 7
JOHN GRUNDY ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

The peal contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 in the minimum number of changes. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to the late W. H. Inglesant, a former ringer at the Parish Church, who was interred on the 3rd inst.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

* RAY JAMES ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 6
ERNEST STITCH ... 3	D. REES JAMES ... 7
† ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4	† EDWIN M. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER.

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

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

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

* EDWARD WEBSTER ... .. Treble	EVEREST FORD ... 5
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 6
* MISS G. ANNIE CROOK ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... 4	EDWARD IDDON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS.

Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.

\* First peal in the method. Great credit is due to the conductor, who has never before called a touch of the method, and to the ringer of the 3rd, as this was her first 'touch' in the method. Rung as a token of respect to the late Titus Barlow, an old and esteemed member of the branch.

## BISPHAM, BLACKPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

* ARTHUR PRESTON ... .. Treble	EDWARD IDDON ... 5
PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 2	CHARLES SHARPLES ... 6
WILLIAM RATCLIFFE ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
JOHN H. FOSTER ... 4	† THOMAS M. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. Treble and 3rd ringers are from St. Annes-on-Sea. Tenor ringer from Kirkham. C. Sharples has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*RALPH PARTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 5
*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 6
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 3	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 7
JOHN BASS ... .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of London Surprise. This peal was arranged specially to oblige Mr. Bradley, and was a birthday compliment to him.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble	ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. 5
DODGLAS JENNINGS ... .. 2	WILLIAM PIPER ... .. 6
GEORGE PIPER ... .. 3	ARTHUR PIPER ... .. 7
HAROLD TOWNSEND ... .. 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. The monthly peal for the division. All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at this tower, and the band includes two fathers, two sons and three brothers.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

SHAPWICK, NEAR BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, with five different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

IVOR HILLBURN ... .. Treble	HUGH SMITH ... .. 4
PERCIVAL BARNETT ... .. 2	HERBERT STEVENS ... .. 5
FRANK SKINNER ... .. 3	VICTOR BARNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. STEVENS.

First peal on the bells and the first by all the band.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARVEY E. BURRELL ... Treble	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 4
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 5
HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, three 720's of Plain Bob and one 720 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY DAVIS ... .. Treble	HERBERT JORDAN ... .. 4
EWART ANDREWS ... .. 2	WILFRED NEWMAN ... .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMINGS ... 3	JAMES HEMMING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

Specially arranged and rung as a wedding peal to Wilfred Newman, who is a Sunday service ringer and chorister at this church, and whose marriage to Miss Eileen Boswell took place here on December 26th.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

ROBERT SMITH ... .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
BERRY WAYMAN ... .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the late Lord Bishop of Ely, Dr. J. L. White Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Gleaves kindly entertained the band after the peal.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	WILLIAM BALL ... .. 4
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 2	J. HAROLD SPENCER ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

BENFIELDSDALE, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

THOMAS W. DODD ... .. Treble	HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 4
JOHN THOMPSON ... .. 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. P. Cliff.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Each 720 called differently.

*GEORGE SMITH ... .. Treble	†JOSEPH HUNLEBBY ... .. 4
†BENJAMIN PATMORE ... .. 2	†ERNEST JOHN SPARKES ... 5
*CHARLES SAGGERS ... .. 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent of Spliced Oxford and Kent and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in B flat.

JOHN NEVIN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 4
ELVIN HOWSAM ... .. 2	WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... .. 5
GEORGE BLANCHARD ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

Rung as a compliment to Canon Parry on being appointed Arch-deacon of Linsay.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 20 cwt.

*D. F. LANE ... .. Treble	W. G. GRAY ... .. 4
*E. BALE ... .. 2	E. F. MARLOW ... .. 5
W. AVERY ... .. 3	E. F. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday. In this peal the 5.3.4.2. were used in turn as observation bells.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Neasden and Grove Delight, (2) College Bob IV. and Wragby, (3) Sandal, (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, (5) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston, (6) Kingston, (7) Oxford.  
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)

*ROBERT ASHMORE ... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
†STANLEY ARDERN ... .. 2	†ARTHUR WHITING ... 5
*GEORGE ASHMORE ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

\* First peal in eight methods. † First peal in eight methods on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal on 'inside' bell. The first peal on the bells since rehauling in ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALBERT H. CHANT ... .. Treble	†CECIL H. SMART ... .. 4
†MISS VIDA F. DUBBEN ... 2	*H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 5
*E. T. PAUL FIELD ... .. 3	†WILLIAM RUTTLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*V. JAMES CARLESS ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2	G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 5
WILLIAM BEAVER ... .. 3	JAMES L. GOODE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

\* First peal. Rung on the 25th anniversary of J. P. Hyett's first peal, which was rung in this tower, the band on both occasions being local except the conductor. Afterwards the ringers were invited to tea at the Vicarage. The treble man is the 300th ringer with whom J. P. Hyett has rung a peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

At 34, HEADINGLEY MOUNT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM O. TALBOT ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At 29 BELL VUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by WILLIAM GARRARD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR DEVIZES BRANCH.

The Devizes Branch annual meeting was held at St. James', Southbroom, by special invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Plaxton, on Saturday, January 6th. The bells of St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes, were also available during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. A. E. Loxton, the choir being also in attendance.

The Vicar delivered a most inspiring address from the text, 'We have fellowship one with another' (1 John i. 7), and speaking as a brother ringer he mentioned the objects and benefits of the Guild, urging the ringers to work together in the service of Almighty God. Tea was served in the schoolroom, to which 88 sat down.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided at the business meeting which followed. He offered all present the season's greetings, and went on to review the work of the past year, which was very satisfactory and most successful. He thanked his fellow officers and tower correspondents for their assistance in bringing about such a happy state of affairs.

The secretary then submitted his report and balance sheet, showing an increase in the membership, and in the credit balance.—This was considered very favourable and was adopted.

The election of officers then took place for the ensuing year, the following being unanimously re-elected: Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), chairman; Mr. E. F. White (Warminster), vice-chairman; Mr. W. C. West (Melksham), hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes) and Mr. J. Francis (Trowbridge), Ringing Master.

Three new members were elected, and Market Lavington was decided upon for the next monthly meeting in February.

The meeting closed with speeches from Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. general secretary of the Guild, and the Rev. C. A. Plaxton. Devizes (St. John's) bells were not allowed to be rung during the evening, so arrangements were made for Bishop's Cannings to be available. The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's, and St. James'), Bishop's Cannings and All Cannings, Bromham, Bratton, Clinton, Rowde, Melksham, Bradford, Holt, Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster, Corsley, Market Lavington, Swindon, Chippenham, Wootton Bassett, Ealing, Kington Magna, Frome, Stourton and Farnborough, Hants.

OXFORD'S OLDEST ACTIVE RINGER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' on January 5th re the first peal at Hughenden, Bucks, makes interesting reading, and it may interest readers of 'The Ringing World' to know that one of the band is still 'doing his bit' in the person of Mr. Samuel Hounslow, the conductor, who is the oldest active ringer in Oxford City.

Mr. Hounslow is probably the only survivor of this band, although I am not sure on this point. Two other members of the band, Messrs. T. Payne and W. Finch, have passed on within the last five years.

In spite of his seventy-odd years, 'Old Sam,' as he is familiarly called, is still very much on the active list. Only as recently as January 1st he started for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, but this came to grief after two hours.

He is a familiar figure in Magdalen tower, where he carries out duties as tower foreman, and he regularly chimes the bells for service each day, and every Sunday he and another ringer ring the 9th and tenor up and down.

He is a nephew of the famous Oxford veteran, Charles Hounslow, who also rang in the Hughenden peal, and it is sometimes a treat for some of 'us young 'uns' to hear Old Sam talk about his early ringing days. It is a curious fact that ringing in Sam's family has passed from uncle to nephew, Charles Hounslow's uncle, Philip, being a ringer about 1840-50.

Just one more story of this Oxford Youth. Sam sometimes takes a party into the churchyard of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford, where he points out a tombstone bearing the name of one of his ancestors. This stone informs one that this man died on 'February 31st, 1873.' 'Well,' says Old Sam, 'if that stone tells the truth, he ain't dead yet.'

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### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN DISTRICT'S RECORD YEAR.

The annual general meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, January 13th. The splendid heavy ring of eight bells of St. Lawrence Jewry were rung during the afternoon to the tune of Stedman Triples and methods up to Cambridge Surprise. After tea the business meeting was held in the tower of St. Dunstan-in-the-East.

The secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) presented his report, in which he said that the year could be safely put down as the most successful in the district's history. The attendance at the annual general meeting at Whitechapel was the highest ever reached at a Northern District meeting, and the average attendance of 27 at the bi-monthly meetings was a record. The cash balance was also a record, and, last but decidedly not least, the standard of ringing, both in methods and striking, had been very high. The Secretary said how very encouraging these results were to him, but emphasised that they had only been obtained by the strong support that he had received from the other officers and those members who regularly came to the meetings. The report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. E. H. King, in proposing the re-election of the retiring officers en bloc, said he did not think that they could be bettered.—Mr. R. Motton seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

The district officers are: Mr. J. A. Waugh, Master; Mr. J. G. Prior, secretary; Mr. R. G. Cousins, treasurer; Mr. E. E. Holman, steward; and Messrs. E. D. Smith and C. A. Hughes, committee members.

St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, was chosen for the March meeting.

The senior steward of the association drew the attention of the members to the handbell competition for the 'Dawe' cup to be held on February 10th at the annual meeting. This is open to all local bands affiliated to the London County Association, and entries will be accepted up till the time of the competition.

Votes of thanks to those responsible for the ringing were passed, and the Master said how pleased the members were to have Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, with them.

Ringing on the tower bells then took place until eight o'clock.

The sudden appearance in the ringing chamber of two 'boys in blue' caused some qualms of conscience in the Master and secretary and a certain 'plus four' individual, who 'hails from Forest Hill,' but these qualms were unfounded, as the visit was quite unofficial.

After the tower bells were stopped, some of the younger members stayed for handbell ringing.

Ringing during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, and this meeting provided a splendid start for the year.

### DEATH OF MR. A. J. LEWIS.

#### WELL-KNOWN WEST KENT RINGER.

Many of his friends will learn with deep regret of the passing of Mr. Arthur James Lewis, of Westerham, Kent, who died on Monday, January 8th, in a London hospital following an operation. The deceased gentleman, who was 66 years of age, was born at Cranbrook, but spent the earlier years of his life at Hastings, whence he came to Westerham upwards of 37 years ago.

For many years a member of the band of ringers at St. Mary's, Westerham, and vice-captain for a considerable period, Arthur Lewis was a regular service ringer with his band, and, in his earlier ringing days, made a host of friends amongst ringers throughout West Kent. Of a genial and happy disposition, he was ever ready to 'make one' whenever a peal or touch was mooted.

Not only in ringing circles was his unbounded energy and popularity displayed, for, in addition, he took a deep interest in most of the social activities of the town in which he made his home, being a valued member of the Tradesmen's Association, the Men's Club, the British Legion and the Bowling Club, among other local associations, and in all the spheres of his activity he endeared himself to his associates and to the fellow-townsmen at large. His passing undoubtedly leaves a definite gap in the social life of the town.

The choir, of which he had also been a member for many years, took part in the touching service at St. Mary's, when his remains were laid to rest in the beautiful churchyard on Friday, January 12th.

In the evening the following past and present members of St. Mary's band met, and, as a last tribute to their departed colleague, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: C. Taylor 1, A. Nicholas 2, W. Cosgrove, jun., 3, G. A. S. Selby 4, F. Nicholas 5, J. T. Weller 6, H. J. Selby (conductor) 7, G. Steer 8.

### DEATH OF ANOTHER OLD KENT RINGER.

We regret to record the passing of another old member of the Kent County Association, in the person of Mr. William Tassell, of Borden.

Mr. Tassell was a very enthusiastic member for many years, until he had to give up through ill-health. He had rung many peals at Borden and elsewhere in Kent, and was 76 years of age.

The funeral took place on Saturday, January 6th, at Borden, when several of his old ringing friends attended. After the interment a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by: W. Spice, sen., 1, J. Excell 2, G. Kenward 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, W. Wood 5, W. Walker 6, S. B. Dobbie (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A photograph of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn is being reproduced in postcard size, and will be on sale in a few days. We have seen a proof, and can say that it is a 'speaking' likeness. Everyone who knew the late Master of the Oxford Guild will, we are sure, desire to possess a copy. We understand they are to be sold at 2d. each, and will be available through the general and district secretaries of the Guild.

Any young ringer, not more than 16 years of age, who would like to stand in a young people's peal of Bob Major at Crayford, Kent, on Saturday, February 10th, should write at once to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who will forward the applications to the right quarter. There are only one or two vacancies, and selection will be made on ability and youth.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, who is now Vicar of Staverton, near Daventry, has been presented with a typewriter, suitably inscribed, by the members of the Devonshire Guild as an appreciation of the services he rendered to the Guild during his presidency.

The picture of Lambeth Church, which appeared in our issue of December 8th, was the copyright of Mr. T. F. Garnish, by whose courtesy the photograph was reproduced.

A sum of at least £200 is still required towards the £800 cost of the bell restoration at Lambeth, and contributions will be gladly received by the Rector.

Mr. Thomas M. Roberts, who rang the tenor to a peal at Bispham, Lancs, on Saturday, is the first Kirkham ringer for 37 years to ring a peal! It is time Kirkham looked into this, and provided some more peal ringers.

At the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch, held at Southbroom, Devizes, the chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, offered the Rev. F. L. Edwards, on behalf of the Branch, their heartiest congratulations on entering his 21st year as hon. general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Kempsey, Worcestershire, on December 23rd, should be credited to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

The first Surprise peal on the bells at Leiston, Suffolk, was rung on January 25th, 1908. On January 6th last the 100th peal by the Suffolk Guild was rung there, and they have all been conducted by Mr. C. F. Bailey!

Mr. Bailey has 'circled' the tower four times, and has conducted a peal in each of the four methods: London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, from every bell. This, it is said, is believed to be the first time it has been done on one peal of bells. About that we should say there is little doubt.

The report of the dedication of the restored bells at Woodbridge, together with a picture of the tower, will appear in our next issue.

An excellent performance at Shapwick, Somerset, is recorded this week. A peal of Grandsire Doubles, the first peal on the bells and the first peal of all the band!

## ACCIDENT TO CANON COLERIDGE.

### A FALL WITH HIS BICYCLE.

Canon G. F. Coleridge has met with a painful accident, and is confined to his bed.

When leaving his house at Crowthorne, early on the morning of Wednesday in last week, when it was hardly light, he missed the pedal of his bicycle which he was about to mount and fell heavily with the machine on top of him. He twisted his left knee so badly that the doctor ordered him to bed, where he has remained ever since, and is unlikely to be up for some days yet.

We are glad to be able to state that he is going on satisfactorily and is as comfortable as can be expected.

## DEATH OF MR. EDWIN GIBBS.

### AN OLD COLLEGE YOUTH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Edwin Gibbs, formerly a well-known London ringer, who passed away at Crayford, Kent, on Saturday at the advanced age of 77 years.

Forty or fifty years ago Mr. Gibbs did a great deal of ringing in the Metropolis and took part in several notable peals, including the 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham in December, 1885.

At first, Mr. Gibbs was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and his joining the Ancient Society of College Youths about the year 1880 created quite a stir in London ringing circles.

He was a very able ringer, and eventually became a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral company. During the last few years, however, Mr. Gibbs had been incapacitated, but his interest in ringing never failed.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

The death has taken place at Little Waldingfield, of Mr. John Kingsbury, who had been a ringer at the Parish Church for many years. On Friday week a quarter-peal of Doubles (730 of Grandsire and 480 of Plain Bob) was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the deceased, the funeral having taken place in the afternoon. The ringers were: B. Cornell 1, L. Poulsen 2, H. Day 3, W. Head (conductor) 4, J. Andrews 5.

## HAMPSHIRE'S NEW RING OF TEN.

### BARRON BELL TRUST GIFT TO SOUTHAMPTON.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild received a valuable addition to the bells in its area on Saturday, when the dedication of two trebles at St. Mary's Church, Southampton, gave Hampshire another ring of ten. Since Christchurch Priory Church was raised to the dignity of a twelve-bell tower, the county has had only one peal of ten, created when two trebles were installed at North Stoneham, and constituting the lightest ring of this number in any church in the country.

The augmentation at St. Mary's, Southampton, has resulted in a magnificent peal. The octave was installed a few years ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have now carried out the addition, and the bells form a very fine ring, with a tenor of 22 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON.

The dedication was combined with the annual meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and over 100 ringers were present from towers in the area and places as far apart as London, Oxford and Swanage.

The service opened with the hymn, 'O Praise ye the Lord,' followed by Psalms 122 and 150, the Magnificat, lessons, etc., and during the singing of the ringers' hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' the procession, which included the local ringers, Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild) and several well-known Winchester Guild officials, proceeded to the tower, where they were met by Mr. F. Hopkins, who, on behalf of Emma Barron Bell Trust, presented to Canon R. B. Jolly the two new bells, and requested him to dedicate them to the glory of Almighty God.

The Rector having offered the customary prayers, a few well-struck rounds were rung by the local band, while the procession returned to the chancel.

(Continued in next column.)

## PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the first place I would take the opportunity of sending hearty greetings to yourself and all ringers for the new year.

Then I wish to make a few remarks on the Cambridge Minor controversy, as it will come up again at the next Central Council meeting, and I wish all members of the Council to come prepared, knowing exactly what they are going to vote for, or vote against.

In the first place, then, I would ask, 'Why should a peal begin and end with rounds?' Surely it is to mark the beginning and ending of the performance, that listeners, either outside or inside the belfry, may know for certain that all has ended well. If there is any other reason I have yet to learn it.

But in ringing a 5,040 of Minor is there any reason why there should be 719 rows between each repetition of rounds, and if of rounds why not of every other row? To get that you must ring the same 720, row for row, seven times over, which is an absurd demand.

At the same time, we do not want the same rows to be coming up more than once in every block of 720 changes.

I would then suggest for the consideration of members of the Council the following definition:—

'A peal of Minor shall consist of seven, or more, blocks of 720 rows each, in each of which no row is repeated, and the whole performance shall begin and end with rounds.'

I would note that my arrangement of Cambridge is not confined to one, but suitable for all methods.

E. BANKES JAMES.

### 'DIFFERENT' 720's.

Sir,—In answer to the request of 'Curious' there is one sense and only one in which it can be said that there is but one extent of Minor, viz., that in all 720's the same rows have to be rung. In exactly the same way you would have to hold that there is only one extent (5,040) of Triples; but I am quite sure that few ringers would consider that Parker's 12-part (say) of Grandsire Triples is the same extent as Thurstans' 4-part of Stedman.

As regards Cambridge Minor there are two independent compositions, and no more, which bring up no 6-5's at backstroke. One of these is the ordinary or standard 3-part calling; the other, being a one-part, can be started at either of the 3 lead-heads with 5.6 behind. The calling of each of these four 720's can naturally be reversed, and thus we obtain the eight extents often referred to.

According to generally recognised practice you would describe a peal containing seven of these as consisting of seven 720's, each called differently. At the same time it must be confessed that the three one-part 720's are so similar to one another that few ringers would be aware, without taking special notice, which of the three the conductor was calling. And this is, of course, equally true of the three reversed. So you can rightly say that there are no more than four 720's of Cambridge Minor with the tenors the right way which are appreciably different from one another.

Theoretically, by starting at a different lead-head you are doing exactly the same thing as if in one 720 you call the sixth behind without the 5th, and in another call the 4th behind without the 2nd. But in practice it is altogether 'another pair of shoes.'

Without entering into the rights or wrongs of the recent controversy, the reason can doubtless be found here why a very large number of ringers prefer plans similar to that of Mr. Bankes James to the use of seven out of the eight round blocks discussed above.

Staverton, Daventry.

E. S. POWELL.

(Continued from previous column.)

An inspiring sermon was preached by Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, whose text was Numbers x., 1, 2 and 10. His discourse was very much enjoyed and appreciated by all present. The service closed with the singing of the hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest.'

Immediately after the service was over a well-struck touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by nine officers of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

A large number sat down to tea in the Chantry Hall, presided over by Canon R. B. Jolly, and supported by a number of local clergy.

At the close of the tea Canon Jolly expressed the grateful thanks of himself and parish to the trustees of the Barron Bell Trust for their gift to Southampton, and Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary) expressed the thanks of the Guild.—Mr. F. Hopkins replied for the Barron Bell Trust, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, who represented the bell founders, amused the company with one of his usual stories.

At the business meeting of the Southampton District the usual routine subjects were dealt with. The Secretary reported steady progress during the year, and said that the bands at Fawley and Lockerley had joined.

Canon C. P. Clarke was elected an hon. member, and sixteen new ringing members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on January 12th, 1935, and quarterly meetings at Lockerley, Dibden and Fawley.

The district officers were all re-elected. Afterwards, throughout the evening, touches in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung on the bells at St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### CLERGY'S LACK OF INTEREST IN RINGERS.

Criticism of the attitude of the clergy towards those who ring the bells in their churches was made at the fourth annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday. A company of about a hundred was presided over by the Bishop of Guildford (president of the Guild), supported by the Very Rev. the Provost and Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-presidents), Canon Martin Jones (Rector of Haslemere), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers), Mrs. Lewis, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. E. A. Young (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker (Edmonton), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. S. Roper (Croydon), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Guild), Mrs. Corbett, Capt. H. J. Cann (Pirbright), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Goldsmith. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Leatherhead, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Witley, Chiddingfold, Haslemere, Wonsers, Shalford, Farnham, Ottershaw, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Scale, Puttenham, West Clandon, Bagshot, Frensham, Oxford and Reading.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was in bed as the result of a cycle accident, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), Mr. F. W. Rogers and Mr. A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth), Mr. J. B. Hessey (Chertsey) and Mrs. W. Viggers (Aldershot).

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. Walter Harrison submitted the health of 'Our President.' He recalled that when the Bishop first came to the diocese he (the speaker) was one of a deputation of three who walked very warily to the vestry of the pro-Cathedral for an appointment with the Bishop, when they were going to ask him if they might make sundry additions and alterations to their Guild service. They were most courteously received by him and warmly welcomed by his charming personality. He was mindful that that was the second time in succession that His Lordship had favoured them by occupying the chair at the annual dinner, and he assured him they felt it no small favour.

### THE BISHOP AND RINGERS' OPPORTUNITY.

The Bishop thanked the company for drinking to his health. Their solicitude for his health had some justification, especially as the years went by, and in another four weeks he would enter upon his seventieth year. Naturally one had not that vim and force one would like to have. If there was anything that cheered one and tended to give one back real vigour and zest in doing certain tasks which took away health, he was sure it was to be a Bishop in the Church of England. He did not want to say that was the greatest and best diocese in the world ('The Provost: 'It is'), but there were certain characteristics which it had which were of very great value. He had had a good deal of experience of diocesan life, but he never knew a diocese where both clergy and laity, as far as he could say, were so undivided. They were not cut up into little cliques or partisan bodies who would not meet one another and who only referred to one another's utterances to condemn them.

Speaking as their president, he thought they had a very enthusiastic body of ringers, and, what was a delightful and to him a new experience, they had a considerable number of lady bellringers. 'I hope that you will realise,' he said, 'what an extraordinary useful, uplifting and helpful piece of work it is which you do, and how people's hearts and minds and souls are attuned to heavenly things when, as it were, from the Heavens itself there comes down the call to worship, not with words but with the beauty and sonority of the bells of our parish churches. It is really a very great adjunct in church life, and would be even more so if, as you ring your bells, you pray that they who heard might come and, coming, might find their God. We clergy who have to get up into the pulpit and with ordinary words try and express the glory of being part of the creation of God, find ourselves without music, without poetry—with just prose—whereas when you take the bellropes in your hands to do your part you have the great power of music, of rhythm and the beauty of something which is almost, if not quite, supernatural, and I congratulate you on your task and on the privilege of your being bellringers Sunday by Sunday to bring people to their God. It is a great ministry, and your coming here together to-night has been a very great and joyous experience to me, and I wish you every blessing in the great work to which God has called you.'

### 'OUT OF SIGHT; OUT OF MIND.'

'The visitors and kindred societies' was submitted by the Provost, who referred to the death of Mr. N. Vincent, one of their hon. members, and the Rev. F. Quirk, Rector of Merrow. He welcomed the president of the Central Council and also the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which dated from 1837. He was told nowadays that it was not very easy to get ringers. Bells, spires and towers did remind them, as nothing else could, of religion, and it would be a thousand pities if the bells ever became silent, so they must do all they could to get hold of young members and induce them to take up ringing. 'I don't think sometimes the clergy give all the encouragement they might do to this very important work of the church,' he said. 'The reason is that ringers are out of sight, and there is just a chance of them being out of mind. Speaking for my-

self and for my fellow-clergy, we really are deeply grateful, and some of my greatest friends in Guildford are those who ring in the Cathedral tower.'

Mr. Young, expressing the appreciation of the visitors, said it was a very great thing in their ringing fraternities and work that they found that spirit of hospitality and welcome to visitors. On behalf of the Society of College Youths he congratulated them on their year, and wished them success in their work. His society would shortly be celebrating its 300th anniversary, and he hoped some of the Guildford Guild would be with them at the festival they were arranging to celebrate that event. He referred to a medallion which he was wearing as Master of the College Youths, and said it was given to celebrate the 200th birthday. That night was the first occasion it had left London. His society was an ancient one, and they endeavoured to keep in touch with the old times. It was all for the good to keep in touch with the past, and he suggested that they should endeavour to do so in their own society.

### MORE CO-OPERATION NEEDED.

The toast of 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild' was submitted by Mr. Lewis, who said while the Guild had every reason to be satisfied with its progress, he was sure there were still points upon which it might be improved. They were an association for the encouragement of ringing primarily as a branch of church service, and he wanted to emphasise that. He was told they had 57 towers in the diocese with peals of bells, and 41 of them were represented in the Guild. That was not a bad proportion, but only 19 of those towers were represented by their clergy as honorary members, and there was not a single clergyman who was a ringing member. That ought to be put right. It would be difficult to do, because it was difficult to teach a clergyman to be a good ringer after he had become a clergyman. Why that was so he did not know, unless it was that ringers were frightened to say to a man who wore a 'dog collar' things as plainly as they would otherwise, and one could not make a good ringer unless he had been talked to pretty plainly. 'Ringing parsons who were good ringers had nearly all been ringers before they were clergymen. Another thing was there were 16 towers represented at that dinner, yet they only had one incumbent present. That was not right, and he hoped they would put it right another year.'

'The diocesan character of the Guild implies co-operation between towers in the diocese and between clergy and laity, and I think there are certain ways in which the clergy might help rather more than they do,' he continued. 'I don't know what your experience is, but mine is that clergy in a great many towers very seldom go up the belfry steps if ever. I certainly think it would be a good thing for clergy sometimes to go up to say the belfry prayers instead of the foreman saying them, as I hope he does in your towers. Generally speaking, ringers do get practice at least once a week, though it is often rather short, and it has been said that a performer on no other musical instrument could possibly perform satisfactorily if he limited his practice to one hour a week. I don't suggest that you should ask for two or three practices a week, unless something is done to modify the sound of the bells outside the tower, but I think the clergy are sometimes a little bit offhand in this way.' Mr. Lewis said they should have their practice fixed for a certain night so that other ringers would know when to come, but it was not unknown for a clergyman to say on Sunday that there was a concert in the Village Hall on the usual night, so would they mind putting off the practice. Then with regard to peal ringing, clergy in some towers were rather shy about giving permission for peals—some were not at all shy about refusing permission or even closing up their towers altogether. If peals could not occasionally be rung in a tower there was something wrong, and it was up to the Parochial Church Council, in consultation with the parson, to see that it was put right. Some towers were closed because of the bells being too noisy outside, but that could be altered quite easily, and in most cases fairly cheaply, and it only required a little intelligent co-operation. He believed a reasonable number of peals was essential to make a ringer a really good striker.

He coupled the toast with the name of Major Hesse, a good striker, a good handler of a bell, an expert on their hanging, and one who put service ringing before all else.

### SERVICE RINGING.

Major Hesse, in reply, agreed with Mr. Lewis that it was a pity they had not some of the 'fraternity of the dog collar' in the room. He felt they were not backed up in that diocese in the way they should be by the clergy. During the last year there had been 23 peals rung on tower bells and seven on handbells. There were places they should have been allowed to go to for peals, but they had not. There were Epsom, Grayshott, Chertsey and others. But it was not only the number of peals—that was a small thing—but had they progressed as service ringers? He rather doubted it. The attendances had not been so good as they might be, but they must do their utmost to improve their service ringing. There was a great deal about the Guild that was encouraging.

A vote of thanks to the artistes was proposed by Mr. Goldsmith, who mentioned that that was the first time they had had the assistance of their own members in the musical programme.

At the conclusion Major Hesse, amid laughter, let out the secret that that day was their secretary's birthday, and the company drank to his health with musical honours.

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.****ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, January 6th, at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, the Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., being in the chair. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. A. Paddon Smith (vice-president), Mr. E. T. Allaway (auditor), and Mr. Harry Mason, the last-named wishing the Guild and all the members a very happy and prosperous new year.

Before commencing the ordinary business the Master referred to the continued serious illness of Mrs. Joseph Johnson, who had been in hospital for over three months, and expressed the sympathy of the Guild with Mr. Johnson in his trouble.

Mr. Albert Walker also referred to the premature death of Mr. F. L. C. Gibbs, of Selby Park, who was elected a member at the previous quarterly meeting, and who met with a fatal motor accident whilst on his way to the weekly ringing practice. The secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to his relatives.

**ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

Mr. F. Perrins proposed, and Mr. F. Haynes seconded, that the president and vice-presidents be re-elected en bloc, and this was carried unanimously.

The Secretary, Mr. T. H. Reeves, in proposing the re-election of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., as Master, referred to a letter he had received from him in which he stated that if the members thought that a man almost 79 could be of any use to them he was quite willing to be re-elected. He, the secretary, felt quite sure every member desired the alderman to continue as Master, and that in spite of his years he was a very real asset to the Guild and was esteemed by all. He had much pleasure in proposing his re-election, and also took the opportunity of wishing him many happy returns of his birthday, that took place on the 8th.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Johnson, supported by Mr. J. George and Mr. A. Walker, and carried unanimously.

In acknowledging his re-election, the Master thanked the members for their good wishes. Although he was almost 79 he was still younger than Mr. George, and he hoped to continue so for some years. He was pleased to know that he had been useful to the Guild, and desired to continue so. He liked to come amongst his ringing friends, and if he could assist any member at any time he hoped they would come to him.

The Master proposed the re-election of Mr. Albert Walker as Ringing Master, and referred to his many activities not only in the tower but also at various meetings and dinners, which took up a lot of his time and money.—Mr. J. George seconded the resolution, which was supported by the secretary.—Mr. Edgar Shepherd also referred to Mr. Walker's activities, particularly referring to the publicity he was giving ringing in his various lectures, and also to his kindness to every ringer who came up to St. Martin's belfry on practice nights, no matter what his degree of proficiency.

Mr. Walker thanked the members for their continued confidence, and said he had expressed a desire to be relieved of his office. His business was making increasing demands on his time, but besides that he knew there was talent in the Guild capable of taking the office. The peals rung during the year had been of quality, and included Cambridge Maximus with no bobs called, and a silent peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. Whether as Ringing Master or not, the Guild could always rely on his services. He also referred to the Bristol Guild's dinner to be held on January 20th, and he hoped all who could would attend.

The trustees (Messrs. Tom Russam and A. Paddon Smith), the auditors (Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway), and the librarian Mr. G. F. Swann) were unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. J. George, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

**THE HON. SECRETARY'S VALUABLE SERVICES.**

Mr. F. Haynes, in proposing the re-election of Mr. T. H. Reeves, as hon. secretary and treasurer, said that although they did not see as much of him during the week as they would like, his business taking him away from home, the interests of the Guild in no way suffered. He attended every meeting and carried out his duties efficiently, and he hoped would continue in office for a long time.—Mr. A. Walker seconded the resolution, and said he considered it the most important office in the Guild. Those who knew the work it entailed appreciated what Mr. Reeves was doing for them. The Master also supported the resolution, and in referring to the accounts said these were kept with care and accuracy.—The resolution was carried unanimously, and Mr. Reeves, in acknowledging his re-election, said that so long as he held their confidence he would be happy to serve them.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

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During the evening an enjoyable musical programme was contributed by Mrs. A. A. Hughes (handbell solos), Miss M. P. Kingdon (violin solos), the Misses H. Davenport Jones, J., M. and P. Kingdon (instrumental quartet), the Misses G. and S. Harman (pianoforte and violin duet), and Mr. W. Martin (songs). Mr. T. A. Stroud was the accompanist. Members of the Guild rang a course of Stedman Caters on handbells, and a feature of the proceedings was the community singing, which went with gusto.

In presenting the accounts and balance sheet the Treasurer said he was pleased to be able to show an increased balance in hand. He also suggested that the cash in the bank be transferred to the Birmingham Municipal Bank, where it would earn more interest, and that part of the cash in hand should also be banked.—Mr. J. Preston gave the auditors' report and stated the accounts were quite satisfactory.

Mr. Walker proposed, and Mr. H. Withers seconded, that the cash in the Post Office Savings Bank be transferred to the Birmingham Municipal Bank, and that it be left to the discretion of the treasurer to bank part of the cash in hand.—This was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by Mr. J. George, it was unanimously resolved to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, March 3rd, and that the Rector of St. Martin's be invited to preside. Also that invitations be sent to the Bishop of Birmingham and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

The following new members were duly elected: Mr. Norman S. Bagworth, London; Messrs. E. Roper and John H. Wilde, of Sutton Coldfield; Messrs. John Jukes and Harold Hofton, of Solihull.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Shirley on Saturday, April 7th.

Under the item 'any other business,' Mr. Dowling called attention to the annual meeting of the National Police Guild of Change Ringers which was to be held in Birmingham on Saturday, January 27th. Ringing would take place at several towers in the district, and a social in the new police institute had been arranged to commence at 7.30 in the evening. All ringers were invited to attend, but names should be sent to him in good time.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Master, who had travelled from Lincoln in order to preside at that meeting, proposed by Mr. Walker, concluded the business.

The remainder of the evening was given up to change ringing and tune ringing on the handbells, accompanied by Mr. Walker at the piano. Mr. Harry Withers also entertained the company with several old songs, including the famous 'Bob Major.'

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****CLERGY'S OMISSION.**

The annual meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Croft on Saturday, January 13th, members attending from Barwell, Broughton Astley, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Higham-on-the-Hill, Hinckley, Kirby Maltory, Peckleton, Sapcote, Stoke Golding and Stoney Stanton, together with the local company and visitors from Loughborough and Rugby.

Tea was served in the school, the members being welcomed by the Rector (Canon J. Casson), who also presided at the meeting which followed.

Mr. W. A. Wood was re-elected vice-president, Mr. A. E. Rowley local hon. secretary, and Mr. A. Ballard on the committee, together with Mr. G. A. Newton, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. C. H. Webb after many years' faithful service.

A brief report of the year's working was given by the hon. secretary, who also expressed appreciation of the splendid support given by the clergy. He stated that fourteen meetings had been held during the year, all but one being well attended.

Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) said he would like to hear more of the ringers at meetings of clergy, saying that they were seldom included amongst other churchworkers as were the choirs, Sunday School teachers, etc., when special services were arranged.—Canon Casson promised to do all in his power to remedy this important omission. Speaking as Rural Dean, he said how grateful he was to the officers of the association for the splendid work done in the district.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening reached a high standard, the meeting being a great success.

**ACCIDENT AT A BASINGSTOKE CHURCH.****GALE RESPONSIBLE FOR BREAKING BELL WHEEL.**

The gale on Saturday night blew a board from the window at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, across the frame of the 2nd bell. When the bell was pulled off on Sunday the wheel was smashed and the bell lifted from its bearings. The tenor wheel was also slightly damaged.

As a result of this accident it is doubtful if the bells will be available for the annual meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild on January 27th, but there will be ringing at All Saints' Church.

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## NOTICES.

**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 25th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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. Come in numbers.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Cafe, The Borough, 5.15 p.m.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday afternoon, January 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 20th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rector. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Tea in Church House 4.45. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by invitation.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Guild service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All members are asked to attend. Ringing friends welcomed.—Arthur W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend and have a jolly meeting.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, in the Church Hall. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Jan. 20th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1s.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at the Guild Hall, Hadleigh, on January 20th. Tea at 4.30, qd. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Huntingdon, St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. No service. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock for election of officers for 1934.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, January 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. N. B. Watson, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A practice meeting will be held at Worksop on Jan. 20th. Please make your own tea arrangements. Bells open at 2 p.m. Methods for practice: Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Major. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held on Saturday, 20th, at St. Martin's, Salisbury. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Room, Gigant Street. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m., also Charminster and Fordington (6) from 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilchester on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry. Turn up well and make the meeting a huge success.—J. H. Swinfield, Sec. pro. tem., 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at St. Stephen's, Westminster (Rochester Row). Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting 5 to 6.30. Further ringing till 8.30. Post cards re tea will be appreciated by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.** — A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsea, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Parish Institute. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District. — The annual meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 20th. The bells of the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Grantham. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church Hall. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

**BRIXHAM, DEVON.**—Two trebles added in a new frame to complete ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) and old No. 5 recast by Gillett and Johnston. Re-dedication by the Bishop of Crediton on Wednesday, January 24th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.** — The ring of 6 (tenor 14 cwt.), restored and rehung with all modern fittings by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by Canon G. F. Coleridge on Wednesday, Jan. 24th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Chilvers Coton, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Jan. 27th (not 20th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall, to be followed by business meeting. The bells of Nuneaton Parish Church (8) available during the evening if required.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmon-ton, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at 1s. each. All requiring tea must advise me by Jan. 25th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1934 due, and may be paid at this meeting. For tea please notify.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — General quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available. Committee meet 3.15. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m. in Schools, followed by general meeting. No tea provided unless notification sent to Mr. G. A. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, Leicester, not later than 24th. Frequent buses from Hinckley and Leicester Western Boulevard.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District. — Owing to the fact that Godshill bells are being overhauled and rehung, the annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Waverley Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 23rd?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.** — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lymptone on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Jan. 20th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.** — North-Western District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service (if possible) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Members are earnestly asked to attend this meeting. Everybody welcomed. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford Branch.—Annual meeting at Heckington, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Also Great Hale (8) in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each, for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by Thursday, Jan. 25th. Business meeting 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting and unveiling of peal tablet at 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 23rd to the undersigned.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by January 24th please.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) open at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45. Service at 6. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol East, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All outstanding subscriptions to be sent in before the 22nd inst. Kindly let me know for tea by 24th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harpole on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (5). 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. When replying for tea please note change of address.—F. Browning, The Bungalow, Coldham, Towcester.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea after service. Ringing about 6.15. Visitors are welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual committee meeting will be held at Cambridge, Wexham, on Saturday, January 27th, at 3 p.m., when all branch towers should be represented. Stoke Poges bells (6) will be available for all ringers at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Hastings, on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at three o'clock. Subscriptions for 1934 now due.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—A meeting will be held at Uppingham (eight bells) on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Wednesday, January 24th, if you require tea.—R. W. Daniels, Hon. Sec., 53, St. Martins, Stamford.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Elm, near Wisbech, on Saturday afternoon, January 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due. All ringers cordially invited.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. For tea please notify me early.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. It is imperative that those requiring tea should notify me not later than Tuesday, January 23rd. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, January 27th. St. Chad's bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by January 23rd.—R. R. Pole, Asst. Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Shrewsbury.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowden Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheadle on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready three o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Carr, 12, Church Street, Cheadle, near Stockport, by Tuesday, January 23rd.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 27th. Watermoor bells open 3 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Bells open for ringing after service. Will those who intend being present please let me know by 23rd?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. James' Parish Church, Benwell, Newcastle, on Saturday, January 27th. The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m., and tea will be served in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., at the charge of one shilling per head. Those requiring tea should reply to the under-mentioned address not later than the first post on Wednesday, the 24th inst.—K. A. Nicholson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Nuns Moor Crescent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on January 27th. The bells (8) will be available from 3. Evensong 4.15. Will those who intend to be present for tea please notify me not later than the Thursday previous?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Ripon Cathedral on January 27th. Bells (10) available from 12.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again after the meeting until 9 p.m. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) will be provided at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post on Friday, the 26th inst. A very cordial welcome will be extended to all visitors who are able to attend this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, January 27th. St. Peter's bells (10) from 2.30 until 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells (8) will be available after tea. A short service will be held in St. Peter's Church. Tea and business meeting at the Clarendon Hotel. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Larkhall, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery Branch will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Those requiring tea let me know not later than Tuesday next. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting of the Guildford District at Guildford on Sat., January 27th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available from 3. Service 5 p.m. at S. Nicolas' Church. Tea and business meeting at Abbot's Kitchen Restaurant 6 p.m. Please notify as to tea by Tuesday next, Jan. 23rd.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service, by request of Vicar, at 5.15 p.m. Tea for members 5.45. Business meeting in Vestry Hall 7 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, January 30th.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.**—At 7 p.m., on Wednesday, January 31st, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang, D.D., will dedicate the heavy ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District will be held at Marden on Saturday, February 3rd. 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, January 30th. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting will be held at Chertsey, February 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by January 31st. All ringers welcome, and the presence of members of the Guild from other branches will be particularly appreciated.—K. Eastes, Hon. Sec., 5a, Moring Road, Tooting Bec., S.W.17.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Haddenham on February 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service and tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, Local Sec., Haddenham, Cambs, for tea by February 1st. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All those requiring tea, please notify Mrs. G. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, not later than Wednesday, January 31st.—N. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, February 3rd. Particulars next week.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday morning, 31st inst.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8), Idol Lane, E.C., and St. Magnus the Martyr (10), London Bridge, 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and after tea from 6 to 7 p.m. Service in St. Clement Danes 4.15 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in St. Clement's Parish Hall 7.15 p.m. We are endeavouring to make all the above arrangements to be as bright and cheery as possible, and hope that all members will make a special effort to be there.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

#### MARRIAGE.

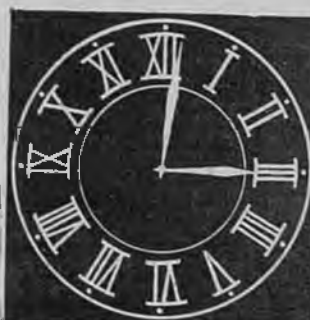
**WILFORD—STURGESS.**—On Thursday, December 21st, at the Parish Church, Moulton, Northamptonshire, Fred Wilford, of Northampton, to Ellen Sturgess, of Smeeton, Leicestershire.

#### DEATH.

**GIBBS.**—On January 13th, at the Elms, Crayford, Edwin Gibbs, aged 77 years.

#### THE LATE BISHOP OF ELY.

As a token of respect to the late Bishop of Ely, the Right Rev. L. J. White-Thomson, D.D., president of the Ely Diocesan Association, 720 Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung on Sunday morning, January 7th, at Laverington, Cambs: T. Bush 1, Walter Jarvis 2, Ernest Richardson 3, Eric Shinkins 4, Lewis Bush 5, Arthur Lawson (conductor) 6.



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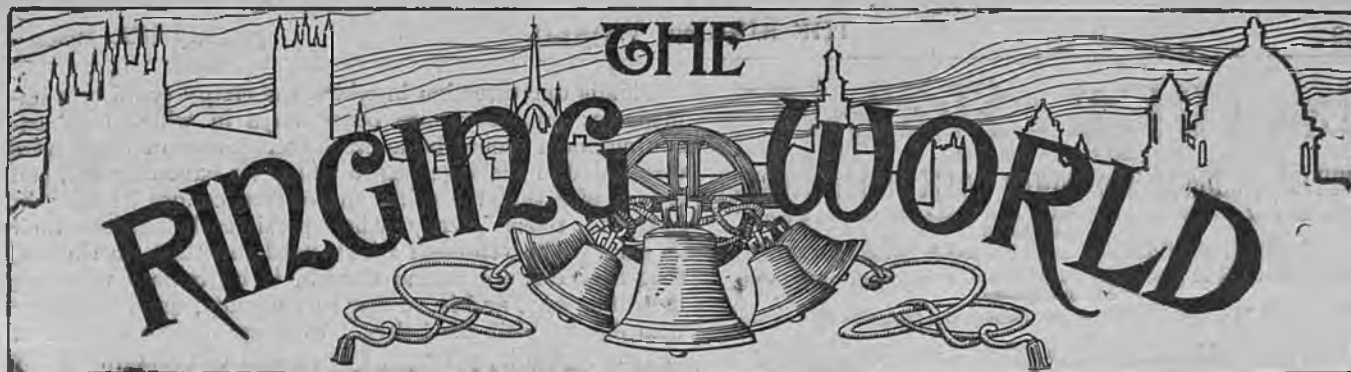
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**CLERGY AND RINGERS.**

A good deal has been said recently with regard to the lack of interest shown by many clergy in their ringers. At Guildford a fortnight ago and at Bristol last Saturday it was the theme of several speeches, and there is justification for what was said. The clergy as a whole do not evince that interest in the ringers which the latter have a right to expect. Of course there are notable exceptions, but we believe this branch of church activity could be materially strengthened if the clergy showed a more practical sympathy with the efforts of the ringers, and put themselves into closer touch with the work that is carried on in the belfries. Frequently, it is true, when meetings are held, the ringers hear from the pulpit some kindly words of appreciation nearly always accompanied by a homily upon answering the summons which they extend to others. We do not pretend to suggest that ringers' habits of church-going are always perfect—from the parson's point of view—although the ground for reproach is in these days far less substantial than in times gone by, but how often do the clergy, except they be themselves ringers, visit the belfry? How much effort do they make to help the ringers keep their band up to strength, and what encouragement do they give to the punctual and efficient maintenance of service ringing?

We do not ask these questions in any querulous spirit, but because we believe the clergy could, if they would, do a great deal more than is at present done to raise the efficiency of service ringing, the spirit of the ringers and even the tone of the belfry. Where service ringing is at its best is usually in those places where the ringers get the interest and consideration of the clergy. Unfortunately in many parishes the efficiency of the Sunday ringing is about the last thing that seems to matter. If the choir falls below strength it becomes the immediate concern of the incumbent and, unless he is dead to all his responsibilities, he takes steps at once to secure new voices. If the bellringers are below strength and the fact is brought to his notice, he may be sorry to hear it—but that is usually where his interest ends. If only the clergy would use their influence more in building up their bands of ringers they would, we feel sure, in many cases get much better service. If they would show members of the congregation that this is one way in which they could render practical service to the Church, they would be introducing church-going people to the belfry, instead of leaving it to the ringers to search the highways and byways for recruits in the hope of turning them into church-going folk afterwards.

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This is one direction in which the clergy could help immensely; and there are other ways in which their encouragement would be appreciated. Some of these were mentioned in the speeches to which we have referred, and it is a pity that the criticisms offered cannot be brought home to those clergy who persistently neglect their ringers. The reproach which used to attach to ringers, that they did not attend church, is beginning to swing the other way, and is, at any rate equally, upon the clergy who do not visit the belfry. In many cases this neglect of the ringers is, perhaps, due to lack of thought. If the leaders of the ringers in these neglected towers would have the courage to interview the parsons and put the matter tactfully and politely to them, it is not unlikely there would be a new and better understanding between ringers and clergy which would result in more help and consideration for those who Sunday by Sunday seek to serve the Church by ringing the bells.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVICUR, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 10
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 2	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 8
CHARLES F. SAVER ... .. 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 9
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 10
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Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Clover, of Wymondham. First peal of Little Bob Maximus by all, on the bells and for the association. W. E. Bason has now taken part in peals of Little Bob on eight, ten and twelve bells. The 53 course composition contains the course end extent of the 6th in 5-6 and all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 without the 2nd in 6th's.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

FRANCIS T. JEWELL ... .. Treble	HENRY B. BURT ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 3	JACK CARMAN ... .. 8
ALFRED PEARCE ... .. 4	JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... .. 9
GILBERT PEARCE ... .. 5	FRANK SKIDMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

Rung to commemorate the completion of 50 years' service as a ringer at this church by Mr. F. T. Jewell.

## LLANDAFF.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

EVAN COLES ... .. Treble	PETER HEATH ... .. 6
ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 2	HUGH THOMAS ... .. 7
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 3	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 8
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

Rung as a coming of age peal for the ringers of the 7th. It was also his first peal of Royal.

## APPLETON, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	* ROBERT GREEN ... .. 5
FRANCIS E. MAY ... .. 2	WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 7
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... .. 8
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 5	WILLIAM STONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

\* First ten bell peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BRILL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. MILLER ... .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 4	PERCY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in deep respect to the late Mr. W. Hyde Inglesant, of Quorndon, Leicestershire, who passed away on December 30th. E. R. Whitehead's 50th peal on the bells.

## MOSSLEY, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST GARSIDE ... .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR ... .. 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... .. 6
HAROLD HAMER ... .. 3	* RALPH TAYLOR ... .. 7
HARRY PICKLES ... .. 4	† JOSEPH BURGESS ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

\* First away from treble. † First peal on eight bells.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 10, 1934, in Three Hours,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERNEST ABRAHAM ... .. Treble	SIDNEY RICHES ... .. 5
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2	GILBERT PEARCE ... .. 6
HENRY BURT ... .. 3	JACK CARMAN ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. LEAVER ... .. 4	FRANK SKIDMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. CLAYTON.

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Dodgson Sykes, who was inducted on December 9th, 1933. These bells have just been overhauled and fitted with ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
ALFRED PYE ... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

## FULBOURN, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CHARLES W. COOK ... .. Treble	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 6
* BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... .. 3	* ROBERT G. KING ... .. 7
FRANCIS G. GLAVES ... .. 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. 5
ALBERT E. BRACY ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
ERNEST SHORTING ... .. 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 7
CEDRIC CURSON ... .. 4	FRANK H. DAVY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

A. REGINALD BLABY ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	* ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 6
PERCY NEWTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* 100th peal.

## TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK FIBLDEN ... .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 7
WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Arranged and rung as a memorial to William Horan, died January 16th, 1933, and Titus Barlow, died December 21st, 1933.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

## ROYSTON, HERTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

VIOLET E. SHORTER ... .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 2	REGINALD T. DENNIS ... .. 6
*FRANCIS GLAVES ... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 7
*MANFIELD GINN ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

\* First peal of Superlative. A birthday peal for the mother of the conductor on attaining her 79th year. Also a compliment to the composer on the anniversary of his wedding.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

FRANCIS E. DAWE ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
HARRY HOVED ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to Edwin Gibbs, a past master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who passed away that morning.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTDOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
ERNEST W. FORBANE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

## SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 16, 1934, in Three Hours,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*THOMAS WARR ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 5
FRANK LORD ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 6
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 3	JACK BRAY ... .. 7
*FRED LACEY ... .. 4	CRCIL PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal. Mr. F. Lord has now 'completed the circle' in this tower, and is the first to do so. This peal was rung in honour of Canon H. T. Parry, president of the Grimsby District, being appointed Archdeacon of Lindsey.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

## COMMITTEE RING 720.

A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Battle on Saturday, January 6th, by members of the committee of the Hastings and District Guild after a meeting: J. Linden 1, W. Franks 2, F. Medhurst 3, W. Gorringer 4, A. Leveit 5, B. Saunders (first as conductor) 6.

## BIDDENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, January 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*FREDERICK MORRIS ... .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM P. TICKNER ... .. 6
† NELSON BOURNE ... .. 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	CRCIL B. BALLARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' Mrs. H. Baker's and the conductor's 200th peal.

## SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	WALTER LINTER ... .. 6
*ERNEST W. WHITEMAN ... 3	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINTER, SEN. ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, the first peal on the bells and the first peal in Hampshire by the former Winchester Diocesan Guild.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 3	CRCIL NICE ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 21). Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
E. CHARLES PATTEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. BOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. George Evans, who gave the bells in 1878, and bore the cost of rehanging in 1921, who was interred at Crayford on this day.

## GREAT STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

CHARLES DYKE ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
EDWARD ASHBY ... .. 2	JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. 6
MISS ELSIE K. FULKON ... 3	*ROY WILKINSON ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	GEORGE A. HUGHES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method.

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## TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK... ..	Treble	HARRY KILBY ... ..	5
*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ...	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	6
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ...	3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ...	7
FRANK CORKE ... ..	4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

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

## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... ..	Treble	*JAMES G. POWELL ... ..	5
MRS. H. BAKER ... ..	2	THOMAS E. SONE ... ..	6
WILLIAM HAIGB ... ..	3	†REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	7
*WILLIAM CORRINGER ... ..	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. A birthday peal for J. G. Powell. The composition, No. 387, is rung for the first time and brings the conductor's total to 100 different compositions.

## ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8048 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 8 cwt, 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

JOSEPH S. CARTER ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... ..	5
KENNETH A. ROE... ..	2	FREDERICK ROE ... ..	6
FRANCIS W. LLOYD ... ..	3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	7
ALBAN DISNEY ... ..	4	JOHN GRANT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK ROE.

## HANDBRIDGE, CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*ARTHUR E. PEGLAR, JUN. ...	Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... ..	5
ROBERT SPERRING ... ..	2	ROLAND PARK ... ..	6
JOHN HAYES ... ..	3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... ..	7
GEORGE R. JONES ... ..	4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR, SEN. ...	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones, jun.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN HOBDEN ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW... ..	2	†THOMAS NORMAN ... ..	6
†NORMAN HOBDEN ... ..	3	†FRANK E. MITCHELL... ..	7
†WILLIAM HOBDEN ... ..	4	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ...	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the birthday of the 7th ringer. All except ringer of 7th are members of local band.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. NORR CAWTHORNE 1 reble	MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 5
*MISS LUCY M. KELLY ... 2	JOHN MARSHALL ... 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... 10

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Surprise away from treble. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Turner, one of the local band.

## GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, 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.

HAROLD E. PENNACK ... ..	Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON ... ..	5
GEORGE GREEN ... ..	2	AMBROSE MASON ... ..	6
PERCY GREEN ... ..	3	WILLIAM CHALK ... ..	7
ALFRED G. G. THORLOW ...	4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Nativity,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED E. RERVES ... ..	Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	5
FREDERICK A. TARGETT ...	2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... ..	3	RONALD G. BACK ... ..	7
HARRY J. SANGER ... ..	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF LEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt, 12 lb. in D.

ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... ..	1 reble	GEORGE MARRINER ... ..	5
JOHN BEAMS ... ..	2	WILLIAM J. WHITING ... ..	6
ALFRED H. WINCH ... ..	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... ..	7
W. CYRIL SMITH ... ..	4	ALBERT HARMAN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. MARRINER.

Conducted by A. HARMAN.

A peal in this method is now rung for the first time. Also rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Whiting.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... ..	5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... ..	2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... ..	6
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... ..	3	WALTER ROFFLES ... ..	7
FRANK RUFFLES ... ..	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb in F.

WALTER CHARMAN ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... ..	5
*WILLIAM M. STONE ... ..	2	WILLIAM STANFORD ... ..	6
JOHN COOK ... ..	3	JOHN H. B. HASSE ... ..	7
PETER CHARMAN ... ..	4	*ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on eight bells. First peal in the method by the Guild.

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THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents called differently.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN L. BLOXHAM ... .. Treble	DAVID J. LEWIS ... .. 4
JOHN E. BLOXHAM ... .. 2	EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. THOMAS ... .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, 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, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	CHARLES CANN ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE VESTRY HALL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

ALFRED G. G. THURLOW ... 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3-4	BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 7-8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in O.

*REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	†WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

**A PEAL OF SHIPWAY'S COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 11 in G.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

First peal ever rung in the method.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 12 in F.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILLY ... .. 3-4	*A. ERNEST JONES ... .. 7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. F. BAILLY.

\* First peal on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. F. Bailly.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**NEW RING OF SIX FOR STAFFORDSHIRE**

TREBLE BELL ADDED AT TUTBURY.

The augmented ring of six bells at St. Mary's Priory Church, Tutbury, was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, on Saturday, January 13th, when a large congregation was present in the magnificent Norman Church—one of the finest examples of its kind in the country.

Among those present were the Rural Dean (Preb. Edwards, Vicar of Stretton), the Revs. W. S. Penley (Boylestone) and A. Cole (Hannbury) and about 40 ringers from Burton, Derby, Uttoxeter, Overseal, Loughborough, Rokester, Norton-in-the-Moors, Breaston, Melbourne, Marlow (Essex), etc.

During the singing of the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' the Bishop, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the base of the tower, where the Bishop solemnly dedicated the bells and unveiled a brass tablet recording the generosity of the two donors. He afterwards delivered an inspiring address. At the dedication the bells were chimed by the local ringers, and as the congregation left the church the bells were raised in peal, and a well-struck 240 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by J. H. Swinfield 1, J. W. Cotton 2, W. W. Worthington 3, R. H. Dove 4, O. Harrison 5, R. G. Lewis 6.

Upwards of 80 sat down to tea in the Church Schools, and during the evening the bells were at the disposal of the visitors, who made good use of them.

The five bells have been retuned and quarter turned and rehung with complete new fittings at the expense of Mr. H. Newton, of The Cliff, Tutbury, while the cost of a sixth bell has been borne by Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield.

Originally the tenor rope fell close to the wall, but the rope circle is now all that can be desired. The comfort of the ringers has been greatly improved by the insertion of a new floor, which forms a separate room for the clock, and has reduced the draft of rope to pleasant proportions. A further transformation has been effected by blocking up the louvres, so that the sound of the bells is modified in the neighbourhood of the church. The whole work has been carried through by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were represented by Mr. J. Oldham, and all present were loud in their praise as to the excellence of the work.

The bells are inscribed as follows:—  
Treble.—'1833.' This bell was given to the Church of St. Mary, Tutbury, by W. W. Worthington to the Glory of God. G. Hudson, Vicar. O. V. Gunning, W. Bentley, Churchwardens.

2nd.—Tempore Joseph Willington at Ben Applebie, Wardens. 1699.

3rd.—His. Nazarens. Rex. Iydeorvm. Fili Dei. Miserer. 1699.

4th.—God Save His Church. 1699.

5th.—All Glory Bee To God. 1699.

Tenor.—Taylor's Loughboro. 1861. (10 cwt. 2 gr. 5 lb. in F sharp.)

**DEATH OF MR. PHILIP SADLER.**

A NORWICH HISTORIAN.

Many of the older ringers in Norfolk and Suffolk will hear with regret of the death on Christmas Eve of Mr. Philip Sadler, of Norwich. 'Philip' was the last link between things old and things new in Norwich ringing life, and was looked upon by his former comrades as a 'character,' and an amazing one too. All his life he had devoted an immense amount of time to delving for ringing history from the files of old Norwich newspapers and other likely sources, and, in close co-operation with the late Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, he had brought to light a tremendous amount of information of historical value of the days when the old Norwich Scholars were a power in the ringing world.

He was a mine of information about the old Norwich men—where they were born—married—buried—their occupations—the houses in which they lived—their performances and their hates. Much of all this alas! was recorded only in his memory and is now gone for all time.

It was 'Philip'—or was it Samuel Slater?—who found the record of Holt's Original, called for the first time by one of the actual ringers and not from MSS. At any time, if it was a question of food and work versus ringing history, the latter always won. He was 72 years of age, and it is good to know that he went his last long journey via St. Peter Mancroft Church, and that a muffled touch was rung on the bells there on the day of the funeral.

**MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED AT APPLEDORE.**

At the annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild held at Appledore on Saturday, the Vicar (the Rev. G. Wright) unveiled a tablet recording the half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples that was rung to the memory of the late Mr. Charles W. Player, of Stone.

After the service tea was partaken of at the Swan Hotel, the Vicar presiding, when about 50 members were present from Ashford, Benenden, Kingsnorth, Lydd, Sturry, Stone, Tenterden and Tunbridge Wells. The Master (Mr. C. W. Everett) and Mr. P. Page (hon. secretary) were again elected for the ensuing year.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.****NEW RULE FOR SHIELD CONTEST.**

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday week, when members attended from Ackworth, Darfield, Darton, Dawsbury, Ecclesfield, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, Wath, Wortley and the local company. The bells were rung during the afternoon in various methods, and service was held in St. Mary's Church. Canon Hone, M.A., officiated, and Mr. W. Palmer presided at the organ. Tea was partaken of at the Station Restaurant, and at the business meeting which followed Canon Hone presided. The auditor's report was accepted as satisfactory, and as there were no nominations sent in for the offices of president, treasurer and secretary, Mr. W. Robinson moved and Mr. E. Cutts seconded that the present officers be re-elected, viz.: President, Mr. C. D. Potter; treasurer, Mr. H. Chant; and secretary, Mr. A. Panther. This was carried unanimously.

Monk Bretton was accepted for the next meeting, which is to be held on Saturday, February 10th.

A motion from the previous meeting was put to the members and carried, namely: 'That any local company entering the shield contest and only having four members of their own company available shall be permitted to call on any willing financial member, whether living in the radius or not, providing they are not ringing with any other company.'

Mr. Potter moved the customary vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. Moxon and carried with applause.—The Rector suitably replied.

The majority then adjourned to the tower for further ringing both in Major and Minor methods, and this concluded a most pleasant meeting.

**KELVEDON RINGERS' 125 EXTENTS.**

During the year 1933 125 complete 720's were rung at St. Mary's Church, Kelvedon, where there are six bells, tenor 21 cwt. The methods were: Surprise: London 28, Cambridge 27, Wells 5, York 4, Norfolk 4, Durham 3, Hull 3, Bourne 2, Norwich 2, Primrose 2, Ipswich 1, Lincoln 1; Treble Bob: Oxford 14, Kent 10, College Exercise 1. Plain: Plain Bob 15, Double Court 2, Double Oxford 1.

The ringers who took part were Messrs. C. W. Burton, C. Button, J. Elliott, W. T. Elliott, W. Keeble, A. J. Mason and R. W. Pyc, who shared the conducting, F. Bennett, W. Butler, A. P. Cannon, R. Grainger, G. Green, J. Maylon, C. Mills, E. Mingay, J. Papworth, A. Saunders, J. Shepherd, F. Shynn and J. Shynn.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****CREWE BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, January 20th, and members were present from Acton, Alsager, Audlem, Barthomley, Crewe, Davenham, Lawton, Market Drayton, Wistaston, Wrenbury, Warrington, Nantwich, Northwich, Hazel Grove and Stoke-on-Trent, making the splendid attendance of 60 in all.

Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and a service was held at 4.30, when the preacher was the Vicar (the Rev. S. T. Stevens), who gave a most appropriate address. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens, was afterwards served in the Parish Hall. The Vicar extended a very hearty welcome to everybody present. Later he presided at the meeting which followed, and was elected chairman of the Crewe Branch for the ensuing year.

The following officers were re-elected for 1934: Mr. R. D. Langford, secretary; Mr. W. T. Holding, treasurer; Mr. A. Crawley, instructor; and Mr. J. H. Riding, Ringing Master. The Rev. S. T. Stevens was made an honorary member.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for officiating at the service and for the use of the bells; to Mr. W. Dunning for playing the organ; to the wardens for the splendid tea; and to the ringers' wives for catering. The Vicar proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. R. D. Langford, the secretary, for so ably organising such a successful gathering. Ringing afterwards took place on the peal of ten bells under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. J. H. Riding, and touches of Plain Bob Royal, Treble Ten, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were much enjoyed, this happy gathering being brought to a close about 9 o'clock.

Thanks were accorded Mr. W. Edge, the towerkeeper, for having everything in readiness and for the splendid 'go' of the bells.

**MINISTERS IN BELFRIES.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—During the past forty years I have rung out the old year in towers up and down the country, and across the water, and never on any such occasion have I seen a minister in the tower to greet the ringers. Are they, I wonder, too busy letting the new year in at their own homes, or what?

I wonder what the ministers would say if the ringers waited outside the tower until the arrival of the minister to wish them a happy new year?

Hale.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A number of letters on the Minor Question are unavoidably held over until next week.

Rannmoor bells, which have been restored, and to which two trebles have been added as a memorial to the late Mr. Sam Thomas, are to be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Saturday, March 31st.

The announcement in this column last week that the reproductions of the photograph of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn would be on sale at 2d. was an error. The price is 3d., and the profits will be devoted to the memorial which it is proposed to raise to the memory of the late Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

There was a happy—and noisy—party at the Grosvenor Hotel, Bristol, last Saturday night, and not all the noise was created by the young men of the company, although they did their share.

One of the visitors found it necessary to do a good deal of furniture moving when he got to his bedroom at 2 a.m. Incidentally in the process he disturbed the rest of the occupant of the room beneath, who had retired at a respectable hour.

Certain other gentlemen would like to know who was responsible for their 'apple pie' beds. Surely not the ladies in the party?

## WHAT THE EDITOR MISSES.

A remark passed at breakfast time last Friday morning in the home of two well-known ringers:—

'I think the Editor misses a lot of enjoyment in ringing.'

'Why?'

'Well, he doesn't have "The Ringing World" to look forward to on Fridays.'

## SOLD OUT!

The first edition of the Central Council's illustrated booklet on 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' which is published at 2d., is practically sold out.

Another edition is in the press, and those who have not already obtained copies should order at once from the hon. librarian (the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Walsoken Rectory, Wisbech, Cambs).

The booklet is one of the most valuable and practical ever issued by the Council, and its price has been fixed so that it may be placed in the hands of every ringer.

## CLAPPER 'FLIGHTS' AND THEIR EFFECT.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—When first I took an interest in bells there were many old peals about in which there were long flights below the ball of the clapper. I have seen some as long as fourteen inches. Why did the old bell hangers put them there, and why have they now disappeared?

The old bell founders, such as Rudhall and Bilbie, turned out excellent bells that sang out loud and long, and the long flights were necessary to do the same work as dampers in a piano, and prevent the bells from howling.

In the mid-Victorian era bell founding became almost a lost art; that is to say, good bell founding. The bells lost their proper proportions, and were made shorter, and there was very little breath in them. The long flights were no longer necessary, and were very inconvenient to the bell hangers, as they required larger pits for all the bells, so the present short flights were introduced.

In the 'Nineties' I used to ring on a peal which had very long flights, and, in the belfry, we could hear the bells as clearly and distinctly as if one were tapping the changes on a piano. The peal was rehung in a new frame with modern clappers, and now it is difficult to pick out one bell from another—they howl.

I should dearly love to hear one of our new beautiful rings treated in the old-fashioned manner. I believe the result would be glorious.

Seaford Park,  
Fareham, Hants.

E. BANKES JAMES.

## OUNDLIE PARISH CHURCH BELLS. RESTORATION COMPLETED.

The ring of eight bells at Oundlie Parish Church is to be reopened on Wednesday, January 31st, at 7 p.m., with a service of thanksgiving, to which ringers are invited. There will be ringing after the service.

The bells were dismantled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and taken to their foundry at the beginning of November last. The bell chamber was then thoroughly cleaned, and the timber framework and other beams in the tower thoroughly scraped and treated with creosote. The window openings in the spire were fitted with copper wire guards by Messrs. Furso, of Nottingham, to protect the bell chamber from access by birds, and the leadwork in the tower windows reinstated where necessary.

The bells have been tuned and fitted with new clappers proportioned to each bell. New wheels, cast-iron headstocks, ball bearers, stays and headstocks have been provided, and the timber framework strengthened at the joints with heavy steel angle plates. The total cost of the work will be approximately £380, of which about £345 has been raised up to date. The work of restoration and rehanging was completed last week.

## BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' DINNER.

### MORE CRITICISM OF THE CLERGY.

#### The Davies' Memorial Scheme.

With each passing year, the annual dinner organised by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds grows in interest and importance, and on Saturday it achieved a new distinction in having as the principal guest the Lord Bishop of Bristol, who has been newly appointed to the diocese, and who had this first opportunity of coming among the ringers. The event drew a considerable number of visitors to Bristol, more than a dozen making the journey from Birmingham, and there were parties also from London, Sheffield and elsewhere. The chief attraction of the afternoon was a visit to the restored church of St. Mary Redcliffe, where the fine ring of twelve bells were available, and there was a conducted tour of the magnificent building, which ranks as one of the finest examples of perpendicular architecture in the country. 'Tea and bun' at St. Thomas' Parish Room provided opportunity for social intercourse, after which ringing on the ten bells at St. Nicholas' Church occupied the time until the party assembled at the Grand Hotel, where a large company sat down to dinner under the presidency of Mr. Frank Skidmore, this year's chairman of the United Guilds. He was supported by the Lord Bishop of Bristol (Dr. Woodward), Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. E. Alex Young (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Canon G. R. Wood (Cold Ashton), Mr. S. H. Wood, the Rev. G. W. L. Wynne (Holy Nativity, Bristol), the Rev. J. E. Staley (Stapleton), the Rev. Wells (Mangotsfield), the Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas'), Canon E. J. and Mrs. Phillips (Coalpit Heath), the Rev. W. G. Heber-Thomas (St. Stephen's), Dr. Alexander, the Rev. and Mrs. Beddoe (St. Werburgh's), the Rev. F. S. Lee (St. Ambrose), the Rev. J. Lloyd (Henbury), Mr. S. G. Riches (vice-chairman) and Mr. A. J. Blackwell (pro-vice-chairman). Among those present were Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Messrs. S. J. Palmer, L. Charlesworth and J. Holman (Sheffield Cathedral Society), J. Hawkins and W. R. Dennis (St. Andrew's Guild, Holborn), Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Mr. G. F. Swann and Miss O. Sanders (Erdington), Messrs. H. Fearn, G. Fearn (Birmingham), C. Hemus, W. R. Cartwright, Mrs. Belfield and Miss E. Foster (Solihull), Messrs. A. A. Hughes, J. Tyler (London), S. Briggs (Rotherham), Mr. and Mrs. F. Pervin (Coventry), Messrs. S. Roper (Croydon), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), J. Austin (Gloucester), G. Naylor (Castle Carey), F. Setter (Yeovil), Miss I. Hastie (Weston-super-Mare), Miss L. Williams, Mr. T. P. King and Mr. J. Prescott (Bath), and ringers from the Bristol towers and other churches in Gloucestershire and Somerset. The excellent arrangements for the gathering had been carried out by a committee, consisting of the officers of the Guild with the stewards, Messrs. W. Knight, F. G. Leaker, J. G. Jeffries, W. H. Thomas, H. Way, Mrs. F. G. Leaker and Mrs. F. Skidmore, Mr. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer) and Mr. Edgar Guise (hon. secretary), and Messrs. J. A. Burford, J. Gould, H. Pring, F. T. Jewell, D. J. Marsh, B. Jones and W. S. Emery.

During dinner instrumental music was contributed by Miss B. Plummer, Miss J. Brown and Miss E. Haskins.

#### MORE CLERICAL INTEREST WANTED.

The Chairman prefaced his speech in proposing the toast of 'Church and State' by remarking that it was a very great honour to preside over such a gathering as that. They all met with one intent, with that most important idea of 'brotherhood,' and he trusted that those gatherings from time to time might be the means of making new and lasting friendships and renewing old acquaintances. The activities of the B.U.R.G. had culminated annually in that splendid gathering, and the entire success was due to the organising powers of their secretary, Mr. E. Guise, backed, of course, by the enthusiasm of numerous supporters from all over the country. It was very pleasing, he added, to see so many of their clerical friends there that night. Continuing, he said that all sections of the Church and State were to-day looking for some solution of the many problems they have continuously to tackle. The chief amongst these was, of course, 'world peace,' without which we could not follow the teaching of Christ. It was in this direction that the Church could do so much to help the State; but to enable her to be some force she had to get the full support of the people nationally and parochially. It is not an atom of good to talk to an empty church. They must encourage the people to come by offering something which appealed. The thing which to his mind would do so much toward filling the churches was to give the people something modern. The old ways were undoubtedly having to 'take a back seat.' For confirmation of this they only had to look at churches which broadcast services, and they found them full.

With reference to bellringers and the Church, he did not think there was sufficient interest taken by the clergy in the activities of their ringers generally. He could tell them of more than one exception to

this, and in these cases the band of ringers was more keen and in consequence more efficient than where that indifference was shown. The parson really owed a debt of gratitude to his ringers, and if he realised it there would be better bands and more likelihood of obtaining fresh material to help fill the empty belfries.

In conclusion, the Chairman said he felt that they in Bristol were very fortunate in having such a man as their recently appointed Bishop as leader in Church matters, and he sincerely hoped that the Bishop would support in his official capacity the ringers' service to the Church whenever the occasion arose. One thing he (the speaker) would like to see was that an efficient practical person should be elected to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, to give his advice on matters of bellhanging and bell restoration, which, he was sure, would oftentimes be the means of saving time and money to parochial church councils. The present system often spelt disaster through lack of practical knowledge (applause).

#### RINGERS' GRUDGE AGAINST THE CLERGY.

The Bishop of Bristol, in replying to the toast, took the opportunity of saying on behalf of the Church how really grateful they were to the ringers—although he confessed they did not often show it—for the

very real service which they rendered to church work. As one who had been an incumbent, he felt that what their chairman had said was not entirely undeserved. He was afraid they were rather apt to forget that little body of faithful servants who climbed the stairs into the tower and rang the bells which summoned people to church. In a parish in which the clergy took a real and live interest in their ringers they got far more faithful service than they would otherwise do. He hoped he might be able to do something to encourage those clergy who have peals of bells in their church towers to think a little bit more than they sometimes did of the work which the ringers were performing. He could imagine that the ringers sometimes felt a little grudge against the clergy who, when the ringers had spent their time in



MR. FRANK SKIDMORE, Chairman.

summoning the people to church, spent half an hour or more in driving them out (laughter). That was not entirely the fault of the clergy. It was not given to everyone to have the eloquence of Demosthenes or the attractiveness of, say, Mr. Lloyd George, but they did their best and did it wholeheartedly. The Bishop continued that they must adapt their message to the new age. They could not expect young people to be satisfied with the message of fifty or a hundred years ago and which had so little relation to the vastly altered conditions of our own time. He hoped the clergy would do their best, by reading and thinking, to keep abreast of the times and do what they could to help people to see how, out of the welter and confusion of these days, something better might come. That was their task. The Bishop went on to acknowledge that he had no practical knowledge of bellringing, his only experience, he remarked amid laughter, being when as a small boy he unobtrusively rang a door bell and ran round the corner to escape the irate householder. He added that he shared with the Bishop of Gloucester the honour of being joint president of the Diocesan Guild. He did not know whether they could have a duet on the bells, but he thought it would be an interesting occasion to see the Bishop of Gloucester and the Bishop of Bristol ringing together a peal on the bells or as many of a peal of bells as two people could ring (laughter). It might perhaps attract a crowd (laughter). In conclusion, his Lordship congratulated the ringers on the obvious signs of life which that gathering displayed. He was glad to feel that in this department of church work as in other departments of church work in Bristol there was far more life than he used to find in London (applause).

#### GLoucester AND BRISTOL'S LEAD.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in submitting 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association,' reminded the company that the association was the first to adopt a diocesan title and thus become closely identified in their

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## BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' DINNER

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work with the Church. Since that time, just over 50 years ago, many others had followed the example in the choice of name, and all the associations and guilds had emulated the example of Gloucester and Bristol in drawing closer to the Church in their work. He thought the time would eventually come when this alliance would be general and that throughout the country all their important ringing organisations would be on a diocesan basis. That might mean the eventual breaking up of some of the larger county associations, but he felt that anything which brought about the greater realisation of the diocesan spirit in their ringing affairs was much to be desired. The Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol were fortunate in the possession of a wealth of peals of bells, for there were no fewer than 207 rings in the area, including, with the completion of Tewkesbury, five rings of twelve, a number possessed only by London and Yorkshire. This large number of towers gave them great opportunities, but it also involved responsibilities. He believed they had about 140 towers in which there were ringers who were members of their association; that was a result with which they might well be gratified, but he hoped they were not satisfied, for there were some areas which were not yet fully tapped. Nevertheless, they had achieved a great result in the work begun by the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. He congratulated the association on having carried to a triumphant issue the scheme for raising a national memorial to Mr. Davies. Such schemes were always a venture of faith, but the association had successfully achieved its aim. Mr. Goldsmith referred to the Bristol United Ringing Guilds as the centre and core of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and spoke of the work which had been done by the officials of the two organisations. He paid a tribute to the great energy which Mr. Guise had for many years displayed as hon. secretary of both, and to the deserved honour which had been paid to Mr. Gould in his election as Master after long and loyal service to the association.

## CO-OPERATION OF CLERGY NEEDED.

Mr. J. Gould replied to the toast and stated that the new bells for the Davies Memorial had arrived at Tewkesbury. The association had raised the sum of £271 18s. 6d. towards the memorial, of which £75 had already been paid to the Abbey authorities towards the chapel. There were, said Mr. Gould, a number of towers in the diocese which had no ringers who were members of the association, and there were some towers without ringers at all, while there were other towers where the bells were in bad going order or not safe to ring at all. As to the remedy, they must have the co-operation of the clergy and the church councils. They must stir up the interest of parishioners to have their bells put in order and then to get young men interested enough to learn ringing, while, where they had ringers, they should use their influence to persuade them to join the association. It should be the aim of every band to keep its numbers up to strength, although he knew it was difficult for a tower captain in a country village to keep up a band of ringers. If he wanted regular Sunday service ringing, he had to be constantly teaching young pupils to handle a bell and to hold the rope in the right way—and then, perhaps, after weeks or months of endeavour, one, two or perhaps all the learners would take up something else for a pastime and a fresh start had to be made. Mr. Gould went on to ask the members to support the branch officers by giving them every encouragement and assistance by attending the branch meetings and by sending in their contributions regularly. In conclusion, Mr. Gould expressed the association's gratitude to Mr. Guise for his untiring work and interest in the association.

Mr. S. Riches proposed the toast of 'The Central Council, its Affiliated Societies and the Visitors.' He spoke of the advantages which ringers got through the work of the Council, particularly from its publications. It was also doing good work in connection with the B.B.C., one result of which had been that they had got English bells introduced into the New Year's Eve programme. The Central Council deserved the unanimous support of every ringing organisation in the country (applause). Mr. Riches went on to refer to the work of the associations and guilds throughout the country and the importance of developing the social aspect of their activities. They had a big task before them in encouraging the provision of ringers in all the towers, and especially was the task difficult in the big cities. It was, however, a work which they ought to tackle, and as associations they should do all they could to stimulate the interest of young men in the art of ringing. Mr. Riches welcomed the visitors, who had come among them from many parts of the country, and welcomed the clergy who had joined them on that occasion.

(To be continued.)

## DEATH OF MR. R. E. GROVE.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Richard E. Grove, of Kidderminster, a pioneer of change ringing in Worcestershire, who died on January 18th, at the age of 74 years. It was under his leadership that the celebrated Kidderminster company entered the realm of Surprise ringing in 1892, and became one of the finest bands of ringers in the country.

## A MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION 'FAMILY PARTY.'

RINGERS FEATERNISE AT HOUNSLOW.

It was with some trepidation that the responsible officers of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association embarked upon the plans for a supper and social last year. Their anxiety was unnecessary, however, for a successful function was the result. At their second venture the chief problem appeared to be whether similar support could be given again. The answer was that the accommodation secured was insufficient! Next time it would appear that this will be the vexed question. The attendance of over a hundred was an increase of one-third on the previous venture.

The bells of Heston and Hounslow ringing merrily on the 13th of this month gave the public notice of something unusual. The reason, of course, was the bellringers' beanfeast. 'Instead of a monthly meeting, let's all go drinking and eating!' So after the bells were finally set up, the ringers turned their steps to the Red Lion at Hounslow. After the company had been sorted out by the hon. secretary (no easy task in the crowded circumstances), supper was served (and we did not have to wait for our liquid refreshment while the errand boy found his lamp wick, as on a previous occasion!).

The Vicar of Heston (the Rev. G. Craggs), who took the chair at short notice, gave the loyal toast. He then proposed 'Continued Prosperity to the Middlesex County Association' in a brief and witty speech. In appreciative remarks about his own ringers, he humorously referred to those nice little places where he was taken when he accompanied them on their outings. He thanked members of the association for their labours and wished them every success in their work.

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm.

Mr. O. T. Coles, joint hon. secretary, replied, prefacing his remarks with a brief but interesting history of the association and of those societies from which it grew. He apologised for the absence of the president (the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane), who was ill and unable to leave his bed, but who sent his good wishes for a happy evening. Their chairman, who had filled that position at the last minute, was to be thanked most heartily for his remarks about the work of the association. Mr. Coles said that when they reviewed their past history and present position, they could fairly say that they had done as much for ringing in and around London as anyone. He congratulated the South and West District on their enterprise in holding this function. That it was appreciated was shown by the attendance that evening. He thanked the Supper Committee, viz., Messrs. Chandler, Gladman and Goodfellow, for their work in organising the supper, and Mr. Lewis, of Heston, who had presented a cake. This and a basket of fruit were to be drawn for to help defray expenses.

Incidentally, when the draw was made later in the evening, Mr. Coles had both winning tickets! He refused to be greedy, however, and a member of the fair sex was eventually possessor of the cake.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, joint hon. secretary of the South and West District, apologised for the somewhat cramped conditions, but hoped that all enjoyed the supper and would enjoy the programme to follow. He read letters of apology from the president and Mr. Goodship, of the North and East District.

The tables were then cleared and proceedings commenced with a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells. Mr. Joe Herbert then led some very enthusiastic community singing. Miss Bradford and Mr. Bray, the latter accompanied by Miss G. Craven, gave instrumental items on the pianoforte and violin respectively. Mr. Tom Collins sang one of his famous songs about 'the small trunk, the large trunk, etc.', while Mrs. Humphries, Miss Bradford and Mr. Herbert all contributed vocal items. Messrs. W. H. Coles and Goodfellow sang a duet, and not one catcall was heard! An excellent touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells as well as some popular tunes. The change ringers were Messrs. Barker, Belcher, Herbert, Roberts, Turner and Wilson, and the 'musicians' Messrs. Barker, Goddard and Herbert. The various items were all well received, and Miss Bradford helped in no small measure in her duties as accompanist. Dancing was indulged in at intervals, and several games, under the leadership of Mr. Gladman, were very popular. Altogether the evening passed too quickly, and what could be described as a jolly family party concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' soon after 11 p.m.

## SHROPSHIRE RINGERS' DEATH.

On Thursday, January 11th, the death took place of Mr. Edward Woodvine, a regular ringer of Malins Lee, who was also churchwarden for the past three years. Deceased was a member of the Shropshire Association and passed away at the early age of 40 years, leaving in bereavement a widow and four children.

The funeral took place on Monday, January 14th, a fully choral service being conducted by the Rev. E. Parry, assisted by Mr. F. Harris, lay reader. The 'Dead March' was rendered on the organ by Mr. I. Morris, organist, and the handbells were rung over the coffin. Two 720's of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the church bells as the mourners were leaving the graveside.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles 10½ six-scores, each called differently (arranged by Jasper Snowden), was rung with the bells muffled in memory of the deceased by the following ringers: A. H. Whalley 1, W. Saunders (conductor) 2, A. E. Buttery 3, A. Woodvine 4, C. H. Watts, sen., 5, G. L. Talbot 6.

## WOODBIDGE BELLS RESTORED.

### TRANSFORMATION IN A SUFFOLK TOWER.

On the road to Yarmouth, some eighty miles from London, lies the ancient market town of Woodbridge, which is built on the side of a hill. Towards the summit stands the historic Parish Church of St. Mary, with its magnificent tower rising to a height of 103ft. and dominating the town.

The church itself is reputed to have been built by Lord John Sea-grave in the reign of Edward III., and the tower was erected probably in the middle of the fifteenth century.

For many years the eight bells had been on the 'sick list,' or, at any rate, the frame and ringing gear were all confirmed invalids, and the day arrived when Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were instructed to attend the patients and restore them to ringing order.

A new massive frame of low side A castings on a heavy grillage of steel girders now replaces the unstable wood frame, and a drastic alteration in the level of the bells has been brought about by fixing them 17ft. lower in the tower.



THE TOWER OF WOODBRIDGE CHURCH.

The fittings are the last word in modern improvements, such as cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, and all those accessories which transform ringing from hard work to a labour of love and light duty.

The bells themselves have been skilfully tuned, thereby producing a remarkable improvement in the peal, which is in the key of D. The tenor weighs 25½ cwt., and the total weight is 97½ cwt.

The inscription on No. 3 runs, 'Strike me and I'll sound sweetly,' whilst all the bells were cast in 1799 by Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market. It is interesting to note that this ring of eight, together with the ring of 10 at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, where the tenor is of a similar weight, are the only two complete peals in the county of Suffolk by this founder.

Four of the Woodbridge bells were cracked in the crown, and for the sake of their unique history it was decided to repair them by the Barimar welding process.

Under the old conditions a too lofty ringing room was disfigured by sundry weight shafts from the clock and old chiming machine. It was desirable to remove these intruders—but where! for the clock and chime machine room was about to disappear owing to the lowering of the bells, and a mere space of 4ft. to be created in its stead between the belfry and the ringers. On the other hand the ringing room would seem to be in danger of invasion by the clock and the chimes!

Ingenuity, however, solved this problem of 'multum in parvo.' The clock has been fixed on joists in the ringing room well clear of the heads and arms of the ringers, and the chime machine has been hoisted on high to take a bearing on the old bell frame which has not been disturbed. A new floor has been inserted to form a ceiling to the ringing room at a convenient height, and all the weight shafts but one have disappeared.

The cost of rehanging the bells has been defrayed by an anonymous donor, whilst the Rector has borne the expense of restoring the old machine to render tunes familiar to the older inhabitants of Woodbridge as a thankoffering for the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

The bells were rededicated on Sunday, Jan. 14th. The Rector (Rev. R. B. Dand) preached an interesting sermon at morning service dealing mainly with the story of the restoration of the bells. The text was 1 Corinthians xiv., 10, 'There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.' There were certain experiences, the Rector said, that predominated in the memory of a man's life. It might be the sound of a brook or some scene associated with his childhood. The sound of a peal of bells might well leave an indelible impression, and so it was with their own bells at Woodbridge, whose absence had meant such a void in the daily life of the parish. They were going to celebrate that day their rededication, and he could not express fervently enough his deep appreciation of the bounty of that anonymous donor who had so readily responded to his appeal to have their fine old peal rehanged and restored to the parish once more.

In the afternoon, even the porch of the church was crowded, for so many people attended the service of dedication. The fine tower had been mute for over a year, until that day, when the sound of celebration swept out from its belfry on a boisterous wind.

The Right Rev. M. H. Maxwell-Gumbleton, Assistant Bishop of the diocese, the Rector (the Rev. R. B. Dand), Canon H. R. Wilkinson, and the Rev. H. Drake (Rector of Ufford, and hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers), took part in the service, and the congregation included a number of old ringers, among them Mr. W. King, from Tattingstone, who used to ring the tenor bell at Woodbridge 40 years ago, Mr. C. King (late of Hasketon and now of Great Bealings), and Mr. Newson, of Woodbridge.

Bishop Maxwell-Gumbleton spoke of the influence of bells—how they inculcate habits of punctuality; how in mediæval times church bells were supposed to have the power to dispel evil spirits, as represented by the grotesque figures and gargoyles on a church. Years ago, said the Bishop, a wayfarer was lost in the Fen country near Cambridge. His position was dangerous, but he was saved by the church bells, the sound of which enabled him to reach Cambridge. He was so grateful that he gave a sum of money on condition that every night at nine o'clock the bell of Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, should be rung to guide persons who might be in a similar predicament.

The dedicatory rounds were rung on the bells by Messrs. G. N. Blake, G. A. Freeman, A. S. Woodard, T. S. Edwards, G. Warner, W. J. Woodruffe, and F. G. Woodruffe, conducted by Mr. C. J. Trotman.

The lament in some places that youth is not stepping into the breach to carry on the art of change ringing does not apply to Woodbridge, for most of the ringers at St. Mary's are very young men, and the way in which they acquitted themselves at the inaugural ceremony after a year and a half's lapse of ringing in the tower is a fine testimony to the leadership of their captain.

In olden times ringing was apparently not the only pursuit of the belfry, for a tablet announces that 'W. Fosdike went up and down this steeple seven times in 27 minutes in the 67th year of his age, March the 15th, 1753.'

The oldest peal tablet is for 'A peal of Bob Major on November 23rd, 1789,' and the last peal recorded is one of 'Double Norwich on April 11th, 1896.'

Immediately after the service there was rung a well-struck 672 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, the Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild, by the following: W. Ward (Ufford) 1, G. Blake (Woodbridge) 2, F. Fisher (Ufford) 3, R. Brundle (Ipswich) 4, F. Woodruffe (Woodbridge) 5, C. J. Sedgley (Ipswich) 6, C. Bailey (Leiston) 7, C. Fisher (Ufford) 8.

Visiting ringers were present from Forest Hill, Sproughton, Ipswich, Leiston, Stowmarket and Grundisburgh, also Mr. Cyril Johnston (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) and Messrs. Adcock and Newson, of the bellfoundry staff.

The visitors, who subsequently took part in ringing before the evening service, were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Trotman, and the company were welcomed by the Rector and addressed briefly by Mr. Sedgley, Mr. Trotman and Mr. Cyril Johnston in response to the complimentary remarks of the Master of the Guild concerning the bellfounders' work.

Everyone expressed themselves as delighted with the splendid results of the Croydon firm's achievement and their admiration of a first-class engineering piece of work.

The absence of vibration in the tower was very noticeable, and the sound both inside and outside the belfry has been reduced to just those proportions that should suit the convenience of the ringers and the neighbourhood alike.

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## NOTICES.

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**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Chilvers Coton, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Jan. 27th (not 20th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall, to be followed by business meeting. The bells of Nuneaton Parish Church (8) available during the evening if required.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, at 1s. each. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1934 due, and may be paid at this meeting. For tea please notify.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available. Committee meet 3.15. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m. in Schools, followed by general meeting. Frequent buses from Hinckley and Leicester Western Boulevard.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lympstone on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service (if possible) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Members are earnestly asked to attend this meeting. Everybody welcomed.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford Branch.—Annual meeting at Heckington, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Also Great Hale (8) in evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting and unveiling of peal tablet at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—A meeting will be held at Uppingham (eight bells) on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—R. W. Daniels, Hon. Sec., 53, St. Martins, Stamford.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea after service. Ringing about 6.15. Visitors are welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual committee meeting will be held at Cambridge, Wexham, on Saturday, January 27th, at 3 p.m., when all branch towers should be represented. Stoke Poges bells (6) will be available for all ringers at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Elm, near Wisbech, on Saturday afternoon, January 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due. All ringers cordially invited.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. For tea please notify me early.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, January 27th. St. Chad's bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Asst. Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Shrewsbury.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. James' Parish Church, Benwell, Newcastle, on Saturday, January 27th. The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m., and tea will be served in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., at the charge of one shilling per head.—K. A. Nicholson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Nuns Moor Crescent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—To-morrow (Saturday, January 27th) a meeting will be held at Stevenage. The bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at the Bowling Green Cafe, north end of the town, at 5.30. Please make this meeting a success.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, January 27th. St. Peter's bells (10) from 2.30 until 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells (8) will be available after tea. A short service will be held in St. Peter's Church. Tea and business meeting at the Clarendon Hotel. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Larkhall, on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Ripon Cathedral on January 27th. Bells (10) available from 12.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again after the meeting until 9 p.m. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) will be provided at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post on Friday, the 26th inst. A very cordial welcome will be extended to all visitors who are able to attend this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting of the Guildford District at Guildford on Sat., January 27th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available from 3. Service 5 p.m. at S. Nicolas' Church. Tea and business meeting at Abbot's Kitchen Restaurant 6 p.m.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Parish Church. A service of thanksgiving for the restoration and rehanging of the peal of eight bells will be held on Wednesday, January 31st, at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Norman Lang, D.D. The tower will be open for ringing after the service.

**OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.**—At 7 p.m., on Wednesday, January 31st, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang, D.D., will dedicate the heavy ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**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 February 1st (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 15th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District will be held at Marden on Saturday, February 3rd. 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, January 30th. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting will be held at Chertsey, February 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by January 31st. All ringers welcome, and the presence of members of the Guild from other branches will be particularly appreciated.—K. Eastes, Hon. Sec., 5a, Moring Road, Tooting Bec., S.W.17.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service, by request of Vicar, at 5.15 p.m. Tea for members 5.45. Business meeting in Vestry Hall 7 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, January 30th.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Haddenham on February 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service and tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, Local Sec., Haddenham, Cambs, for tea by February 1st. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All those requiring tea, please notify Mrs. G. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, not later than Wednesday, January 31st.—N. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday morning, 31st inst.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on Saturday, February 3rd, when the unveiling of the tablet, recording the record length of Bob Major, rung there on Whit Monday last, will take place. The band will be present. Tea will be at the Bell Inn, the old ringers' house. Buses from Hertford 1.50 and 3.45, Ware 2 and 3.55. Return from Benington to Hertford 6.43 and 9.33. From Stevenage to Benington 2.23 and 4.18; return 6.30 and 9 o'clock. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Aislesey on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) ready 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church House. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify Mrs. A. Long, Church House, Bull Ring, Grimsby, by the Wednesday previous. Subscriptions are due and can be paid at this meeting.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at Boston. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Scala Cafe. Business meeting afterwards. All requiring tea must notify me by January 31st.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, February 3rd. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The postponed meeting will be held at Feniton on Saturday, February 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5. Bells available 2 p.m. All are welcome. Application to ring at other towers in the district to be made to John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Beighton (six bells) on Saturday, February 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton. All are welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 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.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Annual meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea place notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Subscriptions may be paid at this meeting. Please notify me as early as possible.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify me regarding tea not later than February 1st. All ringers welcome.—A. Jones, Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 3rd. Ringing at three 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.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Torquay. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. Babbacombe bells (8) also available after 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those intending coming please advise me by previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**PASTON, NORWICH.**—Ring of five (tenor 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  cwt.) rehung in a new frame with new fittings, and tenor recast by Gillett and Johnston. Rededication by the Rev. C. W. Kershaw, M.A., Rural Dean, on Thursday, February 8th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Refreshments will be provided at the Vicarage from 6 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. to those notifying the Vicar, the Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, M.A., by Monday, February 5th.

**COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.**—At 7 p.m., on Thursday, February 8th, the Rev. Canon E. E. Law, B.A., H.C.F., Rector of Empingham, will rededicate the ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8), Idol Lane, E.C., and St. Magnus the Martyr (10), London Bridge, 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and after tea from 6 to 7 p.m. Service in St. Clement Danes 4.15 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in St. Clement's Parish Hall 7.15 p.m. We are endeavouring to make all the above arrangements to be as bright and cheery as possible, and hope that all members will make a special effort to be there.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. F. Patchell, 3, Goodier Street, Preston, no later than Wednesday, February 7th. Next combined practice Whittle, Tuesday, February 6th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by February 7th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Crediton, on February 10th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by February 4th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, February 10th. The bells (10, tenor 22 cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.30. Service, with address by the

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Vicar, at 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) in the Parish Hall at 4.30. Will members requiring tea please advise me not later than the 7th? After tea Mr. C. L. Routledge will give a lecture, assisted by handbell ringers, on 'The Art of Change Ringing.' The congregation is invited, as well as the association members, and we hope for a good attendance.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Margaret's Hall 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, the 7th, without fail. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall to those who apply to the secretary not later than Wednesday, February 7th. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. 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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—A special joint meeting of the above branches will be held at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at 1s. per head. Please send names to Mr. Wm. Blackledge, 37, Platt Lane, Hindley, not later than Wednesday, February 7th. A special invitation is issued to all ringers and friends to this meeting.—William O. Farrimond and Peter Crook, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, February 10th. 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.

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#### WOODBIDGE BELLS—Continued from page 59.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was glad to see, in the article in your issue of Jan. 12th on Woodbridge bells, that you carefully refused responsibility for the accuracy, or otherwise, of it. On three occasions recently I have been told by non-ringing friends of the marvels in Woodbridge tower, and, after questionings, I found that a letter in the 'East Anglian Daily Times,' written by the hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild, was the source of this wonderful news.

Mr. Drake tells his readers that Woodbridge eight, Coventry ten and Bury St. Edmunds ten were 'three rings of super-eminent excellency left us'; that Woodbridge is 'still the proud possessor of the finest old ring of eight bells in existence,' and that after they were cast (1799) apparently a period of desolation set in, and nothing to boast of came out of a bellfoundry for a hundred years.

I think all this requires a good deal of salt. How many rings—old or otherwise—are the 'best in England'? I have heard of many, and so has everyone else. And age—Colchester and Thetford, comparatively nearby, beat Woodbridge easily, and should have been mentioned if such a point as age was being stressed. Mr. Drake's letter gives the layman the impression that Woodbridge possesses an exceedingly venerable ring of bells, when really it has nothing of the sort.

But the 'lost art' is the last straw! How does Mr. Drake explain away, for instance, the ring at Diss—cast in the same foundry as Woodbridge, but 33 years after the 'desolation period' had set in? If Mr. Drake thinks Woodbridge the better ring of the two, he is welcome to his opinion!

'OLD RINGER.'

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**COOKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.**—On Sunday, January 21st, for evening service at All Saints' Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: S. Cooper 1, J. Smithson 2, J. Casson 3, W. Bowe 4, F. Tickle 5, Wm. T. Holmes (conductor) 6. First 720 of London by all, who are service ringers at the above church.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, January 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. S. Lacey (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, R. Fenn 2, E. O. Faulkner 3, W. Easter 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, E. G. Cottis 7, E. G. Moore 8.

**IDLE, YORKS.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, January 7th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes: M. Ryder (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Umpleby 2, F. Davison 3, H. Davison 4, T. Hill 5, F. Kibshall 6, W. Feather 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor), Shipley 8.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, on Sunday evening, January 7th: Mrs. G. H. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, J. W. Unwin 3, G. H. Spice 4, G. Webb (first quarter of Stedman) 5, J. Webb 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8. All are local ringers except J. W. Unwin, from Canterbury.

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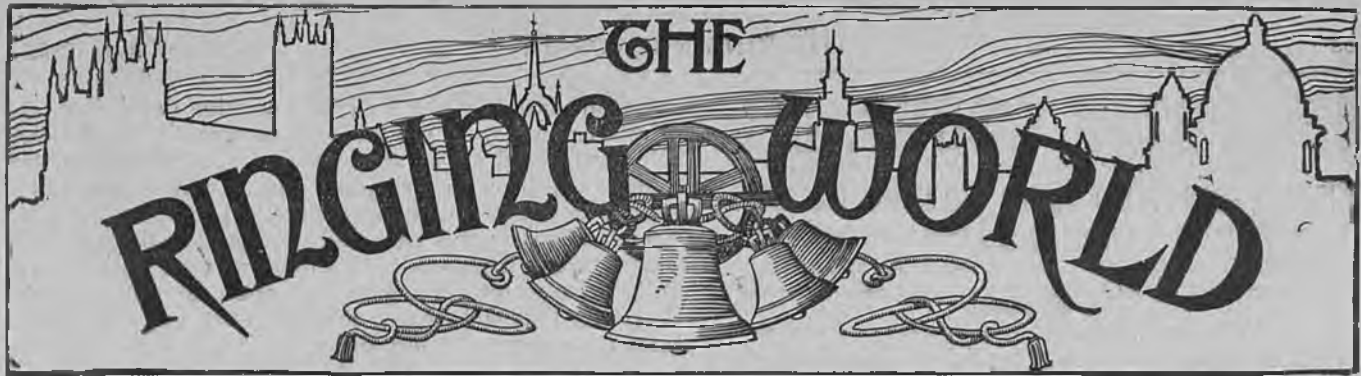
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**CLOSER TIES WITH THE CHURCH.**

Interest in the subject to which we referred in this column last week—the relations between clergy and ringers—has not only been reawakened among the latter in many parts of the country, but in the area in which it originated on this occasion a section of the clergy, at any rate, has been stirred up from the publicity given to it by the local Press. Since the speech made by the president of the Central Council at Guildford, at least two prominent clergymen have made public references to it. They showed sympathy with the object which was urged in the speech, but, not unnaturally perhaps, retaliated with the argument that ringers were partly to blame. It is at least something gained if the clergy are prepared to discuss the ringers' claim to more consideration, for the whole point of the contention from the belfry is that it has been too often ignored.

Last week we summed up, not unfairly we hope, the ringers' case against the parsons, and we believe that the conditions of which complaint is made are not restricted to any particular areas, but are common to most counties and dioceses. At the moment we do not think that Diocesan Guilds can claim to be in any better relation to the clergy than the county associations, but it seems to us that the diocesan link gives ringers' organisations a greater claim upon the consideration of the clergy, despite the fact that county associations have the same objects in view. We believe that a great deal more ought to be made of the diocesan nature of the work than is at present done, even by Diocesan Guilds. We believe also that the future of church bellringing, and with it the art itself, is dependent upon its becoming more and more an integral part of church work and organisation. As a secular occupation it would stand little chance if, as is not impossible, a concerted attack were made upon church bellringing by those societies—of which there are many—who are anti-everything. But as a recognised part of the Church's organisation, with all the weight of the Church to defend the usage of church bells, the future practice of the art would have bulwarks strong enough to resist any attack, short of such as would sweep away the Church itself.

The importance of this phase of the question cannot be overrated. There seems at present little desire on the part of some of the county associations even to change their names, but we are of the opinion that they might well consider this action as a first step to a still closer unity with the Church. The Middlesex County Association (which already has 'London Diocesan Guild' as its sub-title) is, however, contemplating making an altera-

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tion; and last year the Essex Association decided to take a referendum on a proposal to become the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild. The vote has not yet been taken, but when it is there seems good reason why the members should decide for diocesan status. There would be no complications in this case and, except that there may be among some members a reluctance to part with the old title, there seems nothing to lose and everything to gain. Anything that will tighten the bonds between ringers and clergy, between ringing organisations and the church, makes for the future security of change ringing as a living art.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

WEST HAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

*JOHN MCPHAIL ... .. Treble	GEORGE HAYDEN ... .. 6
†ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... .. 2	ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 7
EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 3	†ALBERT J. BAYNES ... .. 8
†ARTHUR G. CHAPLIN ... .. 4	FRANK C. NEWMAN ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. THEOBOLD ... .. 5	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. A birthday com-  
pliment to A. J. Baynes.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TETTENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	*FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... .. 3
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7
JOHN BASS ... .. 4	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

WAREHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5640 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK O. DAY ... .. Treble	FRANCIS G. BLAKE ... .. 5
MISS MARCIA WHITE ... .. 2	†HENRY W. SAUNDERS ... .. 6
ANTHONY V. DENT ... .. 3	CYRIL F. TURNER ... .. 7
EDWARD T. GRIFFEN ... .. 4	*JOHN C. H. HUGHES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method  
on the bells. The band was kindly entertained to tea by H. W.  
Saunders, captain of the local band. Rung as a compliment to Mr.  
F. J. Marshall and Miss M. White on their engagement.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

### A PEAL OF ST. ALBANS SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method. Rung at the first attempt after one  
practice. Rung and named as a birthday compliment to the ringer  
of the 5th, a resident of St. Albans.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Treble	HENRY TOOKE ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. 6
MISS HELEN BILL ... .. 3	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. 7
NOLAN F. GOLDEN ... .. 4	WALTER R. FARROW ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by W. CLOVER.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
FRANK WALKER ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	HENRY SIMMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

## NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD)

On Tuesday, January 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

On the Dixon Eight.

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.

JOSEPH ROWELL ... .. Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2	ADAM DEAS ... .. 6
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 4	*RICHARD THOMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal in the method. The ringers wish this peal to be recorded as a birthday compliment to Miss Alice Margaret Dixon, of Newcastle, who was 90 years of age on Wednesday, January 24th. Miss Dixon was the donor of the auxiliary bell employed in this peal.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*H. DENNIS MANN ... .. Treble	†JOSEPH T. PACK ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 6
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 3	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... .. 7
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On Thursday, January 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt.

NORMAN PATTERSON ... .. Treble	JOHN PICKERING ... .. 5
*WILLIAM ARMOUR ... .. 2	HAROLD E. DITCHBURN ... .. 6
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 7
FRANK AINSLEY ... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

## GREASLEY, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FREDERICK JUSTICE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STIRLAND ... .. 5
WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. 2	*HENRY BYFIELD ... .. 6
THOMAS STORER ... .. 3	TOM CLARKE ... .. 7
*JOSEPH JOHNSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

\* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. J. S. Galloway, Vicar of this church, to Miss Joan Barber, who were married earlier in the day by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwell.

## EGHAM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
ERNEST S. T. FARR ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method (Carter's No. 6). Rung without any previous practice.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... .. 6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

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

## HERTFORD.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

BARNARD PATMORE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM K. NORTH ... .. 5
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 6
STANLEY CARTER ... .. 3	JOHN WELCH ... .. 7
REGINALD DORE ... .. 4	JOSEPH LADLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. LADLEY.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, who has completed 50 years as a ringer.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 14th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: G. W. Barber (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, W. V. Mills 2, H. E. Seager 3, E. J. Shynn 4, F. W. Shynn 5, P. C. Sayer (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 5 and 6.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

*STANLEY PRESTIDGE... ..Treble	CHARLES W. COOPER... ..5
HARRY PRICE... ..2	DOUGLAS W. TURNER... ..6
ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN... ..3	JOHN GOODMAN... ..7
HAROLD SEUCK... ..4	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN.

\* First peal and first attempt. Quarterly peal for the Guild. Mr. H. Price has now 'completed the circle' in this tower three times.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL... ..Treble	*HAROLD JACKSON... ..5
JOHN FLINT... ..2	CHARLES MASON... ..6
THOMAS RILEY... ..3	JOSEPH SAXTON... ..7
BENJAMIN A. COOPER... ..4	STANLEY SLANEY... ..Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First attempt for a peal.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HENRY L. LANGLEY... ..Treble	SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY... ..5
†KENNETH I. PARDOE... ..2	ERNEST A. TURNER... ..6
CYRIL N. WINWOOD... ..3	NORMAN G. LEECH... ..7
*BARNABAS G. KEY... ..4	JOHN S. MASON... ..Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' The band tender their thanks to the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who made up the company at the last moment. The previous longest touch by the ringer of the 4th was 120 changes.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 16 cwt.

VICTOR EVANS... ..Treble	A. REGINALD BLABY... ..5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS... ..2	P.S. OSCIL A. SMITH... ..6
LAMBS W. WILKINS... ..3	ROLAND BIGGS... ..7
ARTHUR NEWTON... ..4	PERCY NEWTON... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

The above was rung to commemorate the passing of the historical village of West Wycombe into the keeping of the National Trust. Incidentally this, too, was the birthday of the wife of P.S. Smith, to whom best wishes were conveyed by his brother ringers. Third and sixth ringers belong to High Wycombe Society, the rest to Hughenden.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*W. SOUTHGATE... ..Treble	ALAN ANDREWS... ..5
M. LING... ..2	E. E. DURRANT... ..6
†U. WILDNEY... ..3	*H. A. WRIGLEY... ..7
†R. K. MOWFORTH... ..4	E. E. DAVEY... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHT.

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. † First peal. First peal as conductor in the method. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. C. H. Wildney, brother to the ringer of the 3rd. All are Sunday service ringers of St. Michael's Church, Kirby-le-Soken, except the ringer of the 5th, who is from Thorington.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... ..Treble	ALBERT TURNER... ..5
EDWIN F. PIZE... ..2	ALBERT C. DARNELL... ..6
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS... ..3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... ..7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY... ..4	CHARLES H. VITLER... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*SAMUEL WARNE... ..Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN... ..5
†REGINALD GRAINGER... ..2	CHARLES W. BORTON... ..6
ALBERT WIFFEN... ..3	WILLIAM KEEBLE... ..7
*ALBERT L. DIXEY... ..4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BARKEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being six six-scores of St. Dunstan's, eight each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON... ..Treble	HENRY PAYNE... ..3
HENRY FAULENER... ..2	GEORFFREY GEARY... ..4

NORMAN GEARY... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY GEARY.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1932.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN S. MASON... ..Treble	ERNEST A. TURNER... ..4
*KENNETH I. PARDOE... ..2	NORMAN G. LEECH... ..5
DOUGLAS W. TURNER... ..3	†ARTHUR D. FELLOWS... ..Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Doubles for all the band. First peal of Doubles on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. William Gibbs, of Stourbridge.

LEA, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HENRY BINGHAM... ..Treble	GEORGE F. SMITHSON... ..4
CHARLES H. BAKER... ..2	HARRY MORGAN... ..5
*GEORGE LESLIE A. LUNN... ..3	GEORGE W. CREASEY... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

\* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

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LAMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, January 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

EDWARD E. TIDY ... .. Treble	JAMES W. KNIGHT ... .. 4
* WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 5
H. F. HYLTON TIDY ... .. 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. Tenor

Arranged by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY

\* First peal of London.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Oxford and Plain Bob spliced, Plain Bob and St. Clement's spliced, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. Treble	KENNETH W. CHESMAN ... 4
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES WOODYATT ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... 4
WILLIAM NOTT ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
GEOFFREY LEWIS ... .. 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY LEWIS.

TWYNING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	FRED HAWKES ... .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BARNEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

*STUART SANDFORD ... .. 1-2	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 7-8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3-4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 10
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5-6	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire—Mrs. G. H. Cross.

Witnesses—Mrs. E. J. Beer and Miss Kathleen Beer.

\* First peal of Cinques. 50th peal by George J. Butcher. First peal in the method 'in hand' by the association and in the county, also by all the band except the ringer of the 5-6. First in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 19, NORTH HILL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

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

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

(Other peal reports are unavavoidably held over.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

Members of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild foregathered in force at Wokingham on Saturday, January 20th, for their annual meeting.

Ringing was carried on prior to the service in All Saints' Church, which was conducted by the Rev. Gordon Kenworthy, Rector. In his address (from Ezekiel 47, the vision of the temple stream), the Rector first voiced his great pleasure at welcoming the ringers to All Saints', especially in view of all they did for the clergy and for churchpeople and of the devotion and regularity of their service, for which he thanked them. He knew something of the skill required, of the art of bellringing, of the steady perseverance, the giving up of leisure time; also of the joy that came as Sunday by Sunday they rang out their call from God.

Tea followed in the Church House, All Saints' parishioners providing a warm and generous welcome to the visitors. Miss A. H. Walker was in charge, and her assistants were Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Wigmore, Misses Baker (2), Finch (3), Hatwell, Granside and Wescott. Col. H. I. E. Palmer, Mr. W. Houlton and others carried out the duties of carvers. Among those present were the Revs. Canon Anderson (Rural Dean), A. P. Carr (St. Sebastian), F. D. Browne (White Waltham), R. D. Weller (Finchampstead), Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer of the Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary), Churchwardens Goddard and J. C. Hammond, etc.

The handsome festival cake, kindly given by Mrs. P. O. Watson, of Cantley, with its sugar icing and tiny bells, was much admired.

Mr. W. J. Paice (branch secretary) spoke with feeling of the absence of their chairman (Canon G. F. Coleridge) as the result of his accident. He would specially voice their feelings when he wrote to the Canon an account of the present meeting, and would tell him how sorely they missed him and were longing to know that he would soon be restored to health again (applause).

Mr. Fred Dentry was voted to the chair and expressed grateful thanks to Miss Walker and her friends for the excellent tea. Canon Anderson then proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the two Wokingham Rectors for the use of their bellfries; the Rector of All Saints' for taking the service and for his appropriate sermon; the hon. auditor, Mr. O. Goddard, and all who had helped to the success of the gathering were also mentioned. The Rural Dean also emphasised how much they missed Canon Coleridge, and recalled his splendid spirit and the way in which he always spoke to them.—The vote was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. G. Kenworthy thanked them for their appreciation and said he had much enjoyed their visit.

The Chairman, with feeling, recalled the decease during the year of the beloved Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of whom he was sure Canon Coleridge would have spoken. The work and interest he had in the Guild were wonderful, as were the love and esteem every member had for him. He was always ready to attend any meetings, and especially the branch annual meetings, where he would, had he been there, have given them words of encouragement for the great work he had so much at heart. The Chairman also referred to the death of Mrs. Robinson, whose late husband (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) was for so many years Master of the Guild.

At the call of the chairman, the meeting stood in silence for a time in memory and respect.

The secretary then read a warmhearted letter from Canon Coleridge, expressing his regret and good wishes to everyone (applause).

The balance sheet, with £9 2s. 5d. surplus, and a branch restoration fund of (now) £5 19s. 6d., as well as the secretary's report of the year, were passed. The latter showed a membership of 25 honorary and 144 ringing members, and the report referred to the loss of the Master of the Guild and to the removal of Canon Long, who had always been their very kind friend. Col. H. I. E. Palmer, Mr. O. Goddard and Mr. H. E. A. Wiggott had become hon. members, and these they welcomed (applause). The secretary thanked the foremen of towers and the members for their continued support.

The following officers were elected for the year: Chairman, Canon G. F. Coleridge; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. J. Paice; Branch Committee, the foremen of the towers; representatives to the Guild Committee, Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Mofh, J. Rance and J. White.

Recommendations from the Branch Committee were passed as follows: (1) That one half-yearly meeting be held instead of quarterly meetings; and (2) that combined practices be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays as before.

Mr. A. J. Wright reported that the Guild was maintaining its position financially. He also congratulated the branch upon its excellent officers and work.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, who had recently seen their chairman, brought an encouraging message from him. Mr. Hibbert appealed for the Jenkyn Memorial Fund, and gave some good advice to young ringers. An honorarium of three guineas was voted to Mr. Paice with a warm expression of appreciation of his services as hon. secretary.—Mr. Paice expressed his thanks.

The secretary took orders for photos of the late Master at 3d. each. The Rural Dean thanked Mr. Dentry for presiding, and thus concluded the business.

## FIFTY YEARS OF PEAL RINGING.

## MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS CELEBRATES A JUBILEE.

An interesting anniversary was celebrated on January 17th at Soberton. Exactly 50 years earlier, on January 17th, 1883, Mr. George Williams rang his first peal at this little Hampshire village. The event, at that time, was probably of minor importance, for the real object of the occasion was the first peal on the bells, which had recently been augmented, and the first peal in the county by the then young Winchester Diocesan Guild. To raise a change ringing band two counties had had to be combed, and the peal was rung by G. H. Barnett (Farnham, Surrey) 1, G. Williams 2, J. Hewitt (Gosport, Hants) 3, F. Hill (Fareham, Hants) 4, W. Marks (Leatherhead, Surrey) 5, T. Newham (Winchester, Hants) 6, S. Brooker (Leatherhead, conductor) 7, J. Weaver (Winchester) 8. The method was Grandsire Triples and the time occupied 3 hours 5 minutes. The peal is commemorated in the tower by a stone tablet, which also bears the names of the Rector, the curate and the churchwardens of that time and the name of the captain of the local ringers, Mr. G. H. Child. With the exception of Mr. Williams, all those whose names appear on the tablet have passed away.

Since that peal was rung much ringing history has been made, and in the making of it George Williams has played his part. Throughout his long ringing career Mr. Williams has accumulated a big list of peals, his total is now just over 1,350, but his services to the art of ringing are not to be measured by the number of peals he has rung. Without the slightest reflection upon any of the great ringers, past or present, we have no hesitation in saying that no one has done more to help and encourage young ringers than has Mr. Williams. In his earlier days, when the famous band which rang at St. Peter's, Brighton, between 30 and 40 years ago, was in the heyday of its success, Mr. Williams was one of the most brilliant conductors the Exercise has known, but then, as now, he was just as ready in and never happier than when helping a beginner through his first peal of Grandsire or a struggling company through a touch or their first peal in some simple method. Grandsire or London Surprise—it is all the same to George Williams. He expects a high standard of ringing, but he is always ready to make allowance for the failings of the beginner and to help him to overcome them.

At the age of 76 Mr. Williams leaves the 'heavy end' to others, but his almost uncanny ability to strike any bell perfectly, his keenness and mental alertness is in no way impaired, while his physical fitness is something which many men 20 years his junior may well envy.

It was not unnatural that Mr. Williams should be anxious to celebrate the jubilee of his first peal, and what more fitting than to do so with a peal at Soberton? So a 'Wednesday afternoon' band was got together and the peal was rung: Holt's Ten Part in 3 hours 5 minutes—the same bells, the same method, the same composition, the same time, and Mr. Williams ringing the same bell!

Afterwards, over the teacups, a pleasant hour was spent together by the ringers, full of reminiscences which were a reminder that the conditions of ringing have vastly changed in these last 50 years.

Those who, to-day, are 'spoon fed' with their instruction, or who find their Surprise ringing available for the asking, have no conception of the difficulties which confronted the aspiring recruit in the 'Eighties,' when few country bands could ring even Grandsire Triples, and peals were few and far between. To men like George Williams, who spend their lives striving to spread the art and lift it to higher standards, the ringers of to-day owe far more than they will, probably, ever realise.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

## RECEIVE A PUDSEY WELCOME.

As time rolls on the generosity of the Pudsey company to the Leeds and District Society remains as great as ever, and once more on the occasion of the monthly meeting on Saturday, January 20th, the welcome to Pudsey was as cordial as ever. The bells were rung up about 3 p.m., and ringing continued until 9 p.m. Tea was taken in relays at the Park Hotel, where, later in the evening, the business meeting was held.

The president was in the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Birstall, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Northowram, Rothwell, Shipley, Tadcaster and the local company.

Six new members were elected—Messrs. F. Armitage, of Burley; J. Hogg, of Leeds Parish Church; D. Smith, of Felkirk; R. Lancaster, F. Addison and H. Clayton, of Tadcaster.

The President proposed that the best thanks of the society be accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey for the use of the bells, and also to the local company for their splendid generosity in providing tea and refreshments.—This was seconded by Mr. H. Grimwood and carried, Mr. J. Proctor replying on behalf of the Pudsey company.

The secretary desires that all members travelling to Ripon on Saturday for the Yorkshire Association meeting shall ask for a special ringer's ticket, at the reduced fare of 3s. return (from Leeds).

THE LATE MR. EDWIN GIBBS.  
MEMORABLE PEALS RECALLED.

Mr. Edwin Gibbs, whose death at Crayford we recorded in our issue of Jan. 19th, was a native of Eye, where he learned to ring. He migrated to London as a young man at the time that John Cox, Geo. Newsom, Henry Dains, Henry Haley, Jas. Pettit, Matthew Wood, Challis Winney, Ezra Carter, Edwin Horrex and others were making ringing history. With these men Mr. Gibbs did his part, and among many peals he rang with them was 8,099 Grandsire Caters at Westminster in 1876, conducted by J. W. Cattle; 8,896 Treble Bob at Highgate in 1877, conducted by George Newson; and 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham in 1883, conducted by James Pettit. He was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band for many years.

For the past ten or twelve years he had been crippled with rheumatism, and had been bedridden since he came to Crayford four years ago, but his interest in ringing had never waned. On many occasions he forgot his breakfast when his 'Ringing World' and the meal arrived together, and on more than one occasion has the writer had to go and read the 'riot act' to the newsagent if he had forgotten to deliver it to time.

Edwin Gibbs was a most lovable man, and to spend an hour with him was something to look forward to. Those Sunday afternoons that the writer has spent with him since he has been at Crayford have been most enjoyable. His mind and his wonderful memory were as clear as ever they were right up to the end.

The last visit was on Christmas Day, when Mr. Gibbs talked of the times when he and George Newson used to have to walk home from Highgate to Walworth where they lived, after peals and practice, and many other experiences of those days, just as if they were yesterday. He was then his old self, and had every appearance of going on for a long while, but a fortnight later his heart began to give out, and he quietly passed away on January 13th.

On that day a peal had been arranged at Crayford for his old friend, Mr. F. E. Dawe, to call. Just before the start the sad news was received, so the bells were muffled, and the peal rung to his memory. It was very fitting that Mr. Dawe should conduct the peal, as they rang together in the 11,111 at Fulham 50 years ago as well as in many others.

The funeral took place at Crayford on Tuesday, January 16th. In addition to the family mourners, the following ringers were present: Messrs. C. F. Winney, J. E. Davis, T. H. Taffender, H. Hoskins, E. Butler, of London, and T. Groombridge, jun., H. E. Audsley, W. E. Bond, E. Barnett and Miss Redpath, of Crayford. After the committal a plain course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by E. Barnett 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, C. F. Winney 5-6, T. Groombridge, jun., 7-8. As the mourners were leaving, the whole pull and stand was rung on the tower bells by C. F. Winney 1, T. Groombridge, jun., 2, T. H. Taffender 3, H. Hoskins 4, J. E. Davis 5, H. E. Audsley 6, E. Barnett 7, Miss M. Redpath 8.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT 'ROCHESTER ROW.'

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at St. Stephen's, Westminster. This is a very fine church, known to a previous generation as 'Rochester Row,' and doubtless deeds were here done on the splendid peal of eight (tenor 24 cwt.), by Mears and Stainbank, some 30 or 40 years ago. Records in the shape of peal boards tell what stores of energy these 'Rochester Row chaps' must have had. Some of that band are, happily, still with us, and some of their favourite methods were rung at this meeting, viz., the standard methods and Surprise up to and including London.

Tea was taken in the Napier Hall, Vincent Square, the number sitting down being 26—oh! and a half (Frank), of whom more, perhaps, in ten years' time.

At the business meeting the secretary was able to produce a very satisfactory balance sheet, also a pleasing resumé of the year's work. It was, he said, generally admitted to be the best in recent times, and the average attendance had gone up to 28 as compared with 19½ last year (laughter).

The officers were re-elected and a vote of thanks passed to the Vicar (the Rev. S. Shepley Smith) for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Carter, Carter and Kemp for the splendid welcome and arrangements for the visitors' welfare, comfort and enjoyment, Mr. J. Carter briefly responding.

Some tunes were rung on handbells by Messrs. Ellingham, Goddard and Herbert, and Grandsire Triples by the same, plus Mr. F. Hawthorne. This having driven the remainder back to the steeple, the bells were going again till 8.30. Some 45 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening from a wide area, and the gathering was graced by a number of the fair sex.

## RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.

In distant Dunedin, in the south island of New Zealand, Mr. J. S. Wilde is 'keeping the flag flying' with a small handbell band. They meet regularly for weekly practice and occasionally knock off 720's of Plain Bob, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. On December 7th, at Mr. Wilde's residence, 9, Balmoral Street, Onoho, they rang 720 of Court Bob Minor: J. S. Wilde 1-2, Charles Wilde 3-4, Joseph Whippy (conductor) 5-6.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North and East District was held at Edmonton on Saturday last, a bright afternoon bringing a good attendance of members, some 60 of whom put in an appearance. Ringing commenced punctually at 3 o'clock, under the guidance of the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), who gave everybody present ample opportunity of ringing the method they desired.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Evill), who, in his address, gave the members a cordial welcome and some good advice.

Tea was served in the Institute, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), Mr. W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), Mr. J. Parker, Mr. W. H. Hollier, Mr. G. R. Goodship, Mr. W. Pye, etc. After a meal which was much enjoyed, the business meeting was held, at which the chair was taken by the vice-president. Various routine matters were disposed of, the balance sheet, showing a credit of £6 10s. 6d. on the year's working, with cash in hand of £41 7s. 2d. and stock of £73 13s. 8d., was adopted.

Four new members were elected, and the whole of the retiring officers, Central Committee, auditors and trustees re-elected.

The proposal to alter the title of the association, which had been referred to the districts at the last annual general meeting, and which may come up for final decision at the next annual general meeting, was mentioned by the hon. secretary, but no decision was arrived at.

Mr. W. H. Hollier proposed that a letter be sent to the Bishop of London congratulating him on having attained his 76th birthday and wishing him many more years of health and happiness.—This was seconded and carried.

The very serious accident which recently happened to the young son of Mr. George Kilby, one of the association's most useful and respected members, was referred to, and it was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Kilby, with an expression of hope that their son will recover. Raymond Kilby, who is 14 years of age, and who is well known to members of the association, was knocked down on the pavement by a skidding motor lorry whilst on his way to school, and received injuries which almost terminated his short existence. Whilst he is not yet out of danger, it is comforting to hear of an improvement in his condition.

It coming to the knowledge of the members during the meeting that one of the foundation members of the association, Mr. F. Pratt, of Hendon, had recently passed away, a vote of condolence to his

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### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

There was an excellent attendance of ringers at the meeting of the West Tyne Division, held at Newburn on Saturday, January 13th, when members of the following towers enjoyed the ringing: Newcastle Cathedral, Chester-le-Street, Newton Hall, Benfieldside, Whickham, Newburn and Blaydon.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. E. O. Jackson) visited the belfry with his wife and extended a hearty welcome to the ringers. He hoped, he said, it would not be long before they returned again, as this was the first visit made during his 14 years as Vicar.

Tea was served at the residence of Mr. J. Swan, a local ringer.

After returning to the tower, Mr. Storey moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. Sheraton voiced the thanks of the members to Mrs. Swan and her helper for the excellent tea they provided.

### GRANDSIRE TRIPLES IN AMERICA.

#### KENT SCHOOL BOYS RING LONGEST TOUCH.

The Kent School Guild, Connecticut, U.S.A., rang their longest touch recently. This was on Sunday, December 17th, for morning service, when they brought round 644 Grandsire Triples: T. Terry 1, A. D. Bosson 2, W. Abbe 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, R. L. Westlake 5, R. B. Abbe 6, S. M. Wheelock 7, R. Davies 8. For practice on handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples was rung by H. Van Rensdaler 1-2, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 3-4, A. D. Bosson 5-8, S. M. Wheelock 7-8. This is also the longest length on handbells by this year's band. Mr. I. J. Attwater is the instructor of the band and is officially attached to the staff of the school.

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relatives was passed, and, to show their respect, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

St. Giles-in-the-Fields was chosen for the next annual meeting of the district.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher for making arrangements for the meeting. He also expressed regret at Mrs. Fletcher's absence through a severe cold.—The Rev. R. C. Evill acknowledged the thanks of the members, saying that it gave him much pleasure to see so many ringers present, and especially to see such a large proportion of young ringers. He wished the association every success.

Afterwards the bells were kept going until after 9 o'clock in a great variety of methods, to suit all tastes and abilities, the peak being reached with a well-struck touch of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

His many friends on the Central Council and in ringing circles in the Midlands and London will learn with deep regret of the bereavement of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, for 20 years hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Mrs. Smith died on Saturday and was buried at West Bromwich on Tuesday.

Mr. C. L. Routledge took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Newcastle Cathedral last week. It is just over 50 years since he rang his first peal—one of Kent Treble Bob Major at North Shields on January 1st, 1884.

January is only just out, but already this year peals have been rung in three new Surprise methods: Leatherhead at Leatherhead, Surrey; St. Albans at Bushey, Herts, and Chiltern at Egham, Surrey. What would ringers 30 years ago have said to such 'goings on'?

The restored and augmented peal at Rammoor, Sheffield, in memory of the late Mr. Sam Thomas, is to be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Saturday, March 31st, at 3 p.m.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space several reports of meetings and other contributions are unavoidably held over.

The rededication of the bells at Brixham, Devon, took place on January 24th. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have added two trebles, recast one of the other bells and tuned the rest. A report of the opening will appear in our next issue.

## WOODBIDGE BELLS—AND OTHERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A letter which appeared in your issue of January 26th from 'Old Ringer' leaves one with the impression that the previous remarks of the Rev. Herbert Drake are not to be taken seriously. On the contrary, Woodbridge bells have always been considered a very fine eight, and although the statements of Mr. Drake and 'Old Ringer' bear a certain amount of truth, they are neither accurate. The eight at Woodbridge were cast by Thomas Osborne in 1799, and those of the Norman tower at St. James Cathedral, Bury (not St. Mary's, Bury), were cast by the same founder 14 years previously. Woodbridge were in the key of D, 26 cwt., while the Norman tower are D flat, 30 cwt. The Rev. H. Drake means that Woodbridge bells are one of the finest of THEIR KIND in existence in Suffolk.

Ringers with a knowledge of bells will certainly wink at the remarks by Mr. Drake when he says that a period of desolation set in just afterwards and the quality of bells deteriorated. There are a few peals that were cast after Woodbridge, and I leave it to those who know them for judgment.

The very fine peal at Diss were cast at the same foundry as Woodbridge in 1832 by William Dobson, who succeeded Osborne. They are similar in tone to Woodbridge and in the same key, but only 23½ cwt. The Downham Market foundry cast bells on the same principle as Miles Gray. They were large bells, but thin, consequently giving a soft but mellow tone.

Returning to 'Old Ringer's' remarks on Colchester and Thetford. Neither of these towers are in Suffolk, and I imagine the Rev. Drake knew what he was saying, because he was speaking of Suffolk alone. And I presume 'Old Ringer' is referring to age when he says Colchester and Thetford beat Woodbridge easily. For grandness there can be no comparison, as Colchester St. Peter are only 20 cwt. in E by Lester and Pack, 1763, while Thetford are only 18½ cwt. in E by Osborne. There are numerous peals in the Eastern Counties by Osborne, with the exception of one or two bells in each peal, after Woodbridge were turned out, and it is my opinion there are more good peals in existence, that were cast in the 19th century, than there are bad ones. Almost every ringer who has heard Woodbridge and Helmingham states they are almost identical with each other, the latter being cast by Mears in 1815 in E flat, 19½ cwt. There really is a close resemblance with the exception of that half-tone. (Perhaps the Rev. H. Drake has never heard Helmingham.) St. Gregory's, Sudbury, are by Mears, 1821, 16 cwt. in F, with the exception of the tenor, cast by Pack and Chapman, 1774. The back ten at Yarmouth are by Mears, 1807, 30 cwt. in C sharp. St. Nicholas', Lynn, are by Taylor, 1869, an excellent little peal, 19 cwt. in F. Wells, Norfolk, also by Taylor, 1890, 16½ cwt. F. sharp. Wisbech St. Peter were put up by Dobson, 1823, a nice peal of ten, 21½ cwt. in E flat.

While looking through old notes about peals of bells in the Eastern Counties I find there are numerous rings of 19th century bells far superior in quality to the 17th and 18th century stuff, and I shall be pleased to supply details to any who care to ask for same.

Seriously, I wonder whether the Rev. H. Drake and 'Old Ringer' are really good judges of a peal of bells. I once heard Mr. Drake state that Grundisburgh (my old home, by the way) were a pretty peal of bells. Messrs. Roberts, Pye and a few more who ought to know a bell when they hear one, asked me whether they were made with rubber or wood!

All the same, Woodbridge were a 'grand peal,' and I daresay they are even better now. I must hear what my friend Challis Winney has to say about them.

CECIL W. PIPE.

Staines.

## THE CLERGY AND RINGERS.

### COMMENTS ON CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

General interest has been aroused among ringers throughout the country by the speech made by the president of the Central Council at the Guildford Diocesan Guild's dinner with regard to the attitude of many clergy towards those who ring in the church towers. A good deal of prominence was given to the matter by the local Press, and clergy in the Diocese of Guildford have certainly taken notice of it.

Preaching to the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on the occasion of the annual meeting on Saturday, the Rev. D. Railton, Vicar of Shalford (a parish in which the happiest relations exist between the incumbent and his ringers), referred to the subject. His text was from Psalm xix., verse 4: 'Their sound has gone out into all lands and their words unto the ends of the world.'

The preacher said that from the little experience he had gained from coming among ringers, he realised that if he had been among bands of men like them before he was ordained he would have felt the spiritual significance of what they associated with bells more than one did at that time. The president of the Central Council had told them that it was difficult to teach a clergyman to become a ringer after he had become a clergyman. The reason why that was so he did not know unless it was that ringers were frightened to say things to a man who wore a 'dog collar' as plainly as they would otherwise, and one could not make a good ringer unless he had been talked to 'pretty plainly.' That statement by the president, said the preacher, could be put in quite another way, although, of course, it could not be applied to any of those present. They might often with justice say: 'It is difficult to teach a bellringer to become a good churchman after he has become a bellringer. One does not know the reason, unless the clergy are frightened to say things plainly to the ringers, and a good churchman cannot be made without plain talking.'

The preacher added that the clergy ought to be willing to take more interest in the ringers than some of their brethren took, and he believed many of them would, in the sense of becoming members, except for this one reason: The ringers themselves rightly set a very high standard in regard to regular attendance. There were many things in a parish at which a clergyman had to turn up, and if he was a ringer and could only turn up once in five or six times on practice nights, he would be of no use to the keen ringers. That, he believed, was one of the fundamental reasons why the clergy participated so little in ringing, but the more he saw of the ringers' art and heard of it, the more he realised that if everybody in church work set as high a standard as the ringers did on their art, it might mean that they would have fewer workers, but their work would be more real. He hoped that what had been said on the subject would do something to help the clergy face up to this matter, and he hoped, if he might say so with great respect, that there would be with them no occasion when it could be said, as a working man once said to him in another parish, that religion was really humbug, because he knew some of the people supposed to be religious who did not even worship. When he was asked what he meant, the man said that the ringers went and rang the bells and then disappeared and did not go in to worship. He (the preacher), therefore, asked the ringers to make their work more and more real. He believed they might be challenged very severely in the near future upon the very existence of things they held most dear, and one of their greatest safeguards was in gathering men together in worship and prayer and mutual discussion on religious matters. He believed that through the belfries of this country alone, if they had no one else to help them, they would still maintain the great cause of Christ.

### RINGERS' OPPORTUNITY.

Preaching at Farnham on the previous Saturday to the Farnham District, Canon E. M. Girling, the Rector (who was formerly Vicar of Leiston), made a suggestion that ringers should wear some distinctive badge, with, if possible, a cross of some kind.

Continuing, Canon Girling said he would be glad to see the bell-ringers affiliated to the C.E.M.S., and he did not see that it was insuperable to form some kind of affiliation between those two bodies. Referring to the recent bellringers' dinner at Guildford, the Rector said that, according to the Press reports, there had been a good deal of criticism of the clergy. It was said that the clergy did not attend the dinners or climb the tower. Fortunately there was no criticism in Farnham on either side. 'I do climb to the belfry on certain occasions,' he said, 'and we have a very happy, united body here.'

Many of them, he went on, were keen churchmen and communicants. But he heard that it was not the same everywhere. It was said that they went in by the tower door and that that was all they saw of the church. After they had rung the bells they went off with the hope that there was somebody in church as a result of their ringing. 'I have been fortunate,' he said, 'but I do hear that there are such cases. You cannot expect the clergy to take very much interest in ringers who do that kind of thing or anything like it. I think you will recognise that when you have rung others to church there is plenty of opportunity for you to come to church also. Oh, I know there are difficulties—you get hot, I know—but there are opportunities, and I am perfectly certain if you do that the clergy will be staunch in your support.'

### THE CLERGY'S SIDE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Though this is in no way an answer to your leader of to-day's date, there is one point on the side of the clergy which should not be overlooked.

There must be many churches where, in ringing for the half-hour before service, the ringers go for a touch of 504 changes, or something of that nature. Now on a Sunday the average parson needs all the rest he can get; if he wishes to greet the ringers he has the choice of going to the church half an hour before he is due, or visiting the belfry while ringing is in progress. In the latter case the touch naturally 'goes west,' and many of the ringers will wish him elsewhere, especially if, instead of a 504, they are going for a quarter-peal. The parson will naturally notice that his presence is not welcome, and is not likely to repeat his visit.

Swanage.

J. B. M. RIDOUT.

### MINISTERS IN BELFRIES.

Sir,—I should very much like to say a word concerning a letter in 'The Ringing World' of last issue, in which Mr. Cross referred to ministers in the belfry. We have at our village a Vicar very keen on his ringers. He is not a ringer, but during the 16 months he has been here he has entered the belfry every Sunday morning and shaken hands right round the belfry. Our belfry is not on the ground level, it is approached by rather a bad staircase, but the Vicar knows where the bells and the ringers are, as some of the clergy do not.

The first New Year's Eve (1932), when the ringers were ringing out the old, he was seen approaching the belfry, and after the bells were set up he wished all a happy new year and also waited while we rang in the new. This year he was unable to do so, as we could not ring owing to illness near the tower. This, I must say, is very encouraging to the ringers, and I wish a few more clergy would do the same, for this shows we are recognised as churchworkers and not just as bell-ringers.

J. DYER.

Great Tey.

### A VICAR WHO RINGS.

Dear Sir,—May I beg a little of your space in reply to the letter in your last issue of P. Cross? I have been luckier than he, as the Vicar of Husborne Crawley (Bedfordshire) is not only waiting to greet the ringers at new year, but to 'do his bit' in helping to ring out the old and ring in the new. He also shares regularly in the Sunday service ringing.

'A HUSBORNE CRAWLEY RINGER.'

### DEATH OF AN OLD CUMBERLAND YOUTH.

We regret to record the death, which took place on Friday, January 19th, of Mr. William Western Thorne, of Ockham, Surrey, who passed away at the age of 70 years.

Mr. Thorne, who was a native of Dunster, Somerset, where he learned to ring, was at one time an active member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, with whom he rang many peals in the company of George Newson, Henry Dains and other notable men of the end of last century. Nearly 40 years ago Mr. Thorne went to live at Guildford, and later became estate carpenter on the estate of the Earl of Lovelace at Ockham. From that time most of his ringing was done with the company at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, but his peals were few and far between.

The funeral took place at Ockham on the following Tuesday, when ringers were present from S. Nicolas' and the Cathedral, Guildford, and Cobham, with the hon. general secretary of the Guildford Guild. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, J. S. Goldsmith, A. H. Pulling and S. Radford. Many fellow workmen from the estate were present and representatives of the Fire Brigade, of the committee of which Mr. Thorne was a member. Among the many wreaths were those from the Countess of Lovelace, the Fire Brigade and the ringers of S. Nicolas' and Cobham Churches.

### OLD BEEDON RINGER'S DEATH.

Chorister and bellringer at Beedon for over 50 years, Mr. Thomas Curtis passed away in his sleep on the morning of January 8th at the age of nearly 86 years. He had lived in Beedon all his life, and had served under six different vicars.

Mr. Curtis' four sons were all ringers, and Mr. H. W. Curtis is hon. secretary of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The funeral service was preceded by a requiem, celebrated at Beedon Church and attended by members of the family.

On the following Sunday a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled by O. E. Curtis 1, T. H. G. Curtis 2, Tom Curtis 3, H. T. E. Curtis 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5, J. Wakefield 6. The ringers included three sons and two grandsons of Mr. Curtis.

### NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

A combined practice was held at St. Thomas' Church, Rhyl, on Saturday, January 13th. Ringers from Bangor and Llandudno were present, also Mr. R. Sperring and Mr. P. Swindley from Chester and the local band. Good practice was put in in Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

## BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

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### PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL AND CLERICAL RINGERS.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, responding at the dinner of Bristol United Guilds to the toast of 'The Central Council, its Affiliated Societies and the Visitors,' said he was glad that the Central Council and its affiliated societies had been included in one toast, because he hoped they all realised that the Central Council was the affiliated societies and the affiliated societies were the Central Council. They were one and the same thing. If that was more generally recognised, he thought the Central Council would gain in the value of the work which it was able to do. He thanked the Bristol United Guilds for their hospitality, both in inviting them to that dinner and for the ringing they had allowed them to have. Last year he said something about the West Country striking and of the open leads which he would have enjoyed much more if they had been at hand stroke instead of at back stroke. That afternoon they had had some ringing of the kind they usually got when mixed bands joined together, and while they were ringing he looked round carefully at the ropes and found that, as far as he could judge, those who were responsible for the rough striking were those who were not handling their ropes properly. If they would spend twopence in buying the Central Council's latest publication they would see there some photographs showing how to do it and how not to do it.

On the previous Saturday he said something at Guildford about the clergy being present on such occasions as that. That morning he had received a letter from a clergyman in the Midlands who was not very pleased with what he had said, and thought he had been rather hard on what had been termed the 'dog collar fraternity.' Unfortunately last week all the clergy went away before his speech came on, and he did not have the opportunity of speaking to them, but that night he was glad to see that the clergy in that part of the world were, should he say, better mannered towards their ringers. He could say something very nice about the clergy so far as they were concerned with ringers if only there were more of them of the right sort (laughter). There had been some wonderful clerical ringers who had taken the lead in the ringing fraternity in years past, but his point was they wanted more clerical ringers, and if they wanted good clerical ringers who were good strikers, it was up to them to get them, if possible, before they put on the 'dog collar.' He suggested they should try to find out the young men who were going to the theological colleges. If they could teach them to ring before they were ordained it was likely they would be good strikers as well as good on the theoretical side.

### REPRESENTATIVES ON DIOCESAN BOARDS

Proceeding, Mr. Lewis said one of the most important sides of the work of the Council was done in connection with towers, and he wished that the Central Council was more closely in touch with the various Diocesan Advisory Committees than it is. It was unfortunately very difficult to get into touch with these bodies. They looked at the Council as self-appointed experts, 'and we,' said Mr. Lewis, 'know they are self-appointed, and we know we know much more about bells than they do, while they seem to think they know more than we do, and we don't get much further except in isolated cases.' He hoped sincerely there would soon be a competent person, either a ringer or an engineer who has some knowledge of ringing, on every diocesan advisory board; or, if not actually on the board, at least attached to it, so that he could be called in whenever a bell case had to be considered (applause).

Mr. E. A. Young responded for the affiliated societies, and thanked the B.U.R.G. for the kindly reception extended to them. He was very happy to meet again so many of the old friends he knew during the years that he was hon. secretary of the Central Council. He had the honour this year to be the reigning Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was one of the oldest ringing societies, and he believed they had in Bristol another old ringing society, the St. Stephen's Society, which, with the exception of the Westminster Abbey Society, was the oldest of the unofficial ringing societies in the kingdom. All these old ringing societies were in the habit of holding an annual feast, and the reason for them was that this social side knitted them together in a most wonderful way and enabled the members to know one another better. These reunions were all to the good, and whilst the Bristol United Guilds had that end in view and reinforced their ringing ideal with the social side, they would not want success (applause).

The Rev. M. Paterson acknowledged the toast on behalf of the visitors. He said he hoped when the Bishop came to St. Thomas' Church he would allow him (the speaker) to conduct him to the belfry to meet the ringers. To his fellow-clergy he would say this: If they did not come into very close contact with their ringers, if they would go into the ringing chamber and get to know their men, they would not get all they wanted, they might sometimes be disappointed, but they would get something that was worth having, they would get the respect and perhaps they would get the affection of their ringers who were men (applause).

### 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Mr. S. H. Wood proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and referred to recent letters which had appeared in the paper in criticism

of the Editor. These letters had been, he said, most uncalled for. It was true that the Editor was responsible for the conduct of the paper, but the control of it, he submitted, both as regards price and, to a certain extent, the contents was in the hands of the ringers as much as those of the Editor. He knew that some of them found threepence a week a lot to pay, but he believed he was right in saying that if two or three thousand more ringers would become regular subscribers the price could be reduced to twopence. They might think that two or three thousand more was a lot, but it was not really so when they considered that there were 46,000 ringers in the country, and only a very small proportion of them at present bought the only ringing paper regularly. With regard to the subject matter of the journal, Mr. Lewis, speaking at that dinner last year, made a forcible appeal to ringers to refrain from resorting to personalities. He wanted to make a similar appeal that night. If ringers wanted to write to the paper, let them stick to the point of the argument. There had often been a tendency among the writers of letters to drift away from the subject they started to write about and personalities then began to show themselves. He was afraid the last case was the worst. On that occasion someone started a discussion upon the important subject of bellringing broadcasts. They had not gone very far before they had one of Mr. Goldsmith's excellent leading articles on the subject, and thereupon came a letter criticising the Editor first of all for being on the Central Council and then for being a diocesan secretary and one or two other things. That might be the opinion of the gentleman who wrote from Wellingborough, but it was not the opinion of anyone else as far as he knew. He thought he was speaking for everyone there when he said they were very fortunate in having as Editor of their ringing paper a man who by his ringing ability and by his knowledge and experience of ringing matters had earned for himself a well-deserved place on the Central Council, had made him one of the most successful diocesan secretaries and enabled him to turn out week by week those leading articles for his paper which were a delight and an inspiration to read (applause). He wondered if they all realised what kind of a mess they would be in if they had no ringing paper? Suppose Mr. Goldsmith told them that night that for some reason or other next week's issue would be the last? Where would they be, with no peal reports, no means of knowing what was happening in any other part of the country. He wondered whether they would be having that dinner if there had been no ringing paper. They might have done, but he was very certain they would not have had so many visitors from other parts of the country as they had there that night and who they were all so pleased to welcome.

### CO-OPERATION BETWEEN RINGERS AND CLERGY.

Proceeding, Mr. Wood said the co-operation and understanding between ringers and clergy had improved out of all knowledge during the last 20 or 30 years, but he thought they would agree with him that there was room for still further considerable improvement. He thought the way seemed obvious, that the ringers must go more frequently into the churches, and the clergy, to get closer to the ringers, must come more frequently into the belfries. He would like to indicate one or two ways in which the clergy might do their part to further the cause of church bellringing. In the first place, they could do away completely with all paid ringing for Sunday services (hear, hear). He did not say that no ringing should be paid for. When private individuals wanted the bells rung for a wedding or a funeral they should pay for it; and on state and national occasions it was right that the ringers should be paid, but ringing for Sunday services should be purely voluntary. In the majority of cases up and down the country where the ringers were paid the ringing was generally not of a very high standard. On the other hand, ringers ought to get much more consideration than they often receive. Mr. Wood gave some instances in which ringers, having given their service for special ringing, had been neglected in the facilities which were given them for attending these functions, one instance being at the Redcliffe thanksgiving service, when the twelve ringers, who had been asked to ring, had to stand for 2½ hours through the service before ringing because there were no reserved seats for them. He contrasted this with the treatment of ringers in Glasgow while he was there, when, at the enthronement of the Bishop, seats for the ringers were reserved immediately behind those of the Lord Mayor and Corporation. Mr. Wood went on to appeal to the clergy to assist the ringers in their practices in noisy towers by taking steps to have annoyance to neighbours prevented by the proper blocking up of the louvres. He was sure a high percentage of city churches ought to be treated in this way, and the parochial church councils as well as the clergy ought to interest themselves in this. They ought also, he added, to impress on all parsons and church councils who contemplated any improvements with regard to bells that they had their diocesan advisers and that it would pay them to get their helpful advice.

The toast to 'The Ringing World' was cordially drunk, and Mr. Goldsmith briefly replied, thanking Mr. Wood for his kindly remarks and saying that, despite all the criticism, he knew that he had many friends throughout the country who appreciated his efforts to promote the best interests of ringing.

Mr. A. J. Blackwell proposed 'The Artistes,' whom he cordially thanked and Mr. C. Read, I.S.M., the accompanist, responded. The proceedings then ended with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

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## THE MINOR QUESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is one thing which should not be forgotten, and it is this—you cannot have the full number of true changes on any number of bells unless you finish with the same row that you started from. That is mathematical law, and no power on earth can alter it. You may juggle with words as much of you like, but if you start from rounds you cannot ring a true 720 unless you finish with rounds. That is the truth which the Exercise has always recognised from the earliest times.

I am against Mr. Banks James' draft resolution in every way. I am for seven or more true extents as the normal thing in six-bell peals, and I will support any resolution to that effect, provided that nothing is done to say that people may not ring things which are exceptions to the rule, if they think they have sufficient reason for doing so.

I will ask those people who keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720 to tear up their paper and go into the tower and ring. Would they say they had rung a true 720 of Bob Minor if the final single was not correctly made? And, if so, what is the use of that single at all?

In the Banks James' Cambridge Minor, six of the seven 720's (considered as 720's) are false. You cannot get away from it. It does not alter the fact because they are nearly true; 719 true changes are not 720 true changes, and no casuistry can make them so. I have rung a peal of Doubles without a true six-score in it and a peal of Minor without a true 720 in it. I am prepared to justify those performances, but on the right grounds.

One more point. Because some people do not like these irregular compositions is no valid reason why they should try and prevent those who do from ringing them. I protest against any attempt to stop our younger and more intellectual members from making experiments. All the progress that has been made in ringing from the very first time has been due to experiments and the breaking of rules. And these men who have produced these irregular compositions—Mr. Banks James and his brother, Mr. Pitman, my own friend Ernest Turner and the others—are intellectually the very salt of the Exercise. We may not like all their compositions, but it is to such as they that we owe all our progress.

With reference to the point raised by Mr. Banks James, the reason why we always start with rounds—I mean the actual historical reason—is because it is the natural musical sequence in which the bells are tuned and hung. The reason why we always end with rounds (if we can) is because ringing is cyclical movement of the bells, and nothing is finished until that cyclical movement is completed. These things belong to the very fundamentals of the art. The reason Mr. James gives is only a fancy one.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## A CONVERSATION AND A CHALLENGE.

Sir,—I do not wish to weary you, your readers, or myself (!) with old 'hash' which has proved to be so very useless, but in view of the fact that the letter from the Rev. E. Banks James may revive the question of 'rows and changes,' the following may be of some slight interest, coming, as it did, from one who has been so insistent on the difference between them.

At tea prior to the Middlesex (Bloomsbury) meeting last year, Mr. J. A. Trollope and I drifted into argument (much to the evident amusement of our table, let it be admitted), and apropos of seven extents containing each change seven times (mark the 'seven,' please, while remembering that each extent should be 'different'), the following conversation took place:—

G. L. J.: 'Do you assert that each change occurs seven times in a peal?'—J. A. T.: 'Certainly! It should be obvious.'

'Then a given row bobbed is the same change as that row plained?'—Yes.

'Let me be certain that I get you right. When I produce 123456 from 132465 by a bob, I ring the same change as I do when I plain 123456 from 124365?'—'Decidedly! The change occurs within the row.'

'In other words, the row is the thing that counts in "truth"?'—'It must do.'

'Why, then, may I not count the first row (of rounds)?'—'You may, if you put something different in front.'

'But I cannot; rounds must be first, by "definition."—'Exactly; and, therefore, it is not a change.'

'I see. A row in one place can be a change, and in another, not!'—'If you put it in that way, yes.'

I offer no comment here—it is another's point of view, that is all; but when next the 'Middlesex group (of Majors)' are trying to straighten matters for the Minors, there is one tiny domestic point which they might bear in mind.

The Minors are required to produce the 'backstroke' of the lead end in order to establish truth in their peals. This means that (say) Norfolk Surprise Major requires eighth's-place to be made at the lead end before it may truly be called 'Norfolk,' and some years ago the Middlesex Association rang 12 Surprise Major methods in a peal, in which was included 'Norfolk with fourth's-place bobs.' I challenge any who took part in the peal, or any of the executive of this associa-

tion, logically to prove on paper or in practice their right, definitely and irrevocably, to name 'Norfolk' the method as rung in that peal.

Mr. James' definition in your issue of January 19th covers what is many Minor ringers' idea of a peal, but why separate the Minor? Let the existing definition read, for ALL PEALS, 'to begin and end with rounds,' and Mr. James' end is attained. The controversy would die; his Cambridge remain, together with its like; and forgotten the Law James London and others, including such as THE TURNER KENT.

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

## A QUESTION.

Sir,—The Rev. E. B. James again raises the question of peals of Minor. Before the correspondence develops I would like, with your permission, to ask him one simple question.

He states in his letter no one wants the same row coming up more than once in each block of 720. Then he goes on to suggest that each performance should begin and end with rounds. I should like to ask, does he mean that rounds at the end of the performance shall be counted as one of the 5,040 rows to complete the performance? A simple answer, 'Yes' or 'No,' will be much appreciated by

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C. SEVERN.

## THE BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

Sir,—With regard to the Banks James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor, quite a number of ringers fail to understand that although the 720th change or row does not come up 123456, a true 720 is rung. By a variation of the calling of the two blocks, 30 varied 720's can be had at least. Everyone must own that the Banks James' arrangement is almost on a par with Middleton's Major.

I hope when the Central Council meet again they will acknowledge such a good arrangement as that by Mr. Banks James. Generally speaking, such things come to the Exercise only at very wide periods and should be recognised on the footing that they really are only first class. These gentlemen, who put in so much time for the benefit of ringers, would not do so if they knew it was not required. I quite agree that Mr. Banks James has put the definition very plainly and one which might be adopted.

FRANK WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

## SUGGESTED DEFINITIONS.

Sir,—As we have not usually seen alike on this question, I wish to say at once that I agree entirely with your article on 'The Minor Question.' To it I should like to add a further suggestion, that we let the Doubles question wait till the other is settled.

I should also like to say how grateful I am to the Rev. E. Banks James for the definition he has proposed. Its great advantage over all previous proposals is that it really means what it says. I do not take any definite sides on the merits of this controversy, but I am very interested in the wording of the definitions set before us. It is no use wasting our time on proposals which cannot be of use, because they are wrongly worded. For instance, I was prepared, if any of the three proposals put before the last Council meeting had been carried, to have arranged for a peal to be rung, which would have kept the letter of the definition, but have been entirely contrary to its intention.

The difficulty of a short series of independent motions such as you ask for is that no one wants to be the first to set up an Aunt Sally for everyone to knock down. However, to get going, I will make the following proposals as a start:—

1. An 'extent' is the full number of changes which can be rung on a fixed number of bells. These changes can be expressed by rows, which are written down in a certain order.

2. On seven bells a 'peal' consists of the extent of 5,040 changes, which can be expressed by 5,041 rows, of which only the first and last, being rounds, are alike.

3. On eight or more bells a block of not less than 5,000 changes makes a peal.

4. On six bells seven extents must be rung without any break or cessation of the ringing. These extents must be true, and may be complete.

5. Every peal must begin with at least two rows of rounds, and end with at least one. Therefore, the changes and rounds in a peal of seven or less bells cannot be expressed in less than 5,043 rows, or on eight or more bells by less than 5,003 rows.

6. A peal cannot claim to consist of 'complete extents' unless each begins with not less than two, and ends with not less than one row of rounds. Therefore, a peal of seven complete extents cannot be expressed by less than 5,061 rows, of which 21 are rounds.

7. In a peal which consists of several methods, systems, or principles, these may be spliced together between blocks, but not within any block. Peals which consist of extents that do not claim to be complete may have splices between blocks, but no splice may be within a block.

I do not put forward these proposals because I agree with them all, for I do not. But they say what they mean, and do so in such a way that anyone who wants to amend them, by omitting or inserting anything, can readily do so.

HERBERT DRAKE.

### THE DEATH OF MR. RICHARD E. GROVE.

#### LEADER OF FORMER KIDDERMINSTER BAND.

Many of the older generation of ringers will have learned with regret of the death, which we briefly recorded last week, of this fine old pioneer of Worcestershire change ringing, who died in a Birmingham nursing home on January 18th, following a serious operation, in his 75th year. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn their loss.

Mr. Grove joined the Kidderminster band about 1885, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) in January, 1887. He rang, in all, 127 peals, of which number he conducted 90. With the exception of five, all these peals were rung between 1887 and 1901, when, owing to his many activities, he found himself unable to spare the art the time he had hitherto given to it. During the period mentioned, the Kidderminster band, under his leadership, went from strength to strength, and entered the realms of Surprise ringing in 1892 with a peal of Superlative, the first in the county and by the association. This honour they also claimed in the following methods: Stedman Triples, Shipway Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and London Surprise Major. All these peals were rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Kidderminster, and were conducted by Mr. Grove. In fact, 76 of his peals were rung in that tower. His longest length was 7,392 Double Norwich Major at Hanbury in 1895. This was really an attempt for a long peal, but the treble man had great difficulty in keeping awake, and the bells had to be brought round. It transpired that the ringer in question had not been to bed for two days and nights.

The Burton band were one of the finest in the country at this time, but the men of Kidderminster scored over them on one occasion. A board in the tower at Coalbrookdale, Salop, records a peal of Superlative, the first in the method in the county, rung by the Kidderminster band in 1894. Mr. Grove conducted this peal from the tenor. A week or two previously the Burton men had failed in an attempt for a peal of Surprise on these bells and pronounced the tenor unpealable.

On another occasion in a peal of Double Norwich Major at Old Hill, the late Mr. A. E. Parsons and Mr. Grove were ringing the 7th and tenor respectively, but the bad 'go' of the 7th bid fair to wreck the peal. At the 5th part-end they changed places, and it was brought to a successful conclusion. Mr. Grove also composed a few peals of Double Norwich Major, and had himself called two of these.

Mr. Grove was for 30 years organist at St. Barnabas' Church, Franke, a daughter church of St. Mary's. A keen historian, his knowledge of his native town and district was considerable, and he had, in conjunction with his brother, re-written and revised the 'History of St. Mary's Church,' a brochure which his father published some years ago. Mr. Grove was a member of the Hope and Charity Lodge, 377, of Freemasons and had passed the chair.

The funeral took place at Kidderminster on Monday, January 22nd, and the bells of the Parish Church were rung fully muffled before the service and half-muffled afterwards as a tribute of respect to one who had spent so many happy hours in the tower, and who will be sadly missed in his native town.

### BARNETT MEMORIAL.

Previously acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' (July 7th, 1933), £23 2s.; F. Bennett, 3s. 6d.; Mrs. Bond and friends, 10s.; SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, 12s.; Olishehurst band, 10s.; G. Lindoff, 2s. 6d.; W. J. Jeffries, £1 1s.; Deptford (St. John's), 12s.; Erith ringers, 10s.; total to date, £27 3s.

This fund will shortly be closed, and any further donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. treasurer, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

### RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. H. M. Day's enquiry whether anyone has called seven different extents (or methods) of Surprise Minor as their first peal as conductor, Mr. S. G. Coles has beaten that by calling ten different methods for his first peal as conductor. One up for the West Country. The first peal of Stedman Doubles, 42 different six-scores, starting in four different ways, was rung by Taunton ringers, making two up for the West. J. HUNT.  
Taunton.

### BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' DINNER

(Continued from page 74.)

As usual, a most enjoyable entertainment, arranged by Mr. W. S. Emery and Mr. E. Guise, was given. A surprise item of handbell tune ringing was given by six boys of Christ Church Boys' Club (Clifton), and St. Thomas' handbell ringers also contributed to the programme. Songs, duets and monologues were rendered by Miss Marjorie Gordon, Mr. H. V. Spiller, Mr. Lawrence Tanner, Mr. H. F. Elworthy and Mr. Lloyd Williams. Clever carloons were drawn with lightning rapidity by Mr. Harold Poole, and a sketch was performed by Mr. C. Craddy and Mr. M. S. C. Emery.

### NOTICES.

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 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 15th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District will be held at Marden on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) followed by business meeting after service. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting will be held at Chertsey, February 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome, and the presence of members of the Guild from other branches will be particularly appreciated.—K. Eastes, Hon. Sec., 5a, Moring Road, Tooting Bec., S.W.17.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Service, by request of Vicar, at 5.15 p.m. Tea for members 5.45. Business meeting in Vestry Hall 7 p.m.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Aislesey on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—N. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on Saturday, February 3rd, when the unveiling of the tablet, recording the record length of Bob Major, rung there on Whit Monday last, will take place. The band will be present. Tea will be at the Bell Inn, the old ringers' house. Buses from Hertford 1.50 and 3.45, Ware 2 and 3.55. Return from Benington to Hertford 6.43 and 9.33. From Stevenage to Benington 2.23 and 4.18; return 6.30 and 9 o'clock. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea place notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Haddenham on February 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service and tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at Boston. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Scala Cafe. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The postponed meeting will be held at Feniton on Saturday, February 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5. Bells available 2 p.m. All are welcome. Application to ring at other towers in the district to be made to John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Beighton (six bells) on Saturday, February 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton. All are welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 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.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Subscriptions may be paid at this meeting. Please notify me as early as possible.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. Jones, Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 3rd. Ringing at three 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.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Torquay. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. Babbacombe bells (8) also available after 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston.—The annual meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4, tea to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

**PASTON, NORWICH.**—Ring of five (tenor 10 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.) rehung in a new frame with new fittings, and tenor recast by Gillett and Johnston. Rededication by the Rev. C. W. Kershaw, M.A., Rural Deao, on Thursday, February 8th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Refreshments will be provided at the Vicarage from 6 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. to those notifying the Vicar, the Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, M.A., by Monday, February 5th.

**COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.**—At 7 p.m., on Thursday, February 8th, the Rev. Canon E. E. Law, B.A., H.C.F., Rector of Empingham, will rededicate the ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8), Idol Lane, E.C., and St. Magnus the Martyr (10), London Bridge, 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and after tea from 6 to 7 p.m. Service in St. Clement Danes 4.15 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in St. Clement's Parish Hall 7.15 p.m. We are endeavouring to make all the above arrangements to be as bright and cheery as possible, and hope that all members will make a special effort to be there. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. F. Patchell, 3, Goodier Street, Preston, no later than Wednesday, February 7th. Next combined practice Whittle, Tuesday, February 6th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by February 7th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, February 10th. 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.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, February 10th. The bells (10, tenor 22 cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.30. Service, with address by the Vicar, at 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) in the Parish Hall at 4.30. Will members requiring tea please advise me not later than the 7th? After tea Mr. C. L. Routledge will give a lecture, assisted by handbell ringers, on 'The Art of Change Ringing.' The congregation is invited, as well as the association members, and we hope for a good attendance.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Crediton, on February 10th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by February 4th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Margaret's Hall 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, the 7th, without fail. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall to those who apply to the secretary not later than Wednesday, February 7th. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. 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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—A special joint meeting of the above branches will be held at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at 1s. per head. Please send names to Mr. Wm. Blackledge, 37, Platt Lane, Hindley, not later than Wednesday, February 7th. A special invitation is issued to all ringers and friends to this meeting.—William O. Farrimond and Peter Crook, Hon. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Haddon (five bells) on Saturday, February 10th. Usual arrangements. As the balance sheet and report for 1933 will be presented at this meeting a good attendance is hoped for. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Welford, Rugby.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Bruerne on Saturday, February 10th. Service 3 p.m.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The first annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will all those requiring tea please notify the Rev. T. N. R. Griffen, Alton Vicarage, not later than February 8th?

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 10th. Bells at 2.45. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 5, and tea in the Church Hall at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. If you require tea, inform me, if possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON.**—The practice will be held on Friday at 7.30 p.m. until further notice.—F. W. Goodfellow, Tower Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea by invitation of the wardens, and meeting to follow. Special method, London Surprise Minor. For tea notify me before Wednesday, February 7th. All welcome.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool, 16.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Fitzgerald, Osborne Cottage, Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, by Tuesday, 6th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, February 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the New Inn at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at South Anston, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. C. F. Fowler, North Anston, Sheffield, before February 8th. All ringers are welcome.—R. W. Stockdale and M. Revill, Hon. Secs.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who notify me by Wednesday, February 7th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory on Saturday, February 10th. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Peckleton bells available later.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, February 10th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers are welcome.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ichester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Montacute on Saturday, February 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. For tea, please notify by Tuesday, February 6th.—F. Farrant, Martock.

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 8.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Sun Hotel, 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors kindly advise the district secretary.—H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February, 10th. City bells available 3.30 to 8.30. Service All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea Booth Hall 5.15 p.m. Please notify me not later than February 6th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern.—Royston, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. The Vicar, Rev. F. F. Greig, has offered tea to those who notify me not later than February 7th. This is always a good meeting. Make it a better one!—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Please notify the Rev. H. Bonsey, The Vicarage, Chieveley, near Newbury, by Wednesday, February 7th, for tea. Good bus services from Newbury, five miles.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at Lydney. Bells (8) open at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Church Room. Business meeting after. All ringers who require tea must let me know not later than Wednesday, February 7th.—Oliver Thomas, Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles (8), on Saturday, February 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each, to all who NOTIFY Mr. F. Colley, 7, Park Road, Monton, Eccles, note later than Wednesday, February 14th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec., 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, February 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Please notify the undersigned not later than February 14th if you intend coming. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Institute afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

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**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 10th. Further details in due course.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

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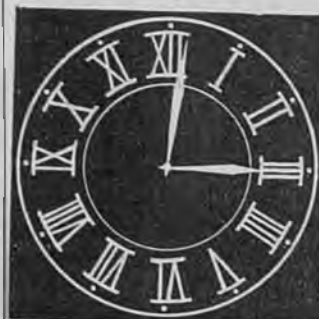
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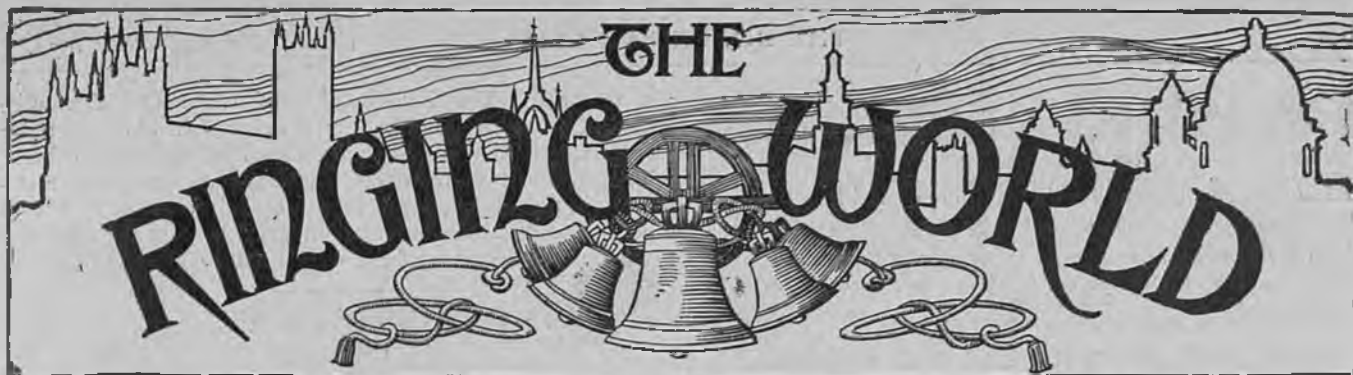
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At intervals during the past thirty or forty years efforts have been made to induce the railway companies to offer cheap facilities to ringers travelling for bell ringing purposes, but without result until now. At long last, however, some concession has been obtained and we are happy to be able to say that the result, limited though it is, has been achieved largely through the efforts of the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and the Traffic Manager's Office of the Southern Railway. The subject had become dormant when an opportunity for reopening it occurred, and negotiations were at once entered into. The outcome is a concession to parties of not less than four travelling for the purpose of bell ringing, be it meetings, peals, or any other bell ringing occasion.

Many years ago members of the Sussex County Association were able to travel at a cheap rate when going by rail to a meeting or for a peal, but when the Central Council, in its early days, endeavoured to get these facilities extended to ringers in all parts of the country, the Railway Clearing House refused the application, and, as a result, the existing concessions were abolished. Time and again the Council and others endeavoured to reopen the question, always with the same result. In view of the facilities which were granted to certain other organised bodies, it has been a little inexplicable why ringers could not enjoy what one might term 'most favoured treatment.' There was probably more than one cause. First, perhaps, there was failure on the part of the railway companies to appreciate the amount of travelling done by ringers and, formerly, the indifference created by monopoly. Modern competition in transport, however, has caused the companies to make a much wider bid for traffic and, having been satisfied that ringers really do quite a considerable amount of travelling in the aggregate, they have now thought it worth while to try to induce more of this traffic to take the railway route.

In the case which was put before the companies, cheap facilities for individual ringers was sought. That end has not yet been fully attained, but it is something gained that at last ringers' claims to special treatment have been recognised. We doubt very much, however, whether the concessions now granted will bring any considerable new access of ringers to the railway. Ringers seldom travel as many as four together from one place, although they may meet in one centre anything from half a dozen to a hundred or more strong. The real way to draw ringers back to railway travel would be to extend the facilities to individuals, with the necessary safeguard to the companies as to the bona-fides of the traveller and

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Tenor 18 cwt.

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HAROLD DYSON ... .. 2	HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 7
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On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7
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On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

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## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

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JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... .. 9
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Composed by JOHN CARTER.  
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## LEEDS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	LOTHER J. HONESS ... .. 7
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 3	FREDERICK S. MACEY ... .. 8
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 9
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 5	GEORGE KENWARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.  
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*CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 3	JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 7
DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.  
\* First peal in the method.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebb,

## A PEAL OF SPICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 2	*JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 3	GEORGE HORWOOD ... .. 7
RICHARD A. POST ... .. 4	*FRANCIS E. MAY ... .. Tenor

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Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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

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A birthday peal for W. E. Taylor, born 1871.

## WESTERHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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Holt's TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*ALFRED J. NICHOLAS ... Treble	FREDERICK J. NICHOLAS ... 5
ERNEST H. EVEREST ... .. 2	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 6
†WILLIAM COSGROVE, JUN. 3	HENRY SELBY ... .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 4	*WILLIAM COSGROVE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

\* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Selby and the conductor.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS MARIE SYKES ... Treble	VERNON SYKES ... .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 2	HARRY MELLOR ... .. 6
IVAN KAY ... .. 3	ROBERT GREENWOOD ... .. 7
ARTHUR TAYLOR ... .. 4	HERBERT BARLOW ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT GREENWOOD.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the curate at the above church, who has accepted a living at Nasdale, Cumberland. It was also a birthday peal to Miss M. Sykes and a welcome peal to the new curate (the Rev. H. Fletcher).

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## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN LEE ... .. Treble	*JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 5
*MISS E. E. HARDCASTLE ... 2	FRANK JENNINGS ... .. 6
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... .. 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7
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Composed by J. COX.

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## LONDON.

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Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
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JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
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On Wednesday, January 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT THOMAS ... Treble	GEORGE W. SLACK ... .. 5
G. WILFRED SLACK ... .. 2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD ... 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... .. 7
WILLIAM O. TALBOT ... .. 4	HAROLD WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. C. F. Tetley, who died on Thursday, January 25th, in his 86th year. The deceased was a former Lord Mayor of Leeds and a great philanthropist. He was also for 53 years Vicar's warden of St. Michael's, Headingley, and a liberal benefactor of the church.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in D.

MISS HELEN W. BILL ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5
* HENRY TOOKE ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First attempt for a peal in the method 'inside'.

## WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY ... Treble	JOHN DENNER ... 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER ... 2	ALFRED POTTER, JUN. ... 6
BENJAMIN WELSBY ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
ALFRED POTTER, SEN. ... 4	RICHARD WM. MOSELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Master James Bolton, son of J. and R. E. Bolton, of Albany, U.S.A. (two former ringers of Walkden), and grandson of the fourth ringer.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 30, 1934, in Three Hours.

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON. BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND  
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN H. CHERRMAN ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIES ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the latter methods being rung in alternate courses. First 'spliced' peal as conductor.

## BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT ... Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 2	CECIL NICE ... 6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, January 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt.

* RONALD ALLSOP ... Treble	JOHN H. PAULSON ... 5
BERNARD ALLSOP ... 2	* WILLIAM ALEXANDER ... 6
WILLIAM E. BLAGSHAW ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
† JOHN H. MCGREGOR ... 4	ROBERT ALLSOP ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

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## SOUTH SHIELDS.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(WEDNESDAY GUILD).

On Wednesday, January 31, 1934, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES E. SCOTT ... Treble	JOSEPH ROBERTSON ... 5
EDWARD A. HERN ... 2	* WILLIAM ROBSON ... 6
* THOMAS BURNS ... 3	* ARTHUR COOK ... 7
* JACK SCOTT ... 4	WILLIAM SHERATON ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by E. A. HERN.

\* First peal of Kent Major. First peal rung by the Wednesday Guild.

## HODDESDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK E. PERRIN ... Treble	GEORGE GRAY ... 5
CYRIL A. HOUSE ... 2	STANLEY CARTER ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	* CHARLES DELL ... 7
GEORGE MAXIM ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* First peal.

## LEYTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5
CHARLES R. HUGHES ... 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
ERNEST W. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRED W. CRIPPS ... Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 2	KEITH HART ... 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 3	FRED W. ROGERS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	JOHN DEARLOVE ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE.

## MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BRKS &amp; SOUTH BRKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
THOMAS GOODCHILD ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
ROLAND BIGGS ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	EDWARD R. MACKRILL ... 5
PERCY E. JONES ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... 6
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
† WALTER D. JOLLEY ... 4	* ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART,		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
MISS ANNIE POTTER ... ..	Treble	MATTHEWS BERRY ... ..	5
ALFRED POTTER, SEN. ... ..	2	JOHN DENNER ... ..	6
BENJAMIN WELSEY ... ..	3	JOHN POTTER ... ..	7
ALFRED POTTER, JUN. ... ..	4	WILFRED GRUNDY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. R. Ryder, warden of the above church, who was buried in the churchyard in the afternoon.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

BEN. THORPE ... ..	Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... ..	5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... ..	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... ..	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... ..	3	WILFRED MOSS ... ..	7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. JENKINS.  
First peal of Surprise Major in the tower. Rung on the Holmes octave. Arranged and rung as a 25th birthday compliment to Miss Ida Wolstencroft, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft, who entertained the band after the peal, for which kindly act appreciation was expressed by members of the company.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.	
ALFRED ROWLEY ... ..	Treble	THOMAS CATTELL ... ..	5
NORMAN G. LEECH ... ..	2	NORMAN H. WILLIAMS ... ..	6
*REGINALD MORTON ... ..	3	CYRIL WINWOOD ... ..	7
GEORGE HUGHES ... ..	4	† WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WINWOOD.

\* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal. This is the first peal of Stedman rung by the local company. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second and Master Geoffrey Rowley, grandson of the treble ringer.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... ..		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... ..	Treble	*KEITH W. WHITTELL ... ..	5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... ..	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... ..	6
SHELFORD SPARROW ... ..	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ..	7
	4	HARRY D. LISTER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' The 400th peal by the conductor, who has now 'completed the circle' in this tower since the restoration of the bells in 1932.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 extents, ten callings.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
H. BAYLISS ... ..	Treble	C. HAYTINGS ... ..	4
W. SPRAGG ... ..	2	† C. HALLING ... ..	5
* J. NIBBLITT ... ..	3	J. HILL ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. HAYTINGS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. All are local Sunday service ringers, and this is the first peal ever rung at this church by an entirely local band.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
JOHN T. BIMSON ... ..	Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... ..	4
EDWIN JENNINGS ... ..	2	JOHN T. MILLER ... ..	5
* E. ROGER MARTIN ... ..	3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
ARTHUR C. WILSON ... ..	Treble	MANSFIELD GINN ... ..	4
KITTY WILLERS ... ..	2	FRANK HARPER ... ..	5
CHARLES W. COOK ... ..	3	ROBERT HOWARD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

SHIRE NEWTON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.		Tenor 7½ cwt.	
* W. C. BRYANT ... ..	Treble	A. L. JAMES ... ..	4
R. G. JAMES ... ..	2	J. H. GWILLIAM ... ..	5
T. W. MARSH ... ..	3	C. W. PHILLIPS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. H. GWILLIAM.

\* First peal.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being a 720 each of Hull Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 7½ cwt.	
* WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... ..	Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... ..	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... ..	2	* EDWARD J. BRAGG ... ..	5
WILLIAM WELLING ... ..	3	ALAN R. PINK ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in seven methods.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.		Tenor 9 cwt. 5 qr.	
REGINALD J. SCOTT ... ..	Treble	JAMES G. NEWMAN ... ..	4
FREDERICK VICEERS ... ..	2	* EDWARD BELSON ... ..	5
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... ..	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. S. Ward and Miss C. Philpot.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

(1) Double Oxford, Hereward and Oxford Bob; (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (3) Double Court and Court Bob; (4) St. Clement's; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob.		Tenor 7 cwt.	
DAVID MCKAY ... ..	Treble	HARRY J. SANGER ... ..	4
JOHN E. METCALFE ... ..	2	* RONALD G. BECK ... ..	5
FREDERICK TARGETT ... ..	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* 100th peal for the association.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## ENCOURAGEMENT OF BEGINNERS.

### A DISTRICT SECRETARY'S POINTED CRITICISM.

Some plain language was contained in the annual report presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) to the meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday week. After referring to the numerical strength of the district, which had 162 ringing members and 15 honorary members (a decrease on the year of four and five respectively), Mr. Grover said: The wave of enthusiasm on which the Guild was launched is, I am afraid, now no more than a ripple, and the time has come when we are faced with the problem of how to retain the interest of existing members as well as that of obtaining new ones. We have over 160 ringing members, and I often wonder what percentage of them have not rung a peal of any kind and for what reason. I intend to send a circular letter to all towers in the district asking for information as to how many members have not rung a peal, if any of them would like to ring one and what method is required, and then to bring the matter up for discussion at the next district meeting. I hope that every efficient ringer in the Guild will support this scheme if my circular meets with sufficient response. Perhaps if we can encourage some of our less keen members to take some interest in peal ringing it will be easier to obtain a welcome at towers where peal ringing is either barred or looked upon with disfavour.

### SOME OF THE CAUSES.

There are many causes which contribute to the lack of interest in the Guild's activities. In many parishes there are one or two keen ringers who have reached the stage when they are able to ring practically any method after a glance at the diagram, and who are yet forced by the lack of effort on the part of other members to continue ringing Sunday after Sunday the same method. These same ringers often attend practice and service ringing at some inconvenience to themselves, only to find that some other member of the band on whose attendance they were relying has without notice decided that he has another engagement. Can these ringers be blamed for losing heart and interest and either staying away altogether or going outside their own parish for ringing? Often, going further afield regularly is impossible, and gradually keen men are lost to the Exercise.

I do not wish to suggest, however, that lack of desire to make progress is always a home-grown product in every lukewarm ringer. Sometimes perhaps a thoughtless snub by some experienced ringer checks a beginner's keenness at the start. Sometimes I think that perhaps beginners do not always get that tactful encouragement which is necessary to bring out the best in them, especially if they happen to be a little sensitive. I must say that somehow or other the impression has grown on me that very often expert ringers adopt a somewhat intolerant and scornful attitude towards their less able brethren, and although they may have good cause for feeling goaded into this attitude, it is certainly more of a hindrance than a help so far as the work of the Guild is concerned.

### ONLY ONE 'FIRST PEAL.'

In endeavouring to build up efficient bands for Sunday service ringing throughout the district we must always bear in mind that but a very small percentage of the ringers can reasonably be expected to become conductors of spliced Surprise Major, and that the best that can be hoped for with most of them is that they will become fairly proficient in one or two of the simpler methods, and, what is more important, keen to perform to the best of their ability and regular in their attendance at practice and service ringing.

You will have heard from the District Ringing Master that 20 peals were rung in this district during last year, and out of all the ringers taking part there was only one who actually rang his first peal. In face of this it would be idle to say in this report that everything in the garden is lovely. I do not for one moment suggest that all our able ringers should spend the whole of their peal ringing time in struggling to get first pealers through elementary methods, but figures are figures, towers are hard to obtain for peals and there must be a remedy.

I appreciate that star performances by experts are as necessary in the Exercise as they are in all other services, hobbies, sport, art and pastimes. They set the standard which all others should strive to attain, and their brilliant performances are the driving force and centre of life of the whole Exercise. Without them change ringing would soon cease to exist, for no moderate or indifferent supporters ever kept a cause on its feet for long, as they are the type who need continually to be stirred, encouraged, led and even pushed by leaders. On the other hand, real experts form only a small part of the membership of the Exercise, and the subscriptions, interest and support of the great army of average ringers and worse-than-that-ringers are essential if the Exercise and change ringing are to survive, and your average man and those who are not up to average do not thrive long on kicks and neglect.

In concluding, may I ask all members in future to construe that object of the Guild which refers to the promotion of ringing for divine service as referring not merely to their own particular tower, but to every tower in the diocese, may I ask those who do not try or trouble to do so in future and those who do not to expect too much.

Mr. Grover also reported that since the last annual meeting the district has lost by death three founder members, namely, Messrs. C.

Burdock, W. Charman and W. Thorne, and one life hon. member (Mr. N. Vincent), and the meeting stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

The report led to some discussion. Mr. A. H. Pulling agreed with the secretary's suggestion, but said it was out of the question to make up a band of beginners and expect to ring a decent peal. It would only be an annoyance to the public.

Major Hesse, the Master, endorsed this view, and said that a lot of harm was done by bad ringing, which ought to be avoided at all costs.

Mr. R. Whittington said it did not follow that because a man had not rung a peal he was a bad striker, and Mr. Grover pointed out that he had not suggested that a band should be made up of a number of beginners.

### RECRUITS MUST COME FROM THE CHURCH.

Referring to the problem of maintaining interest in ringing, Mr. Hazelden said it was due partly to the attraction of other things which had made it impossible for ringers to be recruited from the sources from which they had for generations been recruited. The cinemas, football and cricket had absorbed that. If village ringing, in the sense of a sacred art, was going to continue, it had got to be continued by churchpeople. If the congregations wanted ringing they had got to go up among the ringers and help do it. In their own congregation he saw lusty young people who let other people sing the Mass for them and ring the bells for them, and they never thought of taking a turn.

Capt. H. J. Cann believed if towers were opened to let people go up and see what happened they might be interested to help. The clergy could also help. He appealed to some of the Guildford experts to go out into the villages and give them a hand.

The election of district officers resulted as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. W. R. Melville; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden; hon. members' representative on Guild Executive Committee, Mr. S. Marshall; ringing members on Executive Committee, Capt. H. J. Cann and Mr. S. Petter. It was agreed to hold district meetings during the year at Womersley and Bramley (joint), Dunsfold and Hascombe (joint), Godalming, Shere and Pirbright.

The balance sheet showed total receipts of £41 3s., including £15 16s. in members' subscriptions, and a balance in hand of £21 3s. 6d., as compared with a balance brought forward of £22 12s. 6d.—Mr. C. Hazelden, proposing the adoption of the accounts, suggested that with such a credit balance they could give assistance that would enable the district meetings to be more representative.—The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Ringing Master (Mr. W. Melville) reported that 20 peals had been rung in the district in 1933, of which Mr. A. H. Pulling conducted 16.

### FARNHAM DISTRICT.

At the annual meeting of the Farnham District, the retiring officers were re-elected, and the hon. secretary reported that there was a total membership of 144, compared with 155 in the previous year, the falling off in paid-up ringing members being eight and hon. members three. Each of the eleven towers in the district had a satisfactory Guild membership, Aldershot leading the way with 21 and Farnham coming next with 18 members.

In the course of his report, the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasled) stated that 'Ringing for Sunday services throughout the district has been fairly well maintained during the year, and I would ask members of the towers in this district to endeavour to do their best to keep this up during this year, and try to get enough ringers in attendance to man all the bells every Sunday, when possible to do so; also to pay particular attention to the striking, so as to get the best for service ringing on all occasions. I would also urge upon the captains of towers to try to get learners to take up the art, so as to keep the bands up to full strength. I know from experience that it is difficult to get recruits, but perseverance in this respect generally meets with success.'

A discussion took place regarding a proposed bell restoration fund for the district, to be formed by collections at the district meetings. The suggestion, however, found little favour, and it was agreed not to proceed with the fund.

Meetings in 1934 will be held at Frensham, Bagshot, Farnborough, Yorktown, Bentley and Aldershot, with the annual meeting in 1935 at Farnham.

Mr. G. Bryant (Farnham) and Mrs. Sargeant (Aldershot) were elected ringing members, and Capt. A. H. D. Stedman (Farnham) hon. member.

The meeting, which was attended by over 50 members and friends from 13 towers, concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

### 1,300 720's.

Mr. F. Warrington, of Over, Cambs, rang more than 130 720's during the year 1933, making a total of 1,300 720's since January 1st, 1925. About 400 have been Cambridge, others include London, Ipswich, York, Wells, Netherseale, Primrose, Annab's, Norwich, Beverley, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, College Exercise, Plain Bob, College Single and Little Bob spliced with various other methods.

**PIRBRIGHT BELLS RESTORED.****A SURREY PEAL REHUNG.**

In spite of a series of setbacks, a fitting conclusion to the restoration of the bells at Purbright, Surrey, was marked at the rededication of the peal on Wednesday evening, January 24th.

Owing to an unfortunate accident, already reported in these columns, the respected Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Canon G. F. Coleridge) was prevented from performing the dedication ceremony, and the Archdeacon of Surrey (the Ven. L. E. Blackburne) kindly consented to act as a substitute. Dense fog rendered it impossible for the Archdeacon to get nearer than three miles from the village at the appointed hour, and as the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Kelsey) was confined to bed, a 'third reserve' was found in the Rev. C. E. Sylvester, priest-in-charge at Knaphill.

The congregation was not so large as anticipated, owing to the bad weather, but, nevertheless, over a hundred parishioners and visitors, including ringers from Worplesdon and Aldershot, attended the service.

During the singing of the Magnificat, the crossbearer, officiant, churchwardens, Capt. Cann (secretary for the restoration scheme) and Mr. R. H. Dove (representative of Messrs. Taylor and Co., the bellfounders) proceeded to the tower, where the people's warden (Mr. J. R. Lempiere) handed the ropes to the officiant requesting him to dedicate the restored bells, bell frame and chiming apparatus. After the dedication the ropes were delivered to the Vicar's warden (Mr. W. Thompson) with the customary injunctions as to the use of the bells.

A board recording a peal of Minor on these bells in 1930 under the auspices of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was then dedicated, after which a few rounds were rung by the following ringers: D. Cheeseman 1, J. Avenall 2, F. W. Martin 3, J. Thompson 4, S. Petter 5, F. Cherryman 6. The ringer of the fifth was from Worplesdon and the remainder members of the local band.

The Rev. C. E. Sylvester spoke a few well-chosen words in his address, which might be regarded as a model of brevity, forcefulness and suitability to the occasion.

As the congregation dispersed a short touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the opening band, after which the bells were at the disposal of the visitors, and made good use of in various methods of Doubles and Minor, while many people availed themselves of the opportunity to see the bells in motion.

Through the efforts of Capt. Cann, one of the local ringers, the six bells, which were presented to the church in 1822 by Mr. H. W. H. R. Halsey, have been retuned and equipped with entirely new fittings

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**SIXTY-ONE YEARS A COLLEGE YOUTH.**

At St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, for evensong on Sunday, Jan. 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a compliment to Mr. Tom Benney on completing 61 years as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, C. J. Choost 3, E. W. Green 4, E. Brett 5, T. Langdon 6, A. C. Darnell 7, W. R. Dennis 8.

**TRIBUTE TO ORGANIST.**

At the Parish Church, Burbage, Leicestershire, on January 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the late Miss A. Lord, 48 years organist at the church. The ringers were: W. J. Clough 1, J. E. Clough 2, G. Dudley 3, P. A. Aldham 4, P. C. J. Rawson 5, E. Rivitt 6, F. Measures (conductor) 7, E. Campton 8. First quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt.

**VETERAN NORTHAMPTON RINGER'S DEATH.**

We regret to record the death of a veteran Northampton ringer, Mr. John Mackay, who passed away on January 3rd at the age of 77 years. A member of the St. Edmund's band, he had been a regular Sunday service ringer since the bells were hung in 1884 up to the time of his illness. He rang in the first peal on the bells in 1886, conducted by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook. He was a life member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and regularly attended the ringing meetings in town and country.

He was buried on Saturday, January 6th, at Kingsthorpe. The funeral service was held at St. Edmund's Church, conducted by the Rev. N. Husbands, and his ringing friends who attended were Messrs. F. Wilford, F. Harris, F. Hopper, W. Fairey, sen., A. Deacon, G. Parker, W. Parker, J. Dean, W. Ashby, J. J. Taylor, T. Law, T. Tebbutt, A. Robinson, V. York, W. Lane and Mr. A. Maule, an old friend. The bearers were Messrs. J. Metherall, H. England, T. Haynes and W. Gammage, of the St. Edmund's band, and as the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of deep respect.

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throughout. The old oak frame, which was damaging the walls, has been reinforced by heavy angle plates, and a stout girder and a series of steel corbels have been inserted under the main beams. The chiming apparatus has also been overhauled. The bells are now a sweet-toned peal, and the improvement in tune as well as the smooth running of the bells is an indication that the Loughborough firm has acquitted itself in its usual manner. The weight of the tenor is 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret that the great demands upon our space compel us to hold over many reports of meetings, peals, etc., as well as letters to the Editor, the latter including correspondence on the Minor question and Woodbridge bells. We assure our contributors that, as far as possible, their reports and letters will appear in due course.

After a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Shirenewton, Monmouthshire, on Saturday week, the conductor, Mr. J. H. Gwilliam, was presented with a chiming clock in oak case as an appreciation of his kind efforts in teaching change ringing to the band, who are all local men. This was the second 'local' peal. To the regret of all, Mr. Gwilliam is leaving the district.

The first peal of Surprise Major in the famous tower of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, was rung last Saturday. It was conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins, who has now rung peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus in the tower.

Mr. J. W. Pemberton, a well-known Birmingham ringer, has attained a high position in Freemasonry, having been installed as Worshipful Master of the 'Birchfield' Lodge. Alderman J. S. Pritchett attended in his official capacity of Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and had the pleasure of giving the 'Address to the chair.'

Mr. Pemberton is a master in a Sutton Coldfield Council School, and among those present at the installation banquet was the Mayor of that town, as evidence of the esteem in which he is held in his profession.

The attention of members of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild is called to the notice of the annual meeting to be held at Spalding to-morrow. The notice was inadvertently omitted from our last issue.

## ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

THE SIXTH TWELVE-BELL SURPRISE METHOD RUNG AT IPSWICH.

The first peal of Rochester Surprise Maximus, rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, on Saturday, February 3rd, makes the sixth Surprise method now rung on twelve bells, the first peal of all of them having been rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Mr. W. P. Garrett taking part in all these 'firsts.' The veteran, Mr. R. Brundie, rang in the five first peals of Surprise Maximus. The methods are Cambridge and New Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and now Rochester.

It is the writer's opinion that Rochester is the most musical Surprise method yet extended to Maximus, the big bells double dodging home just before bobs at M and just after the W's, the composition being arranged with numerous calls in these positions. The method was sent to the conductor by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. G. E. S.

## CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—It was interesting to read what Mr. Bankes James writes in favour of longer clapper flights. I hope some the founders will experiment with these, if they have not already done so, and will let us know the results. But let me suggest to your readers that it will be necessary to be careful in experimenting with old bells, for only this week I have been told of a bell that has been cracked through fitting too long a clapper to it. HERBERT DRAKE.

## LONG FLIGHT DOES NOT GIVE BEST RESULT.

Sir,—The chief reason for the use of a long clapper flight was to make the bell clapper up the right side. Secondly, in early days there was a mania for making bells talk as loudly as possible, which is not the best means of getting the best result out of a bell outside the tower. A lighter blow makes the bell sound infinitely better.

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

## SHERBORNE'S NEW TENOR.

SCHOOLBOYS HAUL IT TO THE ABBEY.

The new tenor for Sherborne Abbey arrived recently at the old Dorset town, and its conveyance from the railway station to the church was an event of stirring interest. Through streets thronged with townsfolk the bell was hauled on a trolley by ten senior boys from each of the seven houses of Sherborne School, and, on arrival at the Abbey, Major J. H. B. Hesse, who has been instrumental in raising funds from Old Sherbornians for recasting the bell, gave a brief history of the bell, for a news film.

The original bell came from Tournai, in France, and was the gift of Cardinal Wolsey. This bell was broken and in 1637 was recast by Purdue, of Clossworth. This bell was also cracked and in 1865 was again recast by Warners, of London, but in view of the tuning of the other seven of the ring, it could not be made into a satisfactory cover, and a new bell was decided on. The old bell was 45 cwt. 1 qr.; the new bell is 46 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb.

## CHEAP RAILWAY TICKETS FOR RINGERS CONCESSIONS BY THE COMPANIES.

As a result of negotiations begun between the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and the Commercial Department of the Traffic Manager's Office of the Southern Railway Co., concessions to ringers travelling for bell ringing purposes have been secured. What has been gained is not all that had been hoped for, but there is some satisfaction in knowing, after many previous attempts by the Central Council and others have failed, that at last the railway companies have recognised the claims of ringers to special treatment.

It will be seen, from the particulars set out in the letter below, that the facilities offered are only applicable to ringers travelling in parties of four or more, but they relate to all ringing occasions, and fares are quoted for day trips, trips extending from not more than three days before to not more than three days after the event (Sunday not counted), and to single journeys from point to point while on a tour.

The following letter, received by the Editor of 'The Ringing World' from the Traffic Manager's Office of the Southern Railway, sets out the concessions and conditions as far as the Southern Railway is concerned, but exactly similar arrangements apply to all railways coming under the Railway Clearing House:—

Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to inform you the railway companies are prepared to accord reduced fare facilities, as under, in favour of church bellringers when journeying by rail in parties of not fewer than four persons for the purpose of bellringing, or to attend meetings:—

Availability of tickets.	Basis of fare.
One day.	Ordinary single fare for the double journey, plus fractions of 1d.
3 days before to 3 days after event (Sunday not counted).	Ordinary single fare and one-third for the double journey, plus fractions of 3d.
Period of tour.	Two-thirds the ordinary single fare from point to point.

These facilities will be obtainable upon application being made by the organiser of each party either to the stationmaster at the point from which the journey will be commenced, or to the nearest divisional superintendent, whose offices are in London, Southampton and Exeter.

So far as the journeys of individual ringers are concerned, advantage will, it is hoped, be taken of the extensive programme of advertised cheap day ticket facilities at about the ordinary single fare for the double journey, or of our summer ticket bookings (minimum fare 5s. third class).

As you probably know, the return availability of the summer tickets is one calendar month, which will admit of the use of such tickets for day or week-end journeys, if so desired.

Yours faithfully,

G. H. WHEELER, Commercial Assistant.

All we would add is that we hope as many ringers as possible will take advantage of the facilities offered so that the railway companies may know that their concessions are appreciated.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at Market Lavington on Saturday, February 3rd, when the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their first monthly meeting of the year. This excellent peal of six (tenor 14 cwt. in G) was available from 3 p.m., good use being made of them. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Sturton), Miss Eldridge being the organist and Mr. O. D. Heginbotham reading the lesson. Tea followed in the Institute, to which 31 sat down.

The usual short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. The Chairman struck a sad note in referring to the passing of Mr. Harry Harding, of North Bradley, stating he had been a member of the Guild since 1904, and was a staunch supporter. The members stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute to his memory.

The usual routine business having been transacted, the meeting closed with a kindly speech from the Vicar, and with touches of Triples and Caters on handbells. The members then returned to the tower. During the evening Potterne bells were available, a few members calling there on their return journey. Methods were rung up to Cambridge Surprise, and representatives attended from the following towers: Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom), Rowde, Melksham, Bradford, Holt, Westbury, Warminster, Bratton, Longbridge, Deverill, Market Lavington. Mr. J. Ralph made the journey from Kington Magna, and, considering the inclement weather, this was no mean effort on his part.

## POLICE MEET IN BIRMINGHAM.

### NATIONAL GUILD HAS AN ENJOYABLE DAY.

The annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers was held at Birmingham on Saturday, January 27th, when members present included Supt. F. R. Williams (Manchester City, Guild President), Supt. C. P. Hilton (Surrey Constabulary) and Chief Inspector Bottrill (Metropolitan Police). The following forces were also represented: Metropolitan, Manchester City, Bolton Borough, Leicester City, Leicester County, Surrey County, Reigate Borough, Northampton County, Cardiff City, Hertford County and members of the local force.

The visitors arrived in the city about 11 a.m. Several were escorted to the St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral, where the eight bells were soon set in motion to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman, while others were taken to the Cathedral and rang Stedman and Grandsire on the ten bells there.

At 1 o'clock all gathered together in the Social Club Room at the new police headquarters for luncheon. Here the company was honoured by the presence of Sir Charles H. Rafter, K.B.E., Chief Constable of Birmingham, and Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of St. Martin's Guild. An excellent luncheon was served by the club staff and everyone appeared to be feeling pleased with himself in the midst of such palatial surroundings.

After the luncheon, the Guild President (Supt. Williams) thanked Sir Charles H. Rafter for his attendance, which, he said, was very much appreciated by the Guild members; also for granting his permission for the visitors to be accommodated at the new headquarters and for placing the social club room at the disposal of the Guild for the day. The President also thanked Alderman J. S. Pritchett for being present on this occasion, and said that the future prospects of the Guild would continue to be bright whilst such distinguished visitors showed sufficient interest to attend the gatherings.

Sir Charles H. Rafter gave the Guild a hearty welcome and was interested to know that members of so many forces met together in connection with a hobby such as bellringing. He made reference to two peals of bells which he said he could hear whilst sitting at home, and it was apparent that, although not a ringer, he understood the qualities of bells. He offered the visitors the opportunity and privilege of inspecting the new headquarters during the day.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett also welcomed the Guild to the city of Birmingham, and said it was some time since he rang a peal, but he hoped to make an attempt for a peal in the very near future.

The business meeting then followed. Supt. F. R. Williams was re-elected president and Chief Inspector W. Bottrill vice-president. Det.-Sgt. H. J. Poole, Leicester City, was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Sgt. H. G. Jenney guild auditor. The members of the committee were re-elected en bloc.

The party were then conveyed by buses to Selly Oak Church, where a ring on the light peal of eight bells was very much enjoyed. The ringing here included Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major. The belfry is of limited capacity, and no little amusement was caused by the dividing of the party into first and second teams. The latter, comprised of youth, included Birmingham's youngster (Mr. James George).

King's Norton was the next church to be visited, and the ringing on these beautiful peal of ten bells included Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A return was then made to Birmingham and a visit made to St. Martin's Church. The famous Bull Ring peal of twelve bells was soon set going to some Stedman Cinques. Here the party was joined by some of the St. Martin's notable ringers, including the Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker. At the conclusion of the ringing a return was made to the Police Social Club Room for the social evening.

A very fine programme had been arranged, and the items included songs by Miss Hilda Conner, accompanied at the piano by her brother, Mr. P. Conner; songs by Mr. Wilfred Birchall, who also sang a duet with ex-Sgt. W. Dowding; songs by P.C. Ireland, Birmingham, with P.C. Baldwin at the piano; a cornet solo by P.C. Cook, the soloist of the Birmingham City Police Band (often heard on the wireless); and tunes on the handbells by the Leicester City Police ringers. P.C. Robinson, of Manchester City, entertained with his variety items, and Mr. Harry Withers played a 'touch' of Double Norwich on the piano. A course of Stedman Cinques was also rung on the handbells.

Sgt. Jenney, of Leicester City, thanked Chief Supt. Bennett, Birmingham City, for the able assistance he had given to ex-Sgt. Dowding in carrying out the arrangements for such a splendid day, and the latter is to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements.

This opportunity is taken to thank all those who helped in any way to make the meeting such a success.

Will members kindly note that the subscriptions for 1934 are now due.

## A DATE TOUCH.

On Sunday, January 28th, at St. Wilfred's Church, Calverley, Yorks, for evening service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,934 changes) was rung: S. Wheatley 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, F. Scrimshaw 4, S. Keighley 5, G. Thompson 6, G. Scott 7, W. Lee 8. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of F. Scrimshaw. This was the longest length by the ringers of the 4th and 7th.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## PROPOSALS TO CUT DOWN EXPENDITURE.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, January 27th, at Earl Shilton. A large company of members and friends assembled, and the fine ring of eight was in constant demand throughout the afternoon and evening. Recently a great improvement has been made in the ringing chamber, which is a floor half-way up the tower arch. Hitherto a simple rail and curtain sufficed to enclose the room, but now a finely carved oak screen has been erected over the lower portion of the arch to the memory of the late Miss Lane, sister of Mr. 'Dick' Lane, the well-known bellhanger of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. (who was present during the afternoon), while above the ringers worked, and gathered funds to erect, a fine oak partition with carved bosses. This gives extra room in the belfry, while the fine ceiling above has been repainted and varnished, and several other improvements completed.

The committee met at 3.15 p.m. in the schools and deliberated at length on questions of finance and new rules. To lessen the cost of printing the annual report, it was decided to omit the figures of new compositions, which have hitherto been printed at the end of each year's performances. These will be kept by the secretary in a special book. Conductors must send in these figures as before, when rung.

The new president (Mr. Wm. Willson) took the chair at both committee and general meetings in the absence of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who is 'wintering' in a more tropical climate! Both Mr. Willson and the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White) spoke at length on the financial position of the association, and put forward schemes for cutting heavy expenditure, such as rail fares to committeemen, honorariums to local secretaries, peal booking fees, etc.

All were discussed freely, and certain amendments in proposed new rules will cover some of these items.

Mr. Colin Harrison read over the proposed new rules one by one, and various amendments suggested were noted. Full copies are being prepared and will be distributed to each district for discussion and final passing at the annual meeting in Leicester on Easter Monday.

Tea was served in the schools at 5 p.m., and 67 members and friends sat down, which is a very good sign of the Hinckley District's 'liveliness.'

In opening the meeting, Mr. Willson greeted with pleasure such a good assembly, and especially noted the presence of the Rector of Earl Shilton (the Rev. E. Pillifant), the Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) and the Rev. Groome-Merrilees (Theddingworth). Also Mr. 'Sammy' Coe, the famous Leicestershire cricketer, and a member of the local ringers; Mr. 'Dick' Lane, of Loughborough Foundry, also a native of Shilton. The Chairman spoke of the financial position of the association, and remarked that the past year was not a success in that direction. Many members were in arrears, and he called on them to redeem their honour and pay up to date.

The general hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris) read a list of new members proposed since the last meeting, viz., 25 ringing, four re-joined, one life, nine honorary. These were duly elected.

At this juncture the Rector of Earl Shilton spoke of his pleasure in welcoming the association, and trusted all would enjoy the bells and the social intercourse of the gathering. His own ringers, under the leadership of Mr. George Newton, were most keen, and had done much hard work for the church restoration funds. They also possessed a fine handbell band, who were in many ways famous in the district, and had 'broadcasted.'

Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. J. H. Dean were chosen to audit the accounts.

The vice-president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local committee and the ladies for looking after them so well. This was supported by the Rev. R. P. Farrow.

While the members retired for tower and handbell ringing, the committee again assembled to finish off the question of new rules, and did not 'break-up' until after 7 p.m.

## NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT TO CONTINUE MONTHLY MEETINGS.

A very successful meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Beeston on Saturday, January 20th, when about 25 members and friends turned up. In the absence of Mr. W. E. White (vice-president), Mr. F. S. Price was voted to the chair, and carried out his duties very successfully. The hon. secretary read a letter of thanks from Mrs. H. R. M. Hutt to the Midland Counties Association for their letter of sympathy in the loss of her husband (the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt, of Bingham). A letter was also read from the vice-president saying he was very sorry he was not able to attend, as he had other arrangements made, and also saying there was not sufficient notice given. The members, however, considered that the secretary had given quite sufficient notice, but added that he be advised to notify vice-president and committees by card also.

The retiring officers were duly re-elected, viz.: Mr. W. E. White, vice-president; Mr. F. C. Gobey, hon. secretary; Miss S. B. Thompson and Mr. J. W. Kirton, committee.

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## ANOTHER BELL FOR NASH.

## NEW TREBLE FOR MONMOUTHSHIRE TOWER.

The Vicar of Nash, near Newport, Mon. (the Rev. R. F. R. Thomas), was able last week to tell those present at a supper, held in the Schoolroom, to which the bellringers were invited, that he hoped by Easter that at last Nash would have its ring of six bells.

One hundred and fifteen years ago five bells were installed in the tower, and until just over a year ago these had developed into a deplorable condition. Messrs. Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the restoration, which included a new frame, with provision for another bell, the recasting of the tenor and retuning of the other bells. The order has now been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to install the additional bell.

The hon. secretary of the Diocesan Guild (Mr. J. W. Jones) was entrusted with the toast of 'The Nash Bellringers,' and mentioned that for the past 40 years he had tried to get the local authorities to make it a ring of six. No practical effort was ever made until the arrival of the present Vicar. The tower had a call change band and would make no progress. Mr. Ken Knowles is now teaching a young band, who are making good progress in change ringing, and with the additional bell well soon, it is believed, make further advance. The Schoolroom was well filled and the proceeds go to the bell fund.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## SWINDON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch took place at Christ Church, Swindon, on January 27th, with a fairly good attendance. The ten bells were available during the afternoon, and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Gilbert).

Tea was kindly provided gratis by the ladies of the parish. Mr. E. Bishop presided at the business meeting, and the officers elected for the ensuing year were: Chairman, Mr. W. Trueman; branch secretary, Mr. W. B. Kynaston.

Good use was made of the bells during the evening, everyone being obliged with methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal. Members and visitors were present from Rodbourne Cheney, Stratton, Blunsdon, Purton, Abingdon, Faringdon, Shrivenham, Wootton Bassett and the two Swindon towers.

## MEMORIAL TOUCHES.

Halifax Parish Church ringers rang a half-muffled 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor for the evening service on January 28th in memory of Jean B. Hargreaves, daughter of the 3rd ringer, who died on January 17th, aged 16 years: F. Bullough 1, W. Rushworth 2, L. Hargreaves 3, W. Edwards 4, R. Squires (conductor) 5, C. Sill 6.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth, on Monday evening, January 22nd, a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Frederick Pestell, who was interred in Great Yarmouth Cemetery that day. Mr. Pestell, who passed away on January 18th, was a member of the St. Nicholas' company for about 23 years, but gave up ringing some six or seven years ago. He was 57 years of age. The touch was rung by J. Kenyon 1, A. Moy 2, J. Harwood 3, Wm. Lee 4, A. King 5, R. Topley 6, E. Kett (conductor) 7, H. Jerry 8.

At the Church of St. George, Dunster, Somerset, on Tuesday evening, January 23rd, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the local band as a last token of respect for Mr. W. Thorne, of Ockham, Surrey, who commenced his ringing at Dunster Church, and who was the last surviving member of the band who rang the first peal on the bells 50 years ago. Mr. Thorne was a life member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild: A. R. Tudball 1, W. Hoyle 2, W. G. Dibble 3, H. W. Lloyd 4, T. A. Elliott 5, J. Farmer (conductor) 6, J. J. Hole 7, W. Owen 8.

On Tuesday, January 30th, at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, 1,083 Stedman Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. A. Paddon Smith, who was interred earlier in the day at the Parish Church, West Bromwich, the funeral service having taken place at St. James', Handsworth. St. Martin's Guild was represented by the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Walker) and Mr. J. George. The ringers were J. Neal 1, M. Melville 2, S. C. Holloway 3, F. E. Haynes 4, P. C. Tuffery 5, A. Short 6, E. Mansell 7, G. H. Yendall 8, W. Davies 9, A. Walker (conductor) 10.

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A discussion took place as to whether the meetings were to be carried on monthly or quarterly only, and it was decided to continue with the monthly meetings, the February meeting to be held at Bulwell on the 10th if arrangements could be made.

Mr. Moss and Mr. J. Hobbs thanked the officers for their past services, and also urged that more ringers should take 'The Ringing World.' If so they would get more ringers turn up at the meetings than they had that day.

Miss Thompson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. F. S. Price for taking the chair, and this closed the meeting.

The bells were then kept going in various methods until 8.30 p.m.

### A FORTHCOMING DORSET CELEBRATION. RINGERS TO MEET AT MILTON ABBEY.

The ringers of Dorset are to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of the foundation of Milton Abbey by a meeting at this beauty spot on June 9th. The Bishop of Salisbury has promised to attend and one of the largest gatherings of its kind is expected. The proposal is the outcome of a suggestion by Mr. G. H. Jennings, hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch, and the other Dorset branches have given the scheme their enthusiastic support.

At the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch on January 20th, Mr. Jennings' scheme was endorsed. The meeting followed service in St. Peter's Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. A. W. Markby) officiated, and tea in St. Peter's Institute.

There were present the branch chairman (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant, Wool), Mr. G. T. White, Dorchester (Ringing Master), Mr. H. A. Runyard (Deputy Ringing Master), Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary and treasurer), the Mayor of Dorchester (Mr. R. N. Dawes), the Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Markby, Miss L. R. Clapcott (Bradford Peverell), the Rev. D. F. Slemeck (Vicar of Charmminster and Rural Dean), the Revs. A. F. Godley (Bradford Peverell), A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey) and C. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), and representatives from the North Dorset and West Dorset branches.

The Chairman expressed sympathy with Mr. Jennings in the recent loss of his wife, and the meeting stood in silence as a tribute.

After welcoming the Preston band, who attended the meeting as members of the branch for the first time, the Chairman gave a short address, in which he referred to bellringing as fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £14 2s. 8d., an increase of £2 over 1932. With invested money the branch has in hand £22. Including £12 16s. brought in from the previous year and more than £10 in ordinary members' fees, receipts totalled £33 15s. Expenditure amounted to £19 12s.

In his annual report the hon. secretary said that during 1933 the members took advantage of the glorious summer, and attendances at the meetings were well maintained. It was a pleasure to report that a new treble had been added to the existing peal of five at Charmminster. There was, however, much restoration work to be done in some of the towers. The membership, which showed an increase of 15, had reached the record total of 160. Change ringing was progressing and special mention was made of the enthusiastic band at Buckland Newton. Mr. Jennings spoke of an unfortunate accident which befell one of the oldest members, Mr. W. Williams, captain of West Lulworth band, who fell down the belfry steps and received injuries from which he would never recover.

Mention was also made of the passing of Mr. T. Page, who greatly assisted the advancement of change ringing in the district. Mr. W. Shute was thanked for his able instruction in change ringing.

It was decided that quarterly meetings should be held at Charmminster, Fordington St. George and Bradford Peverell. The branch will also hold a meeting during the year at Wool in honour of the chairman. Other by-meeting places were left to the secretary.

Mr. Jennings, referring to the proposed Milton Abbey meeting, stated that he had written to the Bishop, who had replied that he would be delighted to attend the gathering. Mr. Jennings hoped that 400 bellringers would be present at the meeting, and, as Milton Abbey House was at present unfurnished, they would be able to obtain the use of the large hall for tea.

The Master said he was very pleased to see how the other branches had received the proposal, and with a little careful management the meeting would be a success. He was sure it would help the Guild and augur well for the prosperity of bellringing.

The Mayor of Dorchester, who is a vice-president of the branch, congratulated the members on the excellent report. In the past he had had his heart in bellringing and had heard every report for 22 or 23 years. The branch was going on splendidly, and, welcoming Preston, he said they wanted all the towers in the district to join the branch. It would be of great advantage to them to do so.

The Master thanked the Rector of St. Peter's for the welcome he had given them, the women of the Church Council who had provided tea, and Mr. J. W. Smith and Mr. J. T. Godwin for local arrangements. Thanks were also extended to the Rev. D. F. Slemeck for the use of the bells at Charmminster and the Rev. R. G. Bartelot for the use of the Fordington bells.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips, a former chairman, replied to a welcome on behalf of himself, and Messrs. Townsend and Davis from East Dorset.

The officials of the branch were re-elected.

### PHILIP SADLER AND SAMUEL SLATER. NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK HISTORIANS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was grieved to read in your issue of January 26th that Mr. Philip Sadler had passed away. I thought he was older than you say. He learned to ring at an early age, and rang his first peal at Kenninghall, December 7th, 1880. He also took part in the first peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus rung at St. Peter Mancroft. Also in the first two peals ever rung on the largest eight bells in that tower. In 1888 he visited Ipswich and rang on June 8th a peal of Stedman Cinques, and the next day rang in a peal of Double Norwich at Coddennham. On March 12th, 1891, he appears as a conductor, calling Hubbard's 5,039 Grandsire Caters at Mancroft. He does not appear, however, to have been a great peal ringer. He joined the Norwich Association at its commencement.

His chief delight was in collecting information concerning bygone Norwich ringers, and whatever he found concerning them he sent to the late Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, to copy. This he did, and so wrote up a 'History of Change Ringing in Norfolk,' giving all the peals that had been rung, together with the callings, up to the time of the formation of the Norwich Association. Whatever these two used to find in the old newspapers and books they used to send to one another (and I have seen some large MSS. go to and fro). Samuel Slater used to copy all the information he could get on to foolscap paper, and so wrote up a 'History of Change Ringing in Suffolk.' If Mr. Sadler did so, it is interesting; if not, it is a pity. These two used to reckon that the time they had taken up equalled three days a week for a whole year! After Samuel Slater's death, Mr. Sadler used to write to me, and I have sent him pieces of history.

Samuel Slater used to say he had a record of all peals rung in Norfolk and Suffolk before the Norwich Association was formed, and I have given copies of entries in these MSS. from time to time. I am glad a muffled touch was rung at Mancroft for him. May he rest in peace. I personally know him and have probably read more of his papers than anyone else.

THEODORE E. SLATER.

Glemsford, Suffolk.

### WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT'S GOOD BALANCE.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at St. Mary's, Portsea, on Saturday, January 20th, when members were present from Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Fareham, Gosport, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's) Ryde, Soberton, Swanmore, Wickham and visitors from Brighton and Shoreham. The Guild's service was held in the South Chapel, conducted by the Vicar (Canon G. C. L. Lunt), who gave a very inspiring address. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Institute, and the subsequent business meeting was presided over by the district chairman (the Rev. E. Banks James).

The secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted, the accounts showing a balance of £12 18s. 11d. on the year's working.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, the Rev. E. Banks James; hon. secretary, Mr. A. T. Greenwood; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds; representatives on committee, Messrs. F. S. Bayley and R. J. Stone.

Seventeen new ringing members were elected, including the Soberton band.

It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Fareham in January, and the first quarterly meeting at Havant on April 21st.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, after which the members again visited the belfry.

The fine peal of eight were much in demand, and methods rung ranged from rounds to Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major. Several members remained in the belfry for further handbell ringing, and touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters were rung.

### SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS. DIFFICULTIES OF SERVICE RINGING.

The annual meeting of the Society of Cambridge Youths was held in Great St. Mary's vestry on January 16th, the Rev. E. C. Essex (president) taking the chair. One of the chief discussions was the ringing of the bells for Sunday services. The President expressed a very earnest wish that this should be carried out, but, owing to several members having other duties to perform on Sundays, it is very difficult to get a company for Sunday service ringing.

The society meet for practice each Monday at 7.30, and ring for Sunday evening service on the first and third Sundays in the month when possible.

The society pledges itself to give a hearty welcome to all ringers, and special arrangements will be made when possible for ringing parties visiting the district.

The Master (Mr. C. W. Smith) was again re-elected, and Mr. A. T. Chenery was elected secretary. Their addresses are: Mr. C. W. Smith, 36, Rathmore Road, and Mr. A. T. Chenery, 162, Victoria Road. Correspondence can be addressed to either.

It would be a great day for this very old society if resident ringers of Cambridgeshire could once again ring a twelve-bell peal on this grand ring, as it has been done by local men for over one hundred and forty years.

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## BRIXHAM BELLS.

### AUGMENTATION OF RING TO AN OCTAVE. A NOTABLE INSCRIPTION.

Brixham is known historically as the place where William, Prince of Orange, who became King of England, landed on November 5th, 1688; archaeologically for its caves; popularly for its trawlers; and in hymnody as having had as first Vicar of its lower ecclesiastical parish the Rev. H. F. Lyte, author of 'Abide with me.' It now deserves to be held in remembrance campanologically, as the place where the unusual, if not entirely unique, idea has been carried out of putting on a bell the names of the captain and vice-captain of the local band of ringers in recognition, not of bell donation, but of services rendered as churchworkers. Of course, names of ringers, accompanied sometimes by those of their wives, who have given bells and, perhaps, of bands who have been responsible for the cost of new bells or recasting old ones, are inscribed here and there, but the Brixham procedure, so far as I know, is something original. If there is any previous instance, I hope the information will be forthcoming. Incidentally, it may be noted that the earliest bell in Devon bearing a churchwarden's name is at Kingston—1601, Thomas Shipherd.

#### WILLIAM OF ORANGE AND BELLS.

The old Parish Church of St. Mary, Higher Brixham, has had a peal of six for more than a century. It is on record, indeed, the bells were ringing at Brixham as Prince William approached the harbour and as he landed, and that the omen was regarded as particularly good. But the bells then heard were ringing to mark the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot, on the same date in 1605, and the anniversary is so observed at present. The bells heard in 1688 could not have been any of those in existence now at St. Mary's, for none is earlier than 1767. Some of the metal of bells that were in use in 1688 may, however, have been incorporated in present units, and to that extent there is, perhaps, a link between the different periods. Lower Brixham Church did not come into being until about 1820.

For some time a scheme has been afoot for increasing the six at St. Mary's to eight, and its completion was signalled on January 24th last, when the Bishop of Exeter (the Rt. Rev. W. F. Surtees, D.D.), Suffragan to the Bishop of Exeter (Lord William Cecil), dedicated two new bells and rededicated the old six, five of which had been tuned and one (the former 5th and present 7th) recast.

The new bells are inscribed with the founders' names as well as the following:—

- Treble.—In memoriam. Joseph R. and Elizabeth Elliott. F. J. S. Morris, Vicar; W. J. Lemin, J. Jackson, Churchwardens. 1935.
- 2.—God be merciful unto us and bless us. Christopher Elliott, Churchwarden, 1896 to 1926. F. J. S. Morris, Vicar, 1933.
- 7.—Laus Deo. F. J. S. Morris, Vicar. W. J. Lemin, J. Jackson, Churchwardens. A. C. Taylor, Captain. W. G. Hayden, vice-captain. Recast 1933.

The new treble was provided under the will of Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott, in memory of her husband, Mr. Joseph R. Elliott; the second was given by Mr. Christopher Elliott. The initials, I. P. and C. P., on the present 3rd are those of members of the Pennington family and Devon bellfounders. Many names appear on the sixth. They are those of church officers and donors who contributed to the recasting of the bell in 1897. 'Churston and Barbara Churston' mean Lord and Lady Churston. The previous bell (old fourth) bore the names of 'Mr. Joseph Nowell and John Edwards' as churchwardens, and of Thomas Bilbie as founder in 1774. The name P. Varwell, which is among those on this bell, is interesting. There is a tradition that William of Orange was carried ashore at Brixham by a native named Varwell, who showed such subsequent enthusiasm by heading the Prince's cavalcade to Exeter that he was given a pass to the new monarch's court and liberally rewarded. The old fifth, now recast as the seventh, had the following inscription: 'Mr. Clarke Thomas Edwards, churchwardens. "Ye people all that hear me ring, be faithful to your God and King." W. P. 1824.'

W. P. were the initials of William Pannell, who succeeded Thomas Bilbie at the Cullompton foundry.

#### WHAT RINGERS HAVE DONE.

The ringers of Brixham, enthusiastic and mostly young, have shown great interest in the care of the old bells and of the belfry, and have done what they could to forward the restoration scheme. The belfry is one of the largest in Devon, and the tower, a massive structure over 100ft. high, could easily accommodate twelve bells. But eight bells are quite enough for present purposes, and one hopes that Brixham will escape the difficulty experienced by so many companies in Devon and elsewhere of not having sufficient ringers at all times for Sunday services and practice purposes. They have been steadily acquiring the art of change ringing during the past few years, and it would be a gratifying thing if they could have reserved to them the honour of ringing the first peal on the octave. Some time may elapse before they could score one, but opportunity and success would be a great encouragement. The belfry itself is a tribute to the self-denying efforts of Messrs. Taylor and Hayden (captain and vice-captain) and the other ringers, for they have boarded and decorated it and secured the appointments that should be always available for the comfort and convenience of every hand. Mr. Taylor is in the building trade, and

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## THE DEVON GUILD.

### BRANCH MEETING AT TORQUAY.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at St. Marychurch, Torquay, on Saturday, and was moderately attended, ringers being present from Exeter, Buckfastleigh, Torquay, Paignton and Brixham.

The bells were raised soon after 3 o'clock and were kept going to the Grandsire method during the afternoon as well as in rounds for the less experienced ones.

A service in church was conducted by the Rev. Hobbs, one of the assistant priests, who, in the course of an able address, heartily welcomed the visitors.

Tea followed at Tudor's Cafe, the subsequent business meeting being presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman). The secretary's report, which was adopted, showed that three meetings had been held during the past year, and that Sunday service ringing had been maintained. Two members had been lost through death, and two peals had been rung, at Wolborough and Kingsteignton respectively, with the help of members from other branches.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and E. J. Hole were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and both suitably returned thanks.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of St. Marychurch and All Saints', Babbacombe, for the use of their bells, to the Rev. Hobbs for taking the service, and to the accompanist for her help.

For the next meeting, which will take place on Saturday, May 5th, Collaton was chosen, and it was also decided to visit Paignton.

The visitors afterwards adjourned to All Saints', Babbacombe, where touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Stedman Doubles were rung.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**SOUTHGATE.**—On Sunday, January 28th, for morning service, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. R. Glascock 1, D. Pink (first quarter-peal of Surprise) 2, G. Plater 3, N. A. Tomlinson 4, W. Bowden 5, S. Wade 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Armstrong (conductor) 1, G. Plater 2, W. Bowden 3, D. Ovington 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, A. G. Crane 8.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, January 7th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: R. B. King 1, W. Paul 2, H. L. Long 3, A. Dix 4, S. Hoare 5, C. Leman 6, F. Crook 7, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

**MERTHAM, SURREY.**—For morning service, on Sunday, November 19th, 720 Bob Minor: \*S. Martin 1, H. B. Wells 2, \*G. Welch 3, \*A. Cheareley 4, J. Batters 5, C. Killick (conductor) 6. \* First 720 in the method.

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that fact explains a good deal, but the excellent results obtained reflect credit on all.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who supplied the new bells and framing and did the recasting and tuning, were represented at the service by Mr. S. R. Roper. A crowded congregation included about 40 ringers; had the service been in the afternoon instead of the evening it is probable that many more might have been present. After the dedication the local band, under Mr. Taylor, rang some rounds on the eight, and when the service was over a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was accomplished by a mixed band from Plymouth, Plympton St. Maurice, Upton, Torquay, Paignton and Croydon, with Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth) as conductor. All who handled the bells were delighted with their 'go' and tone, and particularly appreciated the excellence of the splice; in fact, the whole job commanded hearty approval. The Bishop of Crediton, besides dedicating the bells, carried out the blessing of a children's corner in the church. This circumstance is a reminder that on Easter Day all available parts of the church are decorated by Sunday School children with bunches of primroses. In 1926 there were 18,626 bunches!

The church itself dates from about the end of the 14th century. There was a previous Norman building, and, possibly, a Saxon church was constructed before that on the same site. Among the treasures are two pre-Reformation copes made into an altar cloth. His Majesty the King is patron of the living.

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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 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 15th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8), Idol Lane, E.C., and St. Magnus the Martyr (10), London Bridge, 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and after tea from 6 to 7 p.m. Service in St. Clement Danes 4.15 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting and handbell contest in St. Clement's Parish Hall 7.15 p.m. We are endeavouring to make all the above arrangements to be as bright and cheery as possible, and hope that all members will make a special effort to be there. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, February 10th. 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.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, February 10th. The bells (10, tenor 22 cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.30. Service, with address by the Vicar, at 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) in the Parish Hall at 4.30. After tea Mr. C. L. Routledge will give a lecture, assisted by handbell ringers, on 'The Art of Change Ringing.' The congregation is invited, as well as the association members, and we hope for a good attendance. — Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Crediton, on February 10th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Margaret's Hall 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall. 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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—A special joint meeting of the above branches will be held at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A. Tea at 5.15 p.m. A special invitation is issued to all ringers and friends to this meeting.—William O. Farrimond and Peter Crook, Hon. Secs.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The first annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 10th. Bells at 2.45. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 5, and tea in the Church Hall at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. If you require tea, inform me, if possible.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea by invitation of the wardens, and meeting to follow. Special method, London Surprise Minor. All welcome.—Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool, 16.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, February 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the New Inn at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 8.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Sun Hotel, 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors kindly advise the district secretary.—H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory on Saturday, February 10th. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Peckleton bells available later.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, February 10th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers are welcome.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Iichester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Montacute on Saturday, February 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on February 10th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., price 1s.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at South Anston, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—R. W. Stockdale and M. Revill, Hon. Secs.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 10th. City bells available 3.30 to 8.30. Service All Saints' 4.30 p.m. Tea Booth Hall 5.15 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern.—Royston, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. The Vicar, Rev. F. F. Greig, has offered tea. This is always a good meeting. Make it a better one!—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Good bus services from Newbury, five miles.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the guild will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at Withyham. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Norwich to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 10th. St. Miles' from 3 p.m., St. Peter Mancroft 4 to 5 p.m. Tea at Curat House 5.15 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All heartily welcome. Just a card for tea, please.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles (8), on Saturday, February 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each, to all who NOTIFY Mr. F. Colley, 7, Park Road, Monton, Eccles, note later than Wednesday, February 14th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec., 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, February 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Please notify the undersigned not later than February 14th if you intend coming. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Institute afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome, but *please* notify for tea! Rounds to London and Spliced Surprise.—Nolan Golden, Norwich.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Billinge, 4, Longton Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Feb. 14th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Hinton Waldrist on Saturday, Feb. 17. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify by Feb. 14th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Asfordby (near Melton Mowbray) (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify the undersigned for tea by Wednesday previous. All ringers are invited. Please make an effort to attend, and make a real good meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) available at 2.15 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 15th. All ringers welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Please advise for tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Upton St. Leonards on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. (1s. per head). Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than the 14th inst.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Chartham on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, by special invitation of the Rector. Frequent bus service from Coventry.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Tea, 4.30, at the Tower Café. Service 5.15. Ringing after. All those requiring tea kindly advise me by Feb. 20th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Feb. 24th. All Saints' bells from 3 o'clock. Service, St. Michael's, 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage, near St. Michael's. All welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 21st.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. B. Beavan, the spring meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea at the Dog Inn. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Please notify me before Thursday, Feb. 22nd.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Buxted on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at The Ramblers, 5.15 p.m.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24th, at Kempsey. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and business meeting afterwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 21st.—Fred Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 24th. 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.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 46th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 3rd, 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 St. Chad's R.C. (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, 11.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—During the indisposition of the branch secretary, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., it is requested that correspondence and subscriptions be sent to Mr. E. F. Honour, 21, Bunker's Hill, near Bletchington, Oxford.

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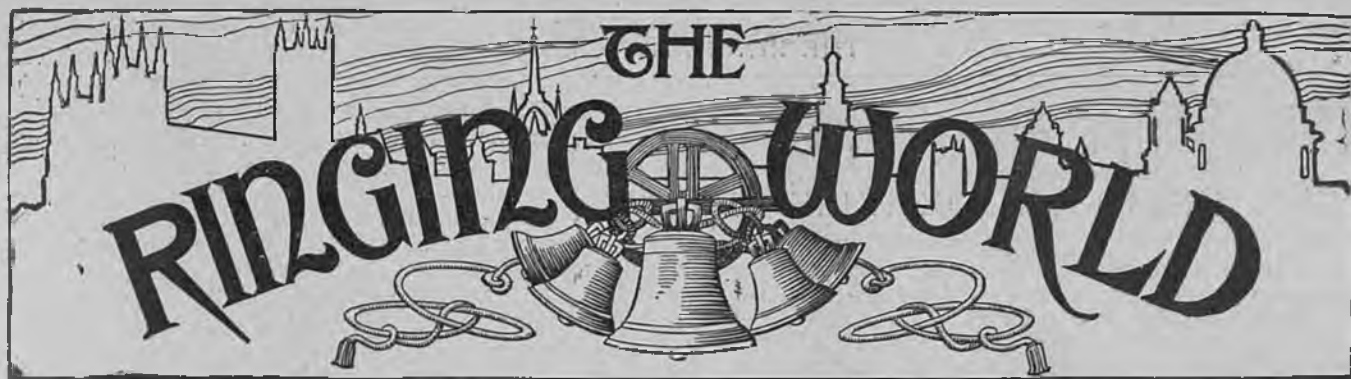
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## THE FUTURE MATTERS MOST.

One of the district secretaries of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has recently done some plain talking in his annual report—which was quoted in our last issue—to the members of his own district, to the expert, the average and the worse-than-average ringers alike. With a nice appreciation of the difficulties at both ends of the scale, the district secretary uttered some timely advice. He concluded by reminding the members, as a whole, that the object of the Guild, which aims at the promotion of ringing for divine service, refers not merely to their own particular tower, but to every tower in the diocese, and asking those who do not try or trouble to do so in future, and those who do, not to expect too much. Mr. Grover's report was, of course, directed to the members of his own particular district, but it must have been read with interest by ringers everywhere and, we hope, will have given many food for reflection. The conditions which the district secretary feels are prevailing in the Guildford District are by no means confined to that area. There are many parts of the country where, even though the feeling may not be so plainly expressed, there is something lacking in the co-ordination of effort between the 'expert' and the 'worse-than-average' ringer, not merely in regard to peal ringing, but in the essential object of the promotion of the art in its relation to service ringing. It is, perhaps, difficult for either to appreciate the standpoint of the other, but it is necessary that they should do so if the best interests of ringing are to be served. Mr. Grover puts the two sides very aptly. The experts set the standard, he says, and without them change ringing would soon cease to exist, for no moderate or indifferent supporters ever kept a cause on its feet for long; they need continually to be stirred, encouraged, led and even pushed by the leaders. But the experts form only a small part of the Exercise, and the interest and support of the great army of average and less-than-average ringers are essential if the Exercise and change ringing are to survive, and your average man and those who are not up to average do not thrive long on kicks and neglect.

All this is very true, and it is, in the long run, the future of the art and the Exercise that matters most. The individual successes of to-day are of only passing moment; one hundred peals in spliced methods by the same band would be valueless to-morrow, even interest would vanish. The first peal in some simple method by a local band is of much greater enduring worth, for it is likely to establish more firmly the art of ringing in that centre. It is, we believe, a true, although perhaps an unpalatable, fact that we are, most of us, at bottom a little selfish over our ringing—the less-than-average man

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as well as the expert, for there can be selfishness in indifference as well as in enthusiasm. Would there not be a more general lifting of the standard of ringing if there were a little more mixing of the 'classes'? The experts would not lose their skill, but the rest would eventually profit by it. And when we speak of 'mixing' we do not refer only to the help which experts are prepared to give when they attend a ringing meeting. We feel quite sure that a vast amount of good would be done if those who are really expert and are constantly ringing peals would sacrifice, say, one peal a month and spend the time—divided, perhaps, into two parties—in giving a definite course of training to a couple of struggling bands where the ringers are most of them less-than-average. By this we do not mean dragging an indifferent lot of ringers through a peal, but giving them practical help and demonstration in striking their bells and the mastery of method ringing. Such services would, we believe, well repay the effort in increasing the standard of ringing, generally furthering the interests of the Exercise, and helping to ensure the future of the art.

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JOHN G. AMES ... .. 2	JOHN CERRY ... .. 8
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 9
GEORGE LADD ... .. 4	C. JAMES SUMMERFIELD ... 10
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5	*HARRY NICHOLS ... .. 11
*JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 6	*CYRIL R. BURRELL ... Tenor

Arranged by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF **STEDMAN CINQUES**, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 42½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... .. 9
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Tenor 24 cwt.

*CECIL J. MAYER ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	ARTHUR BUNN ... .. 8
GEORGE CHESTER ... .. 3	HERBERT LOWMAN ... .. 9
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 10
STANFORD J. WOLFE ... 5	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 11
*TOM PYLE ... .. 6	C. BERT CHESTER ... Tenor

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NORWICH.

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*On Tuesday, February 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5100 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 8
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 9
†WALTER R. FARROW ... 5	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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(WESTERN BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, February 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE HINTON ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 8
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 4	FRED HAWKES ... 9
DENIS R. MORRIS ... 5	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... Treble	EDWARD G. TALBOT ... 6
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 7
TONY PRICE ... 3	FRANK JENNINGS ... 8
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THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BOTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WM. STEEL ... Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD ... 2	ALBERT WORMALD ... 6
*JOSHUA WORMALD ... 3	PERCY MASSAM ... 7
†FRANK ELLIS ... 4	*HARRY HOMER ... Tenor

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**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

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JOHN CHARNOCK ... 2	†ARTHUR HATCH ... 6
*THOMAS HARRISON ... 3	*FRANCIS MCCARTHY ... 7
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Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire ... 3	
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Bro. A. S. DOWNES, Benevolence Lodge, 4035 ... 5	
Bro. THOMAS H. REEVES, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 ... 6	
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Tenor 20 cwt.

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*WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 2	JOSEPH WAGHORN ... 6
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†EDWARD K. KING ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH WAGHORN

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. This peal contains the full combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Denton Jones on the completion of 35 years as incumbent, the longest at All Hallows'.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, February 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
CECIL NICE ... 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 7
ROBERT SWIFT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method by the association and by all the band.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, February 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
HENRY TOOKE ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First spliced peal by ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and 7th and on the bells. First peal of its kind by the association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, February 6, 1934, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW ... Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 5
HAROLD WALMSLEY ... 2	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	PETER NUTTALL ... Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. Treble	*GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 2	SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 6
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

\* First peal of Treble Bob. William T. Beeson's 250th peal.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

REEVES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... .. Treble	JOSEPH PACK ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	CHARLES ALLESOP ... .. 6
DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. 3	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 7
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

First peal of Major as conductor.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Treble	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 5
GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 2	*EDWARD J. BRAGG ... .. 6
MISS SYBILLA DAVIS ... .. 3	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method 'inside'. Leonard Stilwell has now 'circled' this tower three times.

## CARDIFF.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BULLOCK ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 2	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 6
FREDERICK E. STONE ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

## BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of the Sacred Heart,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY C. INGRAM ... .. Treble	†J. CHARLES HANBY ... .. 5
*JOSEPH SWIFT ... .. 2	*JOHN H. FOSTER ... .. 6
†JOHN BRADMONT ... .. 3	FRANK WHITESIDE ... .. 7
†JOHN HANBY ... .. 4	CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. First peal of Major on the bells, which have been in the church tower since 1911.

## BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

T. HILL ... .. Treble	D. T. MATKIN ... .. 5
F. BROTHERTON ... .. 2	E. T. SMITH ... .. 6
W. FISHER ... .. 3	B. HORTON ... .. 7
J. C. ADAMS ... .. 4	J. S. EASTWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. S. EASTWOOD.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the treble.

## STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... .. Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 6
*HUGH C. BURT ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER

\* First peal in an even-bell method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ... .. Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung to celebrate the christening of Judith, the first grandchild of Sir Charles Bennett, chairman of the above branch.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 3	EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. WOOD ... .. 4	GEORGE WOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. William Spice has now 'completed the circle' three times in this tower.

## LINTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 6
NELSON BOURNE ... .. 3	LUTHER HONEST ... .. 7
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

## WILLESDEN.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE ... .. Treble	*JOHN H. BOYHAM ... .. 5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 7
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 4	HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

**A PEAL OF IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

* AMOS SMART ... .. Treble	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 2	† HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 6
* ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. 3	JAMES T. WARD ... .. 7
* CLIFFTON NEWMAN ... .. 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIFLER. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD HODSON ... .. Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 5
* FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... 2	JAMES WILLIAMS ... .. 6
ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
MATTHEW R. BUCKLEY ... 4	† JOHN WEATHERHILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. This peal was rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. C. J. Watkins, to the above church. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th belong to Stoke-on-Trent, the rest being the local company. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
* H. RICHARD FRENCH ... 2	† EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 6
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 3	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

\* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Superlative with 'inside' bell.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 28, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720's of St. Clement's Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. Treble	* THOMAS SMITH ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	ALBERT MASON ... .. 5
FREDERICK MATTHEWS, JUN. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. J. Toase, who is taking up duties at Benwick (Cambs) after 7½ years in the above parish.

LEADENHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH NORTH ... .. Treble	ALBERT SCOTT ... .. 4
JAMES H. MUSSON ... .. 2	CHARLES WILKINSON ... .. 5
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. L. BAINBRIDGE.

It was 24 years since the conductor called his last peal.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

* HERBERT ARCHER ... .. Treble	LEONARD P. WARD ... .. 4
† SIDNEY MUNTON ... .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK MEARS ... .. 3	FRANK R. DEACON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Lewis (a local ringer) to Miss Doris Skelton.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

JAMES ROBINSON ... .. Treble	RICHARD V. FULLER ... .. 4
JOSEPH WALLIS, SEN. ... 2	FRANCIS J. SANDERS ... .. 5
BERNARD H. WELLS ... .. 3	HUGH R. THORPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Gibbs to Mr. A. Holman, one of the local band. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and to Mrs. H. R. Thorpe, wife of the conductor.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Comprising seven extents, each called differently, with 5-6's at back stroke. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

* ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	* CHARLES W. GRIFFIN ... 4
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	* HERBERT C. READ ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells. Mrs. Gilbert, of the Manor House, again showed her appreciation by entertaining the ringers at her home after the peal.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST SWAIN ... .. Treble	NICHOLAS NEWBY ... .. 4
* STANLEY CLIFFORD ... .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 5
THOMAS W. VAREY ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal.

FONTMELL MAGNA, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, consisting of 12 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT H. CHANT ... .. Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
E. T. PAUL FIELD ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. E. Verdon-Roe, late Rector of Bishop's Caundle and popular secretary of the North Dorset Branch, who left on the previous Monday to take up duty as Rector of Aldwinckle, Northants.

MARLBOROUGH. — On February 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. W. Deane (Marlborough) (longest touch) 1, W. Fanner (Chiseldon) 2, B. Thompson (Chiseldon) 3, T. A. Palmer (Aldbourne) 4, S. C. Archer (Chiseldon) 5, A. Yockney (Marlborough) 6.

BRASTED, KENT.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALFRED E. EVEREST ... .. Treble	JAMES W. KNIGHT ... .. 4
*WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... .. 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells. It is 28 years since the last peal was rung on the bells.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of College Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

ERNEST TWIGG ... .. Treble	HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 4
*WILLIAM EDWARDS ... .. 2	GEORGE HULME ... .. 5
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

\* First peal 'inside.' This peal was arranged for B. P. Morris, of Kettering; also as a birthday peal for the conductor.

MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

*GEORGE E. SNOWDEN ... Treble	†FREDERIC ROWLEY ... .. 4
†RICHARD MASON ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DENNINGTON ... 5
JOSEPH LORD ... .. 3	*ARTHUR W. MADIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells by a local band.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. ... Treble	†MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE ... 4
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR, SEN. ... .. 5
†ERNEST SIBLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise and Minor 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT ... .. Treble	ROBERT B. SIMPSON ... .. 4
WILLIAM OLIVER ... .. 2	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Park.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**A PUDSA' MEEATING.**

**A REET GOOD TIME.**

Deer Mr. Editor.—Hev ye ivver heard o' Pudsa—t'spot wheer ahr 'Erbert,' t'cricket, comes fra—weel its noated for maer things th'n crickets, c'os I were thear t'other neet. It were like this: My pal G. ses, 'Ista bahn t'ot meating et' Pudsa,' an I ses, 'Why—that's wheer't craws floe backwards isn't it?' 'Aye, he ses, 'but if tha'hl coom tha'hl see summat better'n craws,' so that settled it.

We found t'church alreet c'os it were reet agen trams, an t'bells were going nicely like. They are a reet fine ring, praps a bit heavy going like, but t'Pudsa lads could afir mek 'em talk. There was plenty of variety, owt fra Plain Bob to London, but speciality like wert new method—'Pudsa Surprise,' a reet grand li'e method, composed, so G. ses, by an owd Armla bloke.

We'd been thear abaht an hahr an a hauf when I ses to G., 'What abaht laeting some teea,' o'os I were mortal dry like. Well he look't et me as if I were daft, an ses, 'What!!! Teea o't Pudsa, nut likely.' Anyhows we follered t'gang t'ut 'Park' wheer a reet spread were set owt—meat an ham sanwiches b't thousand, an pickles as well, to say nout o't ale which follered. I noated some o't owd coves were mixin 'om up abit, an suppin t'lads graep froots in between times.

T'ringers were thear fra awr Yorkshire, old 'uns with lang beards, an young 'uns an even young wimen ringers. My mate ses, 't N.O.P.G.'s hadn't turn'd up,' but sum o't T.H.B.'s lan't in et hauf time. There were a bit of speech meking an then some o't owd blokes rang 'Caller Horring' on't handbells, an reet fine it were, too. This set t'others off, an't handbells were kept warm like wi touches o' Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Treble Bob, but o't time t'owd lads were suppin like billio. It were surprisin' how jolly everyan were, yan owd cove fair couldn't bide to goa, an he shook hands round a few times afoor he dare goa. G. sed he must ha thout he were in't 'slow.'

Hevving a lang way to goa, me an my mate hed to leave 't party abaht 9 o'clock, an by then all t'others seem'd fair settled down like for't neet. G. tells me some o't visitors lost their coursing order an nearly miss'd last bus. So, Mr. Editor, if the wants a reet nice day owt amang t'Yorkshire ringers, thee cum to't nex't Pudsa meeatin, an reet fair thaht enjoy thesen.

'BOB MINOR.'

**THE DEVON GUILD.**

**PRESIDENT URGES PRACTICE OF HIGHER METHODS.**

The Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devon Guild held a successful quarterly meeting at Lymestone on Saturday, January 27th, with an attendance of 45 members, including visitors from Exeter, Kenn, Christow and Sidmouth. A service in the church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. McIntyre), who gave an address of welcome and encouragement. Tea, provided in the Parish Hall by Mrs. Hill and a band of helpers, was followed by the business meeting with the Rev. E. A. Jullian, chairman of the branch, presiding.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, addressing the meeting, urged the members to make a move towards the practice of higher methods, and not to remain content with the first stages.

Three new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Broadclyst on April 14th.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, organist and ladies who had provided the tea concluded a pleasant meeting.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Coscley on Saturday, January 20th, in beautiful weather. Affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry were fairly well represented, and visitors from Coventry, Stourbridge, etc., helped to swell the throng. The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m. and kept going in a variety of methods till service time. The Rev. N. B. Watson (Vicar) gave a very interesting address, the basis of which was 'Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days' (Eccles. xi., 1).

An excellent tea was prepared in the Schoolroom, at which 40 sat down. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, etc.; to the organist for her kind assistance; also to Mrs. Watson and her willing helpers for preparing and serving tea, was carried with applause.

**AN OXFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.**

On Monday, January 29th, the ring of six bells at the Chadlington Parish Church were reopened and a rededication service was conducted by Bishop Shaw, who was attended by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Payne). Owing to rather short notice, only a small attendance was present. After the dedication had been carried out, the Bishop preached a very interesting address upon bells and ringers and churchworkers.

At the conclusion of the service the local ringers rang a few rounds. Then the Oxford Guild ringers took over and rang some good touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

The restoration work has been the gift of a generous donor, Col. F. W. Schofield, C.M.G., who has defrayed all expenses. The bells have been rehung upon a new 'A' pattern iron frame, which is a great improvement upon the old one, as the bells were previously hung on a wooden frame in two tiers.

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**LADIES' GUILD.****CENTRAL DISTRICT AT KILBURN.**

The quarterly meeting of the Central District was held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on February 3rd, and, in spite of the fog, was very well attended, about 21 members being present.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a short but cheerful service, conducted by the Vicar. The company then adjourned to the school nearby, where they found an excellent tea had been provided, at which they were joined by the Vicar.

After tea a short business meeting was held. Mrs. Deal, who presided, said how very pleased the district were to have with them at this meeting the president of the Guild, Miss Steel, who had travelled from Bedford to be with them.

Five new members were elected, i.e., Misses B. Hart, R. Sholey, V. Jaquest, E. Barnes and D. Vale, all proposed by Mrs. Atkins. Two members were also proposed by Miss D. Fletcher, and have since been transferred to the Southern District.

Miss K. Bradford then proposed Twickenham as the place for the next meeting, the date to be, if possible, April 14th. — This was seconded by Mrs. Deal and agreed to.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service and being present at tea, to the organist for his services, and also to Mr. and Mrs. M. Atkins, who had made all the necessary arrangements for the enjoyable meeting and the tea.

This concluded the meeting and further ringing took place.

**HIGH WYCOMBE RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.**

The members of the High Wycombe bellry deplore the loss of a lady member, Mrs. Willis Twitchen (the wife of Mr. George Twitchen, the local secretary), who was laid to rest on Thursday, February 1st, mourned by all who knew her.

At the Parish Church of All Saints, the Rev. W. L. P. Float (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. Wigg (Deputy Master, Oxford Guild), conducted the service, which was attended by the full choir. The borough organist (Mr. H. Helman), played Chopin's Funeral March, and also accompanied the singing of the hymn, 'Peace, perfect peace.'

In the evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung with the bells fully muffled, conducted by E. R. Coles, F. Hayes and J. W. Wilkins.

On Sunday, February 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,231 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled by the local Sunday service band: J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 1, F. Hayes 2, R. Coles 3, Frank West 4, Frank Boreham 5, F. D. Boreham 6, E. Markham 7, George Hinton 8, E. R. Coles 9, P.S. C. Smith 10, S. Goodchild 11, W. Plumridge 12.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****FORESTERS' CONTRIBUTION TO NEW BELLS AT BECKENHAM.**

Members of the Ancient Order of Foresters are contributing the bulk of the money to increase the octave at St. George's Church, Beckenham, to a ring of ten. This information was announced at the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent Association, held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, January 27th, when ringers attended from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Erith, Eltham, Deptford, Lee, West Wickham and the local company.

The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept in constant use during the afternoon and evening in methods from Grandsire to London and Bristol Surprise, with rounds occasionally for the beginners.

The association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. R. Cotter, M.A.), and afterwards the members visited the Church Institute, there to partake of a substantial meal, some 56 persons being present as the guests of the Vicar. Then followed a touch on handbells, after which the business meeting was held, the Vicar occupying the chair.

Five ringers were elected members of the association, and the election of one member previous to a peal was ratified.

Mr. E. Barnett then read a report of proceedings of the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November last. A vote of thanks was accorded to the author for its preparation.

Arising out of this report, Mr. W. Smith (Beckenham) stated that the tentative proposal to add two trebles to the peal at St. George's, Beckenham, was now a definite project, the bulk of the money having been subscribed by the Ancient Order of Foresters to mark the long, successful history of St. George's Court. It was hoped that the scheme would result in a fine ring of ten in this corner of the association's area.

The members decided that the next meeting should be held at St. John's, Sidcup, on Saturday, April 14th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his generous hospitality was carried with applause.

The Vicar responded and assured the members of a welcome to Lewisham whenever they chose that place as their venue for a meeting.

Mr. H. Warnett, the popular steeplekeeper at St. Mary's, was congratulated on his recovery from serious injuries received in a motoring accident some weeks ago.

This concluded the business, and, after a collection (realising 18s.) in aid of the Benevolent Fund had been made, the members returned to the tower, where further ringing until 8.30 p.m. concluded a very successful meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is a good deal more enterprise among certain sections of ringers to-day than there used to be. In the first six weeks of this year we have recorded peals in three new Surprise Major methods, a peal in a new Surprise Maximus method, and now a peal in another Surprise Royal method.

This last was rung on Saturday at Boddington and is an extension of Bristol. In the opinion of the ringers it is more difficult than the London Surprise Royal rung by the band last year.

Just as we go to press we learn that yet another new Surprise Major method has been rung at Helmingham.

The Essex veteran, Mr. William J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, celebrated his 78th birthday on Saturday by taking part in a peal of Superlative Surprise at Great Baddow. Incidentally it was also the 49th anniversary of Mr. Nevard's first peal, the 42nd of Mr. George Green's and the 38th of the conductor's (Mr. W. Keeble). Mr. Nevard entertained the band after the peal and received the good wishes and thanks of the ringers.

## RINGERS' NAMES ON BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your issue of the 9th inst., re the augmentation of Brixham bells, 'Devonian' asks if there are any previous instances of ringers' names on bells. When the ten bells of Beccles, Suffolk, were rehung in 1909 and the ninth recast, the name of Henry Hopson, captain, was included in the inscription. Mr. Hopson was a Sunday School teacher for about 60 years and a ringer about the same period, also captain of the Beccles ringers. His father before him rang in a peal of Bob Royal for the accession of Queen Victoria in 1837.

Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

## FOURTEEN NAMES ON ONE BELL.

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Devonian's' request for information, I may say that the Warnham peal were recast in 1897, and on the 5th bell is inscribed the names of the whole of the ringers, 14 in number, who were doing service at that time.

Warnham.

WAL. CHARMAN.

## THE CLERGY AND RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—For nearly nine years it has been customary in our belfry for the Rector or one of the assistant clergy to come to the belfry a quarter of an hour before the service begins, between the first and second peals, both morning and evening every Sunday. The first peal ended, the Lesser Litany and the Lord's Prayer are said, followed nowadays usually by three short prayers: (1) For the ringers; (2) for those who are called by the sound of the bells to come to worship; and (3) for all who for any reason are hindered from coming. A cheerful greeting is exchanged between the clergyman and the ringers. The bells ring out again, and the clergyman leaves the belfry to go about his next work in the vestry or the church. (We have never once wished our clergy elsewhere, and we know they are glad to come to the belfry. And we are quite sure that the happiness of our company of ringers and the good fellowship that exists among us have been, and still are, furthered by the mutual interest of the members and the clergy in one another. At any rate, our prayers together are a unifying force.

Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno.

'LEADER.'

## MEMORABLE MASONIC PEAL.

The Masonic peal at Erdington on February 3rd was memorable for more than one reason. It commemorated the installation of two ringers W.M.s, J. W. Pemberton to the chair of the Birchfield Lodge and F. V. Jephcott, of the Yenton Lodge. Both are ringers at Erdington Church.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Recorder of Lincoln), who is Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and took part in Mr. Pemberton's installation, was one of the peal band. He was 79 on January 8th, and his previous peal was Stedman Cinques on his 76th birthday.

At the invitation of V.W.Bro. M. H. Clarke, P.G.Treas., the ringers joined 'Integrity' Lodge at dinner after the peal.

## A MISUNDERSTANDING.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—On reading of Mr. Stephen Wood's remarks at the Bristol United Guild's annual dinner, it seems necessary for me to point out a misunderstanding of his which is likely to have prejudiced his listeners. Why confuse my letters on 'Bell Broadcasts' with those criticising the Editor of 'The Ringing World' when both subjects were written entirely separately, the former replying to an article on 'Bell Broadcasting,' and the latter on 'Letters and Writers'? Had the two subjects been mixed by me, Mr. Wood's statements would have been justified; but such was not the case. In no letter on 'Bell Broadcasts' were criticisms of the Editor offered, or vice versa.

Wellingtonborough.

P. AMOS.

## PEALS OF MINOR.

## THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

By THE EDITOR.

As one of those responsible for the 'Hereford Resolution,' which endeavoured to define a peal of Minor in terms that the Central Council would accept in order to include all compositions on what may be termed the 'Bankes James arrangement'—which those who drafted the motion believed then, and still believe, to be true 720's—I feel it is just as well that readers of 'The Ringing World' should realise that the arguments of those who take this view are not to be so airily swept aside as Mr. J. A. Trollope would have them believe by his letter in the issue of February 3rd.

First of all to answer a question.

'Would the people who keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720 say that they had rung a true 720 of Bob Minor if the final single was not correctly made,' he asks, 'and, if so, what is the use of that single at all?'

Those who 'keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720' say that one of the uses of the final single is to produce rounds and that the 720 is just as true whether the first or the last 'rounds' is counted.

'The people who keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720' are asked by Mr. Trollope to tear up their paper and go into the tower and ring it. But you cannot prove a peal by going into the tower and ringing it, neither does the diagram of a method prove that a peal is true. Truth can only be assured by recourse to figures, and figures, therefore, cannot be thus lightly thrust aside. The truth of a peal is tested by the rows on paper and not by the changes made in the tower in getting from one row to another.

In an extent of Minor it requires 721 rows to produce 720 changes, and it follows that, as there are only 720 different rows, one row is repeated. Usually that row is rounds, and it indicates that the touch or peal is ended; but the final rounds is a repetition of the first row, otherwise the use of the term, 'round block' when applied to touch or peal is meaningless. For the purpose of the truth of a 720 of Minor it does not, therefore, matter which row of rounds you count as one of the 720. If you count the first, you cannot count the last; if you count the last you cannot count the first, but why count the first, instead of the last, which up to recent times has been the practice?

The chief reasons are, first: You cannot produce the first 'change' without it. Secondly: The first row of rounds is an essential part of the first lead: you cannot construct the first lead of any method (with a single hunt) without it. The last row of rounds is not an essential part of any of the preceding leads—it belongs to the first lead of the next 720, whether the rest of the 720 is rung or not. The Methods Committee bear out this contention in the last edition of the 'Minor Collection,' by the fact that in every case 123456 is shown as part of the lead, and the back stroke, after the succeeding lead end, is definitely cut off from the preceding rows.

The difficulty of convincing ringers that rounds is an essential part of the first lead is that ringing has got into conventional form, much of it, of course, for the sake of convenience, but in arriving at the scientific truth of a touch or peal, things like hand stroke and back stroke, and whether rounds or any other row is the first row do not matter one iota.

If you are going to ring more than one 720 without a break, it does not signify a jot what the first row of the second and subsequent 720's is. In any case, it has got to be a repetition of something which occurred in the first 720. Why should it necessarily be a repetition of the first row? There is no more breach of truth by using, say, the 481st than by using the first. All that is essential is that the bells shall return to the first row, by the natural process of the method, when the peal is ended, in order to round off the performance.

Despite all the efforts by the various writers and speakers, made for very differing reasons, to prove that the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Minor is false, I believe that ringers who will strip themselves of preconceived notions and approach the subject with an unbiased mind will agree, after considering the above arguments, that each of the 720's, judged by the only correct way of testing it—by the rows, on paper—is true.

That I am not alone in my contention, I offer in support of it the views—however arrived at—of others whose opinions carry more weight than my own:—

Mr. J. A. Trollope: The 720's in the Rev. E. B. James' arrangement of Cambridge are all true, but they are not (save one) complete. ('Ringing World,' December 14th, 1928.)

Mr. J. W. Parker: It is a peal of seven true and complete 720's, and it begins and ends with rounds. No argument whatever can disprove facts, and it is an absolute fact that in ringing Mr. James' peal 720 different orders of striking are first rung out true and complete, and are thereafter followed by six other 720's, at the end of which the bells come round. ('Ringing World,' December 21st, 1928.)

The late Rev. H. Law James: Each of the seven (the seven 720's of his brother's arrangement) is true and complete. ('Ringing World,' January 18th, 1929.)

## THE STRUCTURE OF A LEAD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. L. Joyce seems to have lost sight of the fact that a treble lead in any method commences with the back stroke and ends with the hand stroke of the treble's whole pull at lead, so that Norfolk does not require eighth's-place to be made at the lead-end to qualify for the title. If that were so, all the bob leads (6th's place) in a peal of Norfolk would have to be reckoned as another method.

As it is, the back stroke of the 4th's place bob at the end of the lead of Norfolk in the twelve-method peal is not part of the lead of Norfolk at all, but is the first row of the next lead of another method.

The structure of a treble lead in any method is not altered in any way, no matter which place—2nd's, 4th's, 6th's or 8th's—is used to couple it to the next lead.

Re Mr. Drake's letter, while appreciating the motives which have induced him to set the ball rolling, I think he has spoiled an excellent set of definitions by inserting his rather absurd No. 6.

The reason why a peal is commenced with two rows (or other even number) of rounds is simply a matter of convenience to the practical ringer to ensure that changes shall begin at a hand stroke.

But the truth of a composition is a theoretical matter, and the theory of campanology knows nothing of hand strokes or back strokes, or of bells either, for that matter. It is concerned solely with figures, and, indeed, a peal would be just as true and complete if changes started with a back stroke as with a hand stroke.

So that, while definition No. 5 may be a good practical rule, the contention contained in No. 6, that each extent in a peal must begin with not less than two rows of rounds, is neither true in theory or sound in practice.

H. G. CASHMORE.

Watford.

## MR. JOYCE'S CHALLENGE.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope and myself had better be very very careful. We are to be tied down to a peal in which we both took part, and in which occurred some odd leads of so-called Norfolk with a fourth's place bob. We are asked to prove the right to the name of Norfolk for these leads. Well I, for one, am not going to try; it satisfies me to be able to say that a full description of the METHOD AND BOB was published. The composer, Mr. A. J. Pitman, when he first published a peal on the same plan (in ten methods), described the method as a second's place variation of Norfolk.

Of course, I might argue that a lead of Norfolk ended at hand stroke and that the fourth's place bob produced the first row of the next lead (in another method), but, having stated so many times my very definite opinion that all peals start FROM and end WITH rounds, I am not going to fall into Mr. Joyce's little trap. As a matter of fact, Mr. Trollope, myself and others discussed the point at the time, and considered that the name should stand rather than give it a new one for the ONE row only. We might have called the method 'Timbuctoo Surprise' or 'North Pole Surprise,' but that would have been a pity. Mr. Joyce would then have no reason to issue his challenge.

Mr. Warrington appears to forget that only last Whitsun an attempt was made to get the Bankes James Cambridge recognised by the Council (I refer to Mr. Stephen Wood's resolution), but it was completely turned down. Does he think that there is much chance of the Council, as at present constituted, acknowledging the peal? So many of us are definitely of the opinion that this peal cannot be admitted without all the others mentioned in this controversy; and whilst some are prepared to do this, a larger number are not. I should like a good argument from Mr. Warrington which will help us over this difficulty, but before he writes again he might read, very carefully, the letter from Mr. Trollope published this week.

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

## SUGGESTION TO MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Sir,—As one of the band who took part in the first peal of Cambridge Minor under the Bankes James arrangement, I would like to suggest that ALL members of the Central Council who object to it and who have not previously done so, endeavour to ring the peal some time before the meeting at Whitsun. The reason is this: A few years ago I attended the annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Cambridge—I believe it was the meeting at which the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was first appointed hon. secretary. In the course of business the 'Bankes James arrangement' came up for discussion, and one of your correspondents in your last issue (Mr. Frank Warrington), like many more who have never rung it, criticised it considerably. Since then, apparently having rung the composition, he has seen the error of his ways; hence his letter in last week's issue. I should like to add that, although I had previously rung many Minor peals (the majority in seven methods), I considered the Bankes James arrangement the most interesting Minor peal I had rung.

ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

Weston-super-Mare.

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## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### HONORARY TREASURER'S LONG SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, due to be held in the Northern Division this year, was held at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, January 27th, when, despite the fact that Ripon is geographically unfavourably situated for ringing meetings, some 50 members and friends were present. The bells have recently been recast and rehung by Taylors, and are now a peal worthy of the place they occupy and a credit to their founders.

The day's proceedings commenced with the audit, which was carried out by Messrs. R. W. Jennison and E. Hudson.

Choral evensong was held in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., when a short address was given by Canon Tuckey.

Tea was served in the Black Bull Hotel, and at the end Canon Tuckey came in and gave a hearty welcome to the association.

The general meeting was held in the Cathedral Hall, with the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. G. Lewis, F. Clark, G. Clark, G. Halksworth, F. W. Dale, J. Lawson, W. Idle, H. N. Imeson and J. W. Addison. The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Mr. T. Metcalf, the secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and said how pleased the association was to have him with them at that meeting. Canon Marshall also proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent arrangements they had made, and this was acknowledged by Mr. F. Tingle.

In presenting the annual report, the President alluded to the fact that Mr. J. Cotterell had now completed 26 years as hon. treasurer. The report was accepted, as was also the report of the auditors, and the auditors were thanked for their services.

Another point referred to by Canon Marshall was the alleged lack of interest taken by the clergy in ringers. He said he felt this matter was being worn rather threadbare, because as the association held its meetings throughout the county it always received a very hearty welcome from the clergy wherever they went, and this did not point to a lack of interest.

Mr. J. Cotterell was re-elected unopposed as hon. treasurer for a further term of three years.

At this juncture the Dean of Ripon came in to welcome the association to Ripon, and for this and the use of the bells he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Two invitations were received for the next meeting, one from Lightcliffe and one from Eastwood, Rotherham, and Eastwood was chosen.

The Rev. P. Thorman (Headingley) and Messrs. C. Howroyd (Ripon), N. Simms and H. Ashton (Burley) were elected members of the association.

Mr. P. J. Johnson gave notice of motion for alterations to Rules 2 and 3 for the next meeting, and he also very kindly relieved the secretary of his duties during the course of the meeting to enable the latter to catch the only available train for home, where he eventually arrived about 11 p.m., after having spent eight hours in travelling to and from the meeting.

After the meeting the bells were again available until 9 p.m.

## MEMORIAL TOUCH.

At Balderstone, Rochdale, on Sunday evening, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandairs Triples with the bells half-muffled: S. K. Taylor 1, W. O. Rowland 2, J. Griffiths 3, J. Jones 4, F. Ormerod 5, S. Clegg 6, F. Appleton (conductor) 7, E. Chadwick 8. Rung as a token of respect for the late Mr. J. H. Kershaw, a former ringer and leader of this band.

## PEALS OF MINOR—Continued from previous page.

### FROM REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Sir,—I have an old print by John Leach, in which the man at the peep-show is exhibiting 'The Battle of Waterloo.'

'Which is the Duke and which is Boney?' asks a small boy.

'Which ever you like, my little dear, you pays your money and you takes your choice,' says the man.

I can assure Mr. Severn that I am not at all interested in the question that he asks me, nor in any other scientific questions that have been debated in your columns.

I know perfectly well that a true peal of Minor is impossible, and the only question that I put to myself is, 'Is my arrangement as good as any other compromise that has been tried?' In my opinion it is. Others may think differently.

E. BANKES JAMES.

Seafeld Park, Fareham, Hants.

### 'HOW IS IT DONE?'

Sir,—I hope the members of the Central Council will note those words in the suggested definition of a peal of Minor put forward by the Rev. E. Bankes James, viz., 'shall begin and end with rounds.' That is the stumbling-block for a great number. In any other 5,040 we start from back stroke to finish at back stroke, but in the Cambridge Minor you commence at back stroke and finish at back stroke. Now, sir, can you or anyone explain how it is done, keeping entirely to the practical side—not pencil and paper?

A. H. PULLING.

## YOUTH ATTEMPTS A RECORD.

### YOUNG BAND MEETS AT CRAYFORD.

Some months ago an effort was made to organise a 'knickerbocker' peal among boys whose ages ranged from 11 to 14 years. Owing, however, to the insuperable difficulty of getting a strong enough company together, the project fell through, but some of the young folk determined to move in the matter for themselves. Happily for them, Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was one of the band who made the 'old men's' record a few months ago, was extremely interested in the original scheme, and readily lent his aid in making the plans which were to raise a band sufficiently juvenile to create a new record of youth. Certain young people by their ability 'picked' themselves for the band, but it was not quite easy to fill all the places. Eventually a band between the ages of 13 and 17 and of both sexes was raised to attempt a peal of Bob Major at Crayford last Saturday.

Much trouble was taken over the travelling arrangements, the meeting of the young people at London termini and the accommodation of long distance visitors for the week-end. And only one went astray. Making the journey from Loughborough on Friday night, the ringer in question was misdirected in changing trains at Kettering, and consequently reached London much later than schedule. But all's well that ends well, and eventually the whole party assembled at Crayford Church on Saturday afternoon. The band were met by a number of ringers, the contingent who travelled through London being escorted by Mr. Dawe and Mr. A. P. Cannon, who had rendered valuable assistance. There was a little delay in starting, for it was found necessary to lower the ropes on some of the bells to enable the more diminutive members of the party to reach the sallies.

At length a start was made with the band in the following order: Percy Stone (Nuneaton) 1, Arthur Jones (Croydon) 2, Phyllis E. Tillett (Ipswich) 3, Walter H. Dobbie (Sittingbourne) 4, Margaret Pack (Egerton) 5, John J. L. Gilbert (Handsworth, Sheffield) 6, Joseph T. Pack (Loughborough) 7, Edwin A. Barnett (Crayford), conductor, 8. Their average age is just over 15 years.

After a false start, a second attempt was made, and the ringing went on for about 40 minutes when it came to an end. The breakdown was really the result of over-anxiety, but the band showed how excellently they can ring by a splendidly struck quarter-peal, which John Gilbert conducted. So well did this touch go that the youngsters gained confidence in themselves and had no hesitation in arranging to meet again on April 21st, when there is every hope they will be successful.

After the ringing the company were entertained to a sumptuous tea by Mr. Dawe, among those present being Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., and Mr. A. P. Cannon. Afterwards Miss Margaret Pack, who had been invaluable in helping to make the arrangements, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Dawe, who suitably acknowledged it, and expressed the wish for success on the next occasion. He presented a useful and acceptable gift to each member of the band.

The visitors spent an enjoyable week-end, despite the disappointment of the lost peal.

## A WESTMORLAND LOSS.

### DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM ATKINSON.

Members of the Exercise in the Lake District have sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. William Atkinson, of Kendal, who expired on Monday, February 5th, after an illness lasting nearly ten months.

Mr. Atkinson was 75 years of age, and is survived by one son and four daughters, two of the latter having been on their way from New Zealand at the time of his death.

Mr. Atkinson had been a ringer at Kendal for 52 years, and had taken part in 12 peals, his last peal being Bob Minor in January, 1926.

The funeral took place on Thursday, February 8th, there being a large number of friends and ringers present. The funeral service took place at Holy Trinity Church, the bells being rung muffled before and after the service and also in the evening.

## WEDDING BELLS.

To celebrate the wedding of Mr. D. Cecil Williams, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., to Miss Tulk, which took place on January 3rd, 1934 (when St. Mary's bells were being augmented to ten), the local band at St. Mary's, Southampton, rang on Sunday, February 11th, previous to the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandairs Caters (1,296 changes). The ringers were: N. Curtis 1, H. Payne 2, H. Smith 3, A. Butler 4, T. Thirkell 5, F. Mursell 6, R. Brown 7, H. Reeves 8, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 9, J. Elliott 10. This was the first quarter-peal of Grandairs Caters for all the band and was rung at the first attempt.

The marriage took place at St. George's Church, Brentford, Middlesex, on Saturday, of Mr. Arthur H. Smith, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Miss Hilda Passey. Mr. Smith is the hon. secretary of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and one of his colleagues at Leatherhead belfry, Mr. W. J. Whiting, was his best man at the wedding ceremony. In honour of the event a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted at Ashhead, Surrey, by Guild members from various towers, but a 'shift course' brought it to an end after 1 hour 50 minutes' ringing.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.****NEW MASTER: MR. C. J. MATTHEWS SUCCEEDS HIS FATHER.**

The annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 3rd. The tower was opened at 4 p.m., when about 60 members were present, and touches of Stedman Cinques were rung, also rounds for younger members. A memorial service for the late Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) was held in the church by request of the Vicar (the Rev. Pat McCormick), which everyone attended. After service a move was made to the canteen adjoining the crypt for tea, but owing to unforeseen circumstances this had to be postponed till later, and in the meantime the interval was filled in by Stedman Cinques, etc., on the handbells, and was much enjoyed by the whole company. Tea then being ready, the company sat down to a substantial repast, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens. The party were welcomed by the Vicar, to whom and the ladies who assisted hearty votes of thanks were accorded.

The business meeting was held in the famous Vestry Hall. The Vicar was voted to the chair, but said he could only stay till the election of the new Master, his time being so fully occupied. The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, showing as it did a balance on the right side. The secretary (Mr. G. R. Card) gave his report, in which he stated that steady progress had been made during the year. Twelve peals had been rung, viz., Cambridge Maximus, Stedman Cinques, Pudsey Surprise (the first by the society), Oxford Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal, Cambridge Major, Stedman Triples and London Surprise Minor. It was a record year for new members. The secretary expressed the thanks of the officers to all those who had done so much to make it a very successful year.

The election of officers for the year followed. Mr. C. J. Matthews was elected Master to succeed his late father, who occupied the office for many years. The other officers were appointed as follows: Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steere; secretary, Mr. G. A. Card; trustees, Mr. F. Smith and Mr. A. Hardy; senior steward, Mr. T. Bevan; junior steward, Mr. L. H. Baybutt; auditors, Mr. R. Bevan and Mr. T. Newman.

The new Master took the chair amid applause, and the Vicar, who wished the society every success and cordially welcomed the new Master, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services.

It was decided to renew the quarterly meetings, the first one to be held at West Ham on Saturday, April 21st, the second at Erith on Saturday, July 7th, and the last, if possible, at Staines in October, this being left for the secretary to arrange. Due notice of these meetings will appear in 'The Ringing World.' Eight new members were elected.

Votes of thanks to the officers for their services during the year brought a very successful meeting to a close. Owing to the lateness of the evening, it was not possible to arrange for further ringing. Those who were not fortunate enough to get a pull are asked to accept sincere apologies.

**RINGERS AND CHURCH ORGANISATIONS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—The leading articles in your issues of January 26th and February 2nd must have given most ringers food for serious thought, as it is fairly obvious that as time goes the welfare of ringers will be more and more bound up with that of the Church, and that we must take all possible steps to arouse and retain the interest of the clergy.

May I suggest that much could be done if more interest was taken by ringers in the administrative work of the Church, as, generally speaking, ringers take very little interest in this very important subject.

Ringers should take steps to ensure that their names (if eligible) are upon the church electoral roll, and that one or more 'live' ringers are nominated and, if possible, elected on the Parochial Church Council, who would watch the interests of the ringers, because, although by law the incumbent is in sole charge of the bells, often he is largely guided by the wishes of his Church Council, who have the final word on all financial questions.

From the Parochial Church Councils, efforts should be made to obtain the election of ringers upon the Ruri-decanal and Diocesan Conferences, and even upon the National Assembly, as this appears to be the only way that we are likely to make our voices heard in the high places.

Again, how often do we see ringers at any of the functions of the Church? I do not say that it would be possible to attend all, but if the most important were attended, I feel that ringers would get to know their parson, and the parson his ringers.

I may say that the suggestions I have made have been carried out here at Bishopstoke for several years with excellent results. We run our local band as a society. At least one meeting is held each year at which the Rector presides, officers are elected and we nominate as many ringers as possible as candidates for the Parochial Church Council, and all turn up at the annual church meeting in order to vote for them.

Bishopstoke.

GEORGE PULLINGER.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF NORTHERN BRANCH.**

Nineteen towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Worcestershire Association at Stourbridge. The Vicar (Canon M. S. Newland) conducted the service, and afterwards presided over the business meeting, following tea, which was served in the Church Hall by the wives of members of St. Thomas' Church ringers.

The hon. secretary (Mr. A. J. Skelding) referred to the loss sustained by the association by the death of valued members, including Mr. Hackett and Mr. Gibbs.

It was decided to leave the arrangements for the next quarterly peal in the hands of Mr. Whatmore (Stourbridge) and St. Thomas' band; and it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Belbroughton.

The following new members were admitted to the association: Mr. J. Bate (Belbroughton), Mr. W. Hodnett, Mr. K. Lowe (Wordsley), Mr. F. Brotherton (Wolverhampton, life member), and the Rev. J. R. Bamber (Wollaston, hon. member).

Mr. W. Short (Ringing Master of the association) offered the congratulations of the association to the Rowley Regis band on being successful in their quarterly peal.

Mr. H. F. Martin (Bromsgrove) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Newland for offering such a cordial welcome to the visitors, and said that their best thanks were due to all who had made their visit so enjoyable.—Mr. H. G. Bird (Halesowen) seconded.

Mr. A. J. Skelding, who supported, spoke in appreciation of the work done by Mr. Cooper, Mr. Whatmore and other members of St. Thomas' band in the arrangements for that gathering. He referred to the progress made by the association, and said a welcome feature was that more interest was being taken in bellringing by the clergy. When he was a young man, ringers knew one another in the belfry, but some of them did not attend church services, and he was pleased to say that present-day bellringers were keenly interested in church affairs as well as in ringing. He concluded by asking the committee to recommend that Canon Newland be elected one of the clerical vice-presidents of the association.

The Vicar, replying, said he did not deserve that honour, as all the work had been done by the ringers connected with his church.

During the afternoon and evening ringing on the bells of St. Thomas' Church was enjoyed.

**THE MAJOR RECORD.****UNVEILING OF PEAL BOARD AT BENINGTON.**

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Herts County Association was held at Benington on Saturday, February 3rd. It had been arranged for the purpose of unveiling the peal board recording the Major record, 18,144 changes. In spite of a dreary and wet afternoon, ringers were present from Ardeley, Aston, Braughing, Barley, Cheshunt, Heriford, Watton, Ware, Much Hadham, Redenhall (Norfolk), and Great and Little Munden.

The tablet is of stained oak, written in gold, with the names of the band and the places they come from, namely, H. Wallace, treble, Great Munden; W. Tack, 2, Barley; R. Howard, 3, Barley; S. Carter, 4, Little Munden; A. J. House, 5, Cheshunt; W. K. North, 6, Braughing; B. Patmore, 7, Great Munden; J. Welch, tenor, Benington.

The Rector (the Rev. W. E. Mills), with a dedicatory prayer, unveiled the board, the band having rung a course of Bob Major standing in the order in which they rang the peal.

The Rector then said how pleased he was to have had the record length on eight bells rung at Benington and to have the tablet in the tower in company with many other very interesting peals rung and recorded there. He hoped that it would be an inspiration and encouragement to ringers who looked upon them and an example for good ringing for future generations.

The district secretary (Mr. W. H. Lawrence) thanked the Rector first of all for allowing the peal to be rung at Benington, next for accepting the tablet placed there, and, thirdly, for showing the interest he did and for unveiling the tablet.

The band then rang three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major standing as before, after which the members assembled rang touches in various methods. Thus ended another interesting event in the world-famed tower of Benington.

**FORMER CHESTER RINGER'S DEATH.**

Mr. Charles Price, of Ecclesham, died at Slough on Friday, January 26th, in the 79th year of his age, at the residence of his son. Ancient members of Wrexham and Chester Cathedral belfries will recall his valuable activities of half a century ago. The cause of death was heart failure, following an attack of asthma during the long spell of east wind in November.

The day before his death he asked his son to let Mr. W. H. Fussell know he was ill. By a strange coincidence Mr. Fussell called promiscuously to have a chat with the old veteran on Saturday just 24 hours too late. The deceased was laid to rest in St. Mary's Churchyard—where his wife was interred on the following Tuesday.

## WOODBRIDGE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In a letter I wrote to the 'East Anglican Daily Times,' a sentence was worded too concisely, and, further, was not printed as I wrote it. It was from this sentence that you quoted, and it is to this sentence that your anonymous correspondent refers.

In spite of that sentence, it was, I think, clear that I was only speaking of rings of eight bells that have come down to us untouched and which were cast at one and the same time. At any rate, I made this quite clear in a second letter I wrote to that paper. Thus your correspondent and I are not concerned with the same bells at all.

What I should really be glad to hear is this. Is there now left us any ring of eight bells, cast at one and the same time, older than those at Woodbridge, i.e., 1799? I have said that I do not believe such a ring is in existence. If anyone can prove me wrong, now is the time.

HERBERT DRAKE.

P.S.—Since writing this, I have had given me particulars of the ring of eight at Thetford. Not the ancient ring of six (referred to above) at Thetford St. Mary, Suffolk, but that at SS. Peter and Andrew, Norfolk. They were also cast by Thomas Osborne, but in 1790, so they beat the Woodbridge bells in age. But as the tenor is only 18 cwt. 3 lb., they cannot compare with the Woodbridge ring (tenor 25 cwt. 3 lb.) on that score. Now can anyone beat 1790?

It is not very convenient when people write to you about a letter they have only heard at second hand, and which your readers have never seen. If 'Old Ringer' or Mr. Cecil Pipe had read my letter themselves, they would have seen that I never spoke of a 'period of desolation,' nor did I use the word 'deteriorated.'

I was writing from an antiquarian point of view for antiquarians, and explaining which bells ought not to be recast; and I pointed out that the nineteenth century was not one which gave bells a reason for not being recast, i.e., from their age alone.

When Mr. Pipe heard me state that Grundisburgh had a pretty ring of bells, there must have been some mistake. I certainly did not mean that, for not only have I never formed any opinion of these bells, but I have not formed or expressed any opinion on a single bell in the whole of my life. My hearing would not allow me to do so, as those who know me are aware.

H. D.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cecil Pipe says my letter about the above 'contains a certain amount of truth, but is not accurate,' whatever that may mean. Will he (perhaps after reading my letter again) give details of the inaccuracies? Mr. Pipe is good enough to tell us what Mr. Drake meant. My sole concern was with what Mr. Drake said. The whole country was under review and not Suffolk only, and Mr. Pipe has wasted a lot of your valuable space in writing in bad taste on things beside the point. I rang at both Thetford and Colchester before Mr. Pipe was born, and know their geographical situation quite well.

'OLD RINGER.'

## AN EARLY RECOLLECTION.

Dear Sir,—I have read with great interest the account in your columns of the restoration of Woodbridge bells, and am sincerely thankful that the work has been done without recasting. It was listening to their glorious music in my early childhood that first instilled in me the love of bells. To this day—and I left Woodbridge in 1881—I can distinctly recall the impression that they made on me, and how my eager ear detected the difference in sound between the chiming on Sundays and the ringing on Queen Victoria's birthday. Long may that noble octave continue to ring out from St. Mary's fine old tower.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

## FIRST LOCAL QUARTER-PEAL.

For evensong, on Sunday, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by A. Grayston 1, S. Woodward 2, A. Rudd 3, G. Blake 4, F. Woodruffe 5, J. Woodruffe 6, J. Trotman (conductor) 7, G. Warner 8. It was the first quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3 and 8, and the first quarter-peal on the bells since the rededication. So far as can be ascertained, this appears to be the first quarter-peal ever rung at Woodbridge by a band composed entirely of local ringers, and the first for about 30 years by any band. Information on this subject will be welcome.

## NOTICE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster District.—The annual meeting will be held at Leominster to-morrow, Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Church Institute 5.45 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Jones, Dis. Sec., Old Priory, Leominster.

## PEAL BOARD BLESSED AT PENZANCE.

A LINK WITH FIFTY YEARS AGO.

An interesting ceremony took place at St. Mary's Church, Penzance, on Saturday, January 13th, when a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Mary's on Easter Monday last was accepted and blessed at evensong by the Vicar, Canon F. R. Carr. Prior to the service the peal band, standing in the same order, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples: H. Williams 1, Miss E. Symons 2, W. Wood 3, P. J. Hitchens 4, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 5, J. Wood 6, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 7, W. H. Sleeman 8.

Immediately after the second lesson, Dr. J. Symons (president of the Truro Diocesan Guild) asked Canon Carr to accept the board as a true record of the peal, rung to commemorate the jubilee of a peal he himself had conducted, and also to mark the centenary year of the Oxford Movement. He hoped that such a performance would be an incentive to the young band of ringers at St. Mary's, and that they would strive to emulate the recorded peal.

Accepting the board, Canon Carr, on behalf of the churchwardens and himself, thanked those who had generously provided the record, and they thanked God that Dr. Symons had been granted a long life to be able to take an active part in the proceedings that day. They were proud that the peal had been rung at St. Mary's, and he hoped his own ringers would endeavour to become as efficient.

Canon Carr then placed the board on the altar, blessed it and offered suitable prayers. He afterwards handed it to his churchwarden, instructing him to see that it was properly hung in the tower.

It was a unique ceremony.

Evensong then proceeded and afterwards the beautiful ring (tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.) were kept going for an hour to Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Others than the peal band present were Dr. J. Symons, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (general secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. Ormerod (late Vicar of Manaccan and St. Anthony), Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president) and members of the Gulval company. Earlier in the afternoon all met at Gulval, about a mile distant, where a group photograph of the peal band with Dr. Symons and Mr. George Sellers, the two survivors of the band of 1883, was taken. Ringing was enjoyed on the eight bells, cast by Warner, and the whole party was entertained to tea at the Old Inn by Dr. Symons.

Mr. A. S. Roberts said, at such an informal and happy gathering, he did not want to propose a vote of thanks, but just to say 'Thank you' on behalf of them all to Dr. Symons for his great kindness. He remarked that various people had talked about peal ringers being glorified in 'The Ringing World,' and he supposed that such hospitality was their glorification.

Mr. W. Wood remarked how they appreciated being entertained in such a manner.

Dr. Symons, in acknowledging the thanks, remarked that when he called the peal in 1883 he was only a 'bob caller,' having not acquired the art of conducting, but the whole band rang well. He referred to a visit they had many years ago from the late John Carter and that he called a quarter-peal for them. He hoped that he would be able to continue his active ringing for at least a few more years, although he could not look forward to another 50 years.

## BELLRINGERS' DINNER AT LEWES.

The annual dinner of the Southover Bellringers Guild, Lewes, was held in the King's Head Hotel. The Rev. D. G. Matthews (Rector and president) presided. There were also present Mr. J. T. Rickman (Master of the Sussex County Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. E. H. Fuller, Mrs. G. Lloyd and Councillor R. Gorrings (vice-presidents).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed 'The Southover Bellringers' Guild,' and expressed pleasure at meeting old friends. He and Mr. Rickman were old members of the Guild, and Mr. Rickman was the donor of the two bells which made the peal into ten. He impressed on the young ringers that regular attendance at service ringing and practice, and study at home as well as in the tower were the main steps to success.

Mr. G. P. Elphick (hon. secretary) responded and welcomed the young ringers. They had had eight recruits during the year, bringing the number of ringers up to 18, the largest number for many years.

Mr. W. Ward proposed 'The Sussex County Association,' mentioning that this year was the 49th anniversary of its establishment, and it had done very valuable work in bringing the ringers and the clergy closer together.

Mr. J. T. Rickman, who responded, said that although the association had not set up any outstanding performances during the past year, it had maintained its steady position.

Mr. C. J. Rugg proposed 'The President and Vice-Presidents,' and referred to their valuable assistance to the Guild.—The Rector (the Rev. D. G. Matthews, president) and Mr. E. H. Fuller (vice-president) responded.—'The Host and Hostess' was proposed by Mr. C. T. Lloyd and was responded to by Mr. and Mrs. Muzzell.

Selections on handbells were given by Messrs. G. P. Elphick, J. Grees, C. Brown and W. Coppard, and songs given by Mr. C. Halliwell, Mr. L. S. Davey, Mr. A. J. Turner and Mr. R. J. Dawe. Mr. Perthen was the accompanist.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION****PROGRESS IN NORTHERN DIVISION.**

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Witham on Saturday, February 3rd, when 50 ringers were present from 21 parishes. After a period of preliminary ringing, service was conducted in the church by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Barlow). The lesson was read by the district secretary. In a very interesting address the Vicar reviewed the history of church bells. People sometimes disliked bells and the ringers themselves were discouraged, he said. That should not be. Nowadays wireless was generally associated with broadcasting, but it should be remembered that church bells always broadcast their message to the people.

After the service, which was fully choral, the company were entertained to tea in the Church House. The guests numbered 60 and included members of the choir.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting, at which it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Bocking in April. This will be arranged for the 21st.

Mr. A. A. Saunders (District Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his interesting address, also to the organist and choir for their services.—Mr. L. W. Wiffen seconded and especially thanked the sopranos. One did not often get soprano voices and the help of ladies at ringing meetings.

The Vicar, in reply, said he wished to thank the local ringers for their loyal support. He extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors and made special mention of his old friend, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley. Although they were mostly strangers that day, they would be friends in future. He again thanked the local band and their wives who had made such excellent arrangements for tea; also Miss Eyre, who had sent a donation towards defraying expenses for tea. Her late brother was well remembered for his services as general secretary of the association.

Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) said he was pleased to renew acquaintance with some of his boyhood friends. He thought choirs and ringers should be on a par. They provided the voices inside and outside the church.

Mr. W. Keeble said definite progress had been made in the division during the year. He urged as strongly as possible that young ringers should learn (or be taught) the correct way of holding a rope. Correct holding and striking was absolutely essential. It was bad striking that set the public against ringing.

A pleasant meeting was concluded by entertaining the company with selections on handbells.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.****NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday, January 27th, and proved another very enjoyable meeting. Ringers attended from Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benlilton, Camberwell, Carshalton, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Leatherhead, Merton, Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul and Christ Church), Reigate, Streatham and the local company. Good use was made of the handy ring of eight bells during the afternoon in methods both for beginners and experts, and the members were very pleased to welcome among them for a short time the Rev. Carew-Cox, of Lyme Regis, who was staying in London for a few days. A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. M. Johnston, who gave a very inspiring address.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, 39 sitting down. The Rev. C. M. Johnston presided at the business meeting which followed. Nine new ringing members were elected, including the band at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, the meeting being very pleased to welcome them into the association.

The committee's annual report and treasurer's cash statement were passed by the meeting without comment.

It was decided to hold meetings if possible during the year as follows: Easter Monday, Christ Church, Epsom; May 26th, Wimbledon and Merton; July 28th, Rannmore Common (jointly with Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild); September 29th, Lambeth; November 24th, Banstead; and the annual district meeting, January 26th, 1935, at St. John's, Croydon.

The committee was asked to draw up a provisional list of meetings in future, as it was thought that would simplify the business at the annual district meeting.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. E. Talbot, Beddington; treasurer, Mr. F. Woodiss, Banstead; hon. secretary, Mr. D. Cooper, Croydon; auditor, Mr. F. Housden, Beddington. The three representatives on the committees were Mr. J. Beams, Ewell; Mr. A. W. Clark, Croydon; and Mr. W. C. Smith, Benlilton.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers for their work during the past year.

It was decided, on the suggestion of the secretary, to notify the members individually in future of the annual district meeting.

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. C. M. Johnston for conducting the service, the organist and to Mr. Smalley and the local company for their very cordial welcome.

The tower was again visited during the evening, and practice was obtained in a variety of methods, including Spliced Surprise Major.

**NOTICES.**

**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 22nd, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All heartily welcome. Just a card for tea, please.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles (8), on Saturday, February 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec., 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, February 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Institute afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea! Rounds to London and Spliced Surprise.—Nolan Golden, Norwich.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Upton St. Leonards on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. (1s. per head).—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, by special invitation of the Rector. Frequent bus service from Coventry.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Tea, 4.30, at the Tower Café. Service 5.15. Ringing after. All those requiring tea kindly advise me by Feb. 20th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Asfordby (near Melton Mowbray) (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 24th.

Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify the undersigned for tea by Wednesday previous. *All ringers* are invited. Please make an effort to attend, and make a real good meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Feb. 24th. All Saints' bells from 3 o'clock. Service, St. Michael's, 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage, near St. Michael's. All welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 21st.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District. — By permission of Rev. B. Beavan, the spring meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea at the Dog Inn. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Please notify me before Thursday, Feb. 22nd.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Buxted on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at The Ramblers, 5.15 p.m.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24th, at Kempsey. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and business meeting afterwards. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 21st. — Fred Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — North-West Division. — A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 24th. 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.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Billiards match and social at Bolton Borough Police Recreation Rooms, Old Hall Street, Bolton, on Saturday, February 24th, 6 p.m. All ringers and their friends welcome. Names no later than 21st, to Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denver on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**WATFORD.**—Saturday, February 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Old School 5.30. Cheap tickets from all places by coach or rail to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford-Beams memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Forster Institute at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Adber, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (eight bells) on Saturday, February 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head at the Boscobel Tea Rooms.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the districts will be held on Saturday, February 24th, at All Hallows', Lombard Street (entrance Gracechurch Street). Bells (10) 3 to 8.30. Tea in St. Dionis Hall 5 o'clock. All welcome, postcards especially.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6, and J. G. Prior, 77, Anthony Street, E.1, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, February 24th, at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry. 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.**—Marlborough Branch.—The February meeting of the branch will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Will those who would like tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, February 21st?—A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 24th. Bells available: St. Mary's (8) 3 to 4.45 p.m., St. Giles' (8), 3.30 to 4.45 p.m., St. Laurence's (12) 4 to 5 p.m. Service at St. Laurence's at 5 p.m. Meat tea (1s. each) at 6 p.m., St. Mary's Church House, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, February 21st.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sawston on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute, for which a collection will be taken. Please look up Sawston Imperial. Diagrams sent on application.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea (free), by invitation to the Rector, will only be supplied to those sending in their names by Thursday, the 22nd, to Mr. C. Nottage, 123, Doncaster Road, Woodlands, near Doncaster.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley.

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**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Tea provided for those notifying me by Wednesday, 21st.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m., and a good attendance is requested. Those requiring tea (1s.) please write H. O. Over, 136, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, near Leicester, by Thursday, February 21st.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The blessing of the restored bells of Sherborne Abbey by the Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Saturday, March 3rd, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome, and tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Belfry correspondents or individual ringers intending to accept this invitation are requested to notify the Vicar, Sherborne, Dorset, of the number to be expected by Monday, February 26th. The tower will be open for ringing during the evening.

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**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Please note. The annual meeting of the society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, March 3rd. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Please notify for tea, Mr. Davis, White Hart Hotel, Eckington.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on March 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Feb. 27th, please.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Finchley. Bells from three o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each at 5.40. Will members kindly advise me by February 28th? All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel (Clock Tower) on Saturday, March 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each. Applications by Wednesday previous latest.

All welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting, Beddington, March 10th. Details later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—During the indisposition of the branch secretary, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., it is requested that correspondence and subscriptions be sent to Mr. E. F. Honour, 21, Bunker's Hill, near Bletchington, Oxford.

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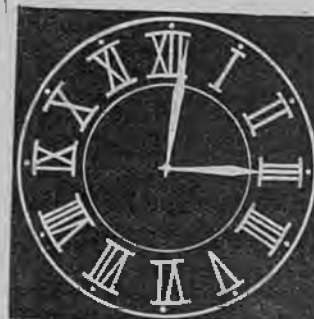
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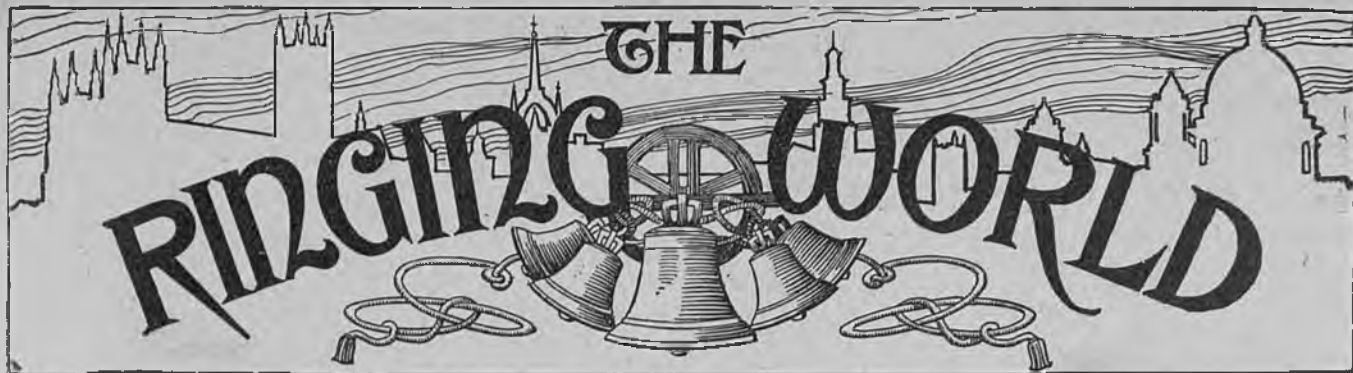
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## VARIETY IN METHOD RINGING.

Many times in the past in this column we urged ringers to 'get out of the rut' in regard to their peal ringing, and it is gratifying, in looking back over the last few years, to find that there has been a great deal more enterprise exhibited than was formerly the case. The Spliced Surprise peals in anything up to a dozen methods and the considerable number of new Surprise methods rung are examples of the determination of the advanced ringers to break away from the limitations with which, in days gone by, many very capable bands were content. And this indication of progress is being maintained. With less than two months of this year gone, six different bands have rung the first peal in six different Surprise methods, which have included Major, Royal and Maximus.

This is a very encouraging sign, but we would like to see greater expansion in method ringing by some of those who do not look upon themselves as being quite so far advanced as those who, to a large extent, concentrate on the Surprise methods. There is a book published by the Central Council, 'The Collection of Plain Major Methods,' which most ringers have heard about, and which all ought to possess, although we are afraid that a large proportion of ringers do not do so, and even some of those who do have put it away in their bookcase and no longer study its possibilities in practical use. In this volume are many methods which Bob Major ringers could easily master, and they ought to be as keen to score the first peals as those among the Surprise ringers who seek out new methods and ring them. The methods in this Central Council volume are not freak productions; many of them are such that any good Bob Major band ought to be able to ring them proficiently after a practice or two, and, incidentally, there are companies who have passed the Bob Major stage who would find quite a lot of the methods interesting and worth while ringing.

It is rather strange that nearly all the new Major methods that are rung are in the Surprise category, which indicates that at present it is really only the advanced ringers who have got 'out of the rut.' It is a mistake for the 'moderate' ringer to suppose that he must wait until he reaches a more exalted sphere before he can hope to launch out into fresh seas. A departure from the 'standard' methods would enable him all the quicker to reach what are sometimes called the higher methods. We hope that during the present year many of those who have put their 'Collection' in the bookcase will fetch it out again and make real use of it, while those who have not yet taken the trouble to study the contents of the volume and the scope it offers will invest in a copy, not merely for

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GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. 6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. Tenor

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WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 2	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 8
WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 4	*TOM SMITH ... .. 9
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STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
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†MISS MARGARET PACK ... 2	THOMAS J. HOLL ... .. 7
*JOHN G. NASH ... .. 3	GEORGE B. COLLINS ... .. 8
STANLEY A. CARTER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
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D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JOHN R. RODWELL ... .. 8
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## SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY KIRBY ... .. Treble	JOHN W. BOOTH ... .. 5
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 2	*FELIX J. SUTTON ... .. 6
JOHN H. GRUNDY ... .. 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 7
*WALTER FERN ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the opening of the octave, also immediately following the dedication of a tablet recording the first peal of Major on the bells—5,152 changes, August 2nd, 1897, composed and conducted by the late W. H. Inglesant.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 8, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALFRED KING ... .. Treble	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ... 2	*JOHN THOMPSON ... .. 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	*ERNEST STONE ... .. 7
*EDWIN MARTIN ... .. 4	D. HAROLD ARGYLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DEXTER. Conducted by D. HAROLD ARGYLE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and first peal in the method as conductor.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, February 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF YOXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM 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 G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

This method, of which Mr. G. Lindoff is the author, is now rung for the first time.

## WORCESTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... Treble	*RALPH SAYERS ... .. 5
WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 2	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 4	*FREDERICK G. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Stedman. First in the method as conductor. The quarterly peal for the branch.

## HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 2	*WILLIAM STANFORD ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	*JOHN COOK ... .. 7
PETER CHARMAN ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Canon Morley Headlam, who is leaving Horsham to take up the living at Atcham, Shropshire.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREEN ... .. Treble	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 78th birthday of W. J. Nevard.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 5
*COLIN H. HARRISON ... 2	KENNETH A. ROE ... 6
*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3	RICHARD F. ROE ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. S. H. Hoare, of Watford, who was on a visit to Leicester, and also rung as a compliment to Mrs. Milner, mother of the ringer of the 3rd, on her 77th birthday.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(St. George's Guild, Wilton.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, WILTON,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*R. W. HAYWOOD ... Treble	A. W. HAYWARD ... 5
*D. F. SHELTON ... 2	*W. A. SEVIER ... 6
S. A. WYATT ... 3	A. J. WYATT ... 7
*H. E. CAUSBY ... 4	S. G. COLES ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by S. G. COLES.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of New Cambridge by all the band. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells. First peal of Surprise Major by a band all attached to the same tower in the county.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT ... Treble	JOHN LOTT ... 5
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 2	WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 6
LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 7
FRANK E. MITCHELL ... 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL ... Treble	HARRY WILDE ... 5
CLIFFORD ELLISON ... 2	ALBERT PICKLES ... 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
*SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 4	CECIL DRAKE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by Wm. AMBLER.

\* First peal 'inside' in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Harold Pearce (a respected member of the local company) to Miss Mary Bairstow, which was solemnised at the above church prior to the commencement of the peal. All Sunday service ringers at the above church.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	*ERNEST BRETT ... 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. L. 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.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HARRY KEMP ... Treble	*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 5
JESSE BEAGLEY ... 2	FRANK KEMP ... 6
GEORGE UPSHALL ... 3	RICHARD HASTED ... 7
*SIDNEY MEADOWS ... 4	THOMAS UPSEHALL ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by R. HASTED.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method. Rung in honour of the 69th birthday of Dr. J. H. Greig, Lord Bishop of Guildford, who is in residence at Farnham Castle. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Upshall, wife of the ringer of the tenor, and to Mr. E. Clapshaw, the esteemed captain of the ringers, for his 89th birthday.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN A. GREEN ... Treble	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 5
FRED WILFORD ... 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 6
FREDERICK C. CASE ... 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... 7
GEORGE J. WHITEHEAD ... 4	*FREDERICK PATEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. GREEN.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*H. DENNIS MANN ... Treble	*JOSEPH PACK ... 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 2	JOHN SADDINGTON ... 6
*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 7
DAVID S. COLLINS ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BEDS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... 5
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol by resident members of the branch.

NEWCHURCH, ROSSENDALE, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. ERNEST RAWSON ... Treble	CECIL ROTHWELL ... 5
HAROLD W. EMMETT ... 2	ERNEST PARKINSON ... 6
FRED KENDALL ... 3	MILTON ACKROYD ... 7
*ALEX BARNES ... 4	STANLEY PICKUP ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

\* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 3rd belong to St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, the rest are regular service ringers at the above church.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

AMES W. GROUNDS ... .. Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 6
JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
ADAM BLOGG ... .. 4	*ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 416). Conducted by WM. SHARPLES

\* Fiftieth peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS I. B. THOMPSON ... .. Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 5
R. ALLEN HICKLIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Donald Chitty, who was inducted to the above church on Tuesday, February 13th. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Lowe, of Beeston.

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

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	JOHN MARSHALL ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 2	ALBERT NASH ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. TRYNG ... .. 3	THOMAS E. LEE ... .. 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 209). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
GEORGE IVES ... .. 2	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
*S. R. FELTON ... .. 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Nevard, and was the monthly peal for the district.

WITHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble	VICTOR GLASS ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
REGINALD GRAINGER ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUTLER ... .. 7
PERCY GREEN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES PERKINS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR GROUND ... .. 4
HARRY GIBBARD ... .. 2	FRANK TAYLOR ... .. 5
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 3	HARRY NICHOLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

This peal was rung to enable the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th to ring a peal of Doubles.

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

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES WILKINSON ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... .. 4
GEORGE BOOTH ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... .. 3	JAMES H. MESSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. MUSSON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

FREDERICK LAWES ... .. Treble	CHARLES HIGH ... .. 4
LYOYD CHAPMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5
DAVID WARK ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Ringers of 5 and 6 from Norwich, remainder local.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's thus: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Hereward and Double Oxford; (2) Kingston Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Court; (5) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (6) St. Clement's; (7) Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON ... .. Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESMAN ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 2	SIRIEN THOMPSON ... .. 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

First peal in eleven methods by all. Rung as a compliment to A. Deas, whose birthday was on February 6th.

PILTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK HARVEY ... .. Treble	*ALBERT HARVEY ... .. 4
*ALFRED GREEN ... .. 2	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... .. 5
*STANLEY ATWELL ... .. 3	*MAURICE WATCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal.

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

On Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 1	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... .. 4
COTHEBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 2	CHARLES WILKINSON ... .. 5
JAMES H. MUSSON ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise by all except the conductor. It is 25 years since the conductor called the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor ever rung. It was also recorded by the same branch of the Guild.

**HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

*WILLIAM E. GRANT ... .. 1	EDWARD T. BARRETT ... .. 4
†GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 2	RONALD WALKER ... .. 5
GEORGE J. BERRY ... .. 3	DOUGLAS D. JAYCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BERRY.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First peal on a working bell. Mr. Gilbert kindly rang in place of a local ringer who was unavoidably prevented from taking part, all the rest are local Sunday service ringers. A 'christening' peal for the grandson (Benjamin John) of Col. S. H. Hanbury, C.M.G., donor of the bells.

**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.**

**THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four of Stedman, four of Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 1	GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 3
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 2	*H. DENMAN ... .. 4

ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FOSTER.

\* First peal of Doubles, and specially arranged for H. Denman, this being the tower in which he commenced ringing. First peal as conductor on tower bells. A birthday compliment to Miss L. Cainesbert.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, February 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 29, Belle View Road,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

The conductor's 750th peal.

**GRAVESEND, KENT.**

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

On Sunday, February 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At Lavenham, 25, Woodfield Avenue,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

SIDART SANDFORD ... .. 1-2	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 7-8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 3-4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 9-10
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5-6	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

Umpires—Richard A. Constant and Mrs. George H. Cross.

Witnesses—Mrs. E. J. Beer, Miss Kathleen Beer and Cyril Hammond

First twelve-bell peal on handbells by the society.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**GRIMSBY DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, February 3rd. Amongst the towers represented were Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Barton-on-Humber, Burdon-on-Stather, Ulceby, Killingholme, Thornton Curtis, Scunthorpe, Mablethorpe, Marshchapel, Elsham, Waltham and Gainsborough, together with the local members. The Rev. J. W. Sutton (Rector of Mablethorpe), the Rev. J. D. H. Patch (Vicar of Ulceby), the Guild Ringing Master, Mr. R. Richardson, and Mrs. Richardson (Surfleet) and Mr. W. Bramwell (Cleethorpes) were also present. The fine peal of eight were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Burrows), who gave the members an excellent address and a welcome. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

Tea followed at the Church House, 46 sitting down. At the business meeting which followed, the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry), who has just been appointed by the Bishop of Lincoln to be the first Archdeacon of the new Archdeaconry of Lindsey, presided. The secretary's report on the year was read and accepted. Owing to the illness of the secretary, Mr. H. Rushby kindly deputised for him. Archdeacon Parry was re-elected president.

It was a unique and memorable occasion in the annals of the Grimsby District to be able to re-elect an Archdeacon as president. Two years ago it was a Canon that was re-elected. Archdeacon Parry, as the whole Diocesan Guild, and especially the Grimsby District, knows, champions the cause of bellringing and ringers. His interest in the art has been shown for a great number of years, and only on unavoidable occasions is he absent from the district meetings. The wish of the Grimsby District is that he may long be spared to be amongst the members.

Mr. H. J. Mingay was re-elected secretary, Mr. J. Bray Ringing Master, Mr. G. Blanchard Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. C. W. Taylor representative on the General Committee.

The Rev. J. W. Sutton, Rector of Mablethorpe, was elected an honorary member.

The district bell fund accounts were presented and accepted by the meeting, and district meetings were arranged as follows: April 7th, Elsham; May 12th, Ulceby; June 9th, Bigby; June 30th, Burton-on-Stather; July 21st, Barrow-on-Humber; August 25th, Laceby; October 27th, Scunthorpe.

The President moved a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Burrows for his kindness, for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address; he also congratulated him on the honour which had been bestowed upon him in being made a Canon of Lincoln.—The Vicar suitably responded.

The President moved a vote of sympathy with the secretary in his illness and expressed best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Canon A. A. Markham (late of Grantham and also of Grimsby) sent his best wishes to the meeting through the president.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded with applause to Archdeacon Parry for presiding over the meeting, and the President, in reply, thanked the members for their kindness and good wishes. This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, after which some members indulged in handbell ringings, others returned to the tower, while some had to make for home.

**SOUTHERN BRANCH AT GRANTHAM.**

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Grantham on Saturday, January 20th, and ringers were present from Melton Mowbray, Bottesford, Hough-on-the-Hill, Orston, Barkston, Surfleet, Bourne, Wymondham, Market Deeping, Folkingham and the local band. Through the kindness of the newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Warde), the peal of ten were available during the afternoon and evening, and touches were rung of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal, also various touches on the back eight. Service was held in the ancient and beautiful Church of St. Wolfram, at which the Vicar officiated and gave a very helpful and appropriate address, at the same time extending a hearty welcome to members of the Southern Branch.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, 22 sitting down. The business meeting followed, at which the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston) presided. The first business was the election of a new president of the branch, owing to the Rev. R. D. Rowlands having left the district. The Rev. E. J. Hopkins, the newly-appointed Vicar of Edenham, who is a ringer, was unanimously elected president.

Mr. W. G. Thorpe proposed the re-election of the retiring officers en bloc.—Mr. H. Haynes seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously. In addition to these, the Rev. G. H. Warde was unanimously elected a vice-president of the branch. The other officers are: Ringing Master, Mr. H. M. Day; treasurer, Mr. A. Holmes; secretary, Mr. C. T. H. Bradley; and auditor, Mr. W. G. Thorpe. Mr. G. A. Day, of Market Deeping, and Mr. E. Roys, of Grantham, were elected performing members of the Southern Branch, and Barkston was chosen for the spring meeting.

The accounts were presented, and showed a small balance after expenses had been paid for the past year.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended by Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Guild), seconded by Mr. C. T. H. Bradley and carried.

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**PEAL TABLET DEDICATED AT SHEPSHED.**

On Saturday, February 10th, a slate peal tablet was dedicated in the tower of St. Botolph's Church, Shepshead, near Loughborough, to commemorate the first peal of Major on these bells and rung as long ago as 1897. The Vicar (the Rev. — Mack), in the presence of the two churchwardens (Messrs. S. B. Feckleton and W. Pallett) and a company of ringers, first spoke as to the record the tablet commemorated, then after the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' had been sung, he dedicated the tablet with appropriate prayers. The tablet, erected by Mr. W. Johnson, records a peal of Bob Major (5,152 changes) rung on Saturday, August 2nd, 1897, in 3 hours 17 minutes, by William Platts treble, Thomas Start 2, William Johnson 3, John H. Grundy 4, Edward Reader 5, Arthur W. Matthews 6, Israel Lovett 7, William H. Inglesant tenor. Composed and conducted by Wm. H. Inglesant.

Immediately after the dedication a band arranged by Mr. W. Johnson rang a similar peal of 5,152 Bob Major, composed and conducted by the general hon. secretary of the association, Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S. (who is also a member of the Johnson Society of London). It was unfortunate that owing to an accident Mr. W. Johnson could not take part in this peal, but Mr. J. H. Grundy, who rang in the original peal, did so. Afterwards the band were sumptuously entertained by Mr. Johnson to tea, at which the Vicar and churchwardens were present.

**RESTORATION OF DORCHESTER CHURCH.**

At St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, Dorset, on Sunday, February 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Smith 1, R. Hayward 2, G. T. White (conductor) 3, L. J. Noakes 4, W. J. Simons 5, J. Squire 6, W. A. Groves 7, J. G. Lock (first quarter) 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Simons 1, J. W. Smith 2, G. T. White 3, L. J. Noakes 4, R. Hayward 5, J. Squire 6, W. A. Groves (conductor) 7, J. G. Lock 8. The conductor's first attempt to call a quarter-peal. These quarter-peals were rung to mark the completion of seven months' restoration work to the above church and to commemorate the visit of the Bishop of Sherborne on the occasion of the thanksgiving services held the previous Sunday.

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to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the service, coupled with thanks to the chairman, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, and to all who had contributed to making the meeting a success.

The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 8.30. It was good to see one very youthful performer at the end of the rope, in the person of Miss Enid Richardson, who, assisted by her father, displayed great promise and enthusiasm.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch was held on Saturday last, when 36 members turned up at Pulham Market from Diss, Dickleburgh, Hethersett, Garboldisham, Redenhall, Palgrave, Starston, Shelfanger, Saxlingham, Winfarthing, Wymondham, Norwich and the local band.

At the business meeting, which followed the tea, kindly provided by the Rector, Mr. Wm. L. Duffield, of Saxlingham, was unanimously elected chairman of the branch, Mr. N. Golden, of Norwich, secretary, and Messrs. Bennett (Garboldisham), Harrison (Diss), More (Palgrave), Riches (Redenhall) and Whiting (Pulham), the five elected members of the committee.

J. Woolnough, of Starston, was elected a performing member, and the Rev. W. H. Benson, M.A., of Buxton, an honorary member.

Diss is to be the venue of the next meeting, on April 21st.

The Rector of Pulham was heartily thanked for his generosity in entertaining the ringers.—In reply, the Rector said he was pleased indeed, and considered it a privilege to have the ringers of the district at Pulham. He felt certain the association was doing a great work for the Church and the cause of ringing.

Touces of Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells, and Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise during the afternoon and evening on the bells of the Parish Church. The Norwich contingent passed away the time in returning by train with Forward, Cambridge, Kent and Plain Bob Major on handbells. N. G.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bromham on Saturday, February 17th, and was very well attended. The fine peal of six bells were made good use of throughout the afternoon and evening in methods varying from London Surprise to Doubles, with a sprinkling of rounds. After an excellent tea, the business meeting was held, presided over by Miss E. Steel, but this, of a routine nature, was soon disposed of, and the members were quickly back in the tower to ring on this famous peal (tenor 25½ cwt.).

There is every reason to believe that in the near future two more trebles will be added and the peal overhauled.

Among those present were Mr. C. T. Bradley (secretary of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild), Mrs. P. Humphreys, of Folkingham, Lincs, and Mr. P. Amos, of Wellingborough.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The number of peals rung in the year 1933 and published in 'The Ringing World' was 1,834, a falling off of 368 compared with 1932, when 2,202 were rung.

The Henry Johnson dinner on March 3rd will be attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham. Henry Johnson was born on February 28th, 1809, and died on January 7th, 1890.

Those who would like to ring at Bishop Ryder's Church before the dinner will be able to do so between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m., and Mr. James George will be there to welcome them.

A distinctly good performance is that by John A. Green, of Wicken, who has just called a peal of Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell. He is only 16 years of age. Who has been the youngest ringer to do this?

At the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, the hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) was presented with a bookcase from the members of the district and a wall mirror from the members of the Leatherhead band, on the occasion of his marriage, which took place a week earlier.

It is interesting to note that Mr. H. Smith, who rang the 42½ cwt. tenor at Leeds to the peal of Stedman Cinques recorded in our last issue, is 72 years of age. Are there any other ringers, apart from the Birmingham 'wonder,' who, at this age, have accomplished such a feat?

Incidentally, the name of the ringer of the 6th in this peal was Thomas W. Strangeway, not Strange as published, and the note of the tenor should, of course, have been given as C and not G.

March 1st is the 200th anniversary of the first of a series of long peals of Grandsire Caters rung at Painswick, Glos, viz.: On March 1st, 1734, 8,064, in 4 hours 45 minutes; on March 1st, 1735, 10,080, in 6 hours 27 minutes; on April 18th, 1737, 12,006, in 7 hours 55 minutes.

Forty-five years ago on Thursday, also, the Warnham, Sussex, band rang 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major in 7 hours 45 minutes. Walter Charman, one of that company, is still actively engaged in ringing at the same church.

The Minor record was made at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, on Feb. 27th, 1816, when 21 extents in different methods were rung. It was described as 'twenty-one peals.' On the same date, 41 years earlier, '10,080 changes (or 84 peals)' was rung at Whaplode, Lincs.

This latter is probably the longest peal ever rung on five bells. No method is stated, but the record reads:—

'Feb 27th 1775 was Rung 10,080 changes or 84 peals by Wm Jackson, Richd Harwood, Wm Money, Stepn Davis and Richd Pottenger. Raised and Settled the Bells in 7 Hours and 25 Minutes.'

The death is announced at his home in Parkstone, Dorset, of Canon George Russell Bullock-Webster, for 22 years, until 1932, Rector of St. Michael's, College Hill, London. He was well known to ringers visiting London for the College Youths' dinners, for it was at his church that the annual service of the society was revived, and during the time he was Rector he always officiated. Canon Bullock-Webster was 75 years of age.

## DULL SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Complaints have frequently been made about the threadbare subject of ringers' attendance at church, which so often forms the subject of the address at a ringers' service, but no one seems to raise any objection to an even more monotonous subject, namely, the passage which is invariably chosen for the lesson (Numbers 10, 1-10).

Doubtless there are many ringers who, like myself, are heartily sick of hearing about the two silver trumpets.

If we are quite frank with ourselves, we must admit that even to-day a great many ringers rarely attend church services except on such occasions as at meetings and bell dedications, so that the only portion of Scriptures they ever hear is an isolated extract from the Old Testament, and in any case the resemblance of the two silver trumpets of Moses to the church bells of to-day is scarcely calculated to inspire ringers.

There is room for drastic alteration in many of our association services, and, in my humble opinion, one improvement could take the form of the substitution of either one of the New Testament lessons or the Gospel appointed for the day for the lesson at present in use.

Perhaps some of our clerical ringers would care to express an opinion on the subject.

Thornton Heath, Surrey.

R. H. DOVE.

## VANCOUVER RINGER'S DEATH.

One of the band who took part in the first and only peal ever rung in the Dominion of Canada has recently died in Vancouver. He is Mr. William R. Warner, formerly of South Weald. He went to Vancouver some 24 years ago and had been a valued member of the band at the R.C. Cathedral Church of the Holy Rosary. He rang the fifth to the peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on July 1st, 1911.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung muffled to his memory after his passing.

## PEALS OF MINOR.

### THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—You want the Central Council to recognise the Bankes James Cambridge Minor. So do we, and though we are not likely to agree with your arguments, would it not be well to act on the hint given in 'The Ringing World' a week or two ago? Shall we try and get the Council and the Exercise to say definitely that it is quite allowable to use that and similar compositions in a peal; and leave the formal definition of a peal of Minor and the question of the Morris Doubles and others till another occasion?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.  
ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

### POSITION NEEDS REGULARISING.

Dear Sir,—While appreciating what Mr. H. G. Cashmore says of my suggested definitions, may I point out that they are not intended to be final, but are worded so that anyone may suggest an amendment, if he can think of an improvement. Perhaps Mr. Cashmore can suggest a better wording of this definition.

He implies that there is some law that one must begin ringing with an even number of rounds. I know of no such law, and do not see why it should be made.

While, in the old days, there was no stated number of rounds, a peal was not considered 'complete' without some rounds to begin and end with it. If we are to return to this position, my definition is one way of doing so. If we are not to do this, then let my definition be amended accordingly. At present we have adopted the plan of having rounds only once between extents, without really thinking out what it involves. Hence our present difficulties.

We need not suppose that anyone will want to ring not less than three rows of rounds between each extent, but the point of the definition is that if they do not do this, or some other agreed number, they will not have rung complete extents. In the same way one may suppose that people will go on ringing only one row of rounds between the extents. But if so, they will have to recognise that they are ringing incomplete extents. There is nothing wrong in doing this, but it needs regularising by being mentioned in a rule.

HERBERT DRAKE.

A letter from Mr. G. L. Joyce is unavoidably held over.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT'S GOOD YEAR.

After visiting Isleworth for many years, the South and West District altered the venue for this year's annual meeting, and met at Heston. Strangely enough, it was the smallest attendance at such a meeting for many years. Custom dies hard, and maybe this was one of the reasons for the absence of some ringers. However, the step has been taken, and it is to be hoped that by next year the old tradition will be put out of mind and the same loyal support given as in the past.

The bells were rung to a variety of methods before and after tea, with the unique feature of a different ringing master for each session. (No prizes for answering this puzzle!)

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar of Heston (the Rev. G. Griggs), who gave an admirable address. Tea followed in the Church Room, where an excellent meal had been prepared by the Heston ringers and wives. They were heartily thanked for their efforts in this direction. Thanks were also given to the Vicar, who is fast gaining a reputation of being a 'ringer's parson.' He certainly appreciates what they do!

The general meeting, which was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), was attended by 30 members and friends.—The balance sheet showed a balance in the General Fund of over £8, while that in the Bell Restoration Fund exceeded £10.

Messrs. E. J. Wright, of Ealing, and K. Bishop, of Ruislip, were elected ringing members.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Ringing Master, Mr. T. Collins (Ruislip); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. G. M. Kilby (Ruislip); hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Hillingdon); assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilson (Ealing); hon. treasurer, Mr. C. S. Bird (Heston). Messrs. Chandler (Heston), F. Corke (Hillingdon) and E. C. S. Turner (Ealing) were elected as representatives to the Central Committee, and Messrs. Lidbetter (Isleworth) and Turner (Ealing) as auditors.

A new rule to the effect that, if possible, the annual district meeting should be held at a different tower each year, was passed.

It was also decided to grant £2 2s. to the Bedford Bell Restoration Fund if and when an estimate for the work was accepted by the local authority.

The proposal to amend the title of the association was discussed, but no action was taken.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild are to be invited to hold a joint meeting at Hillingdon in October, while the next annual district meeting will be held there next February.

Notice was given of the next district meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on March 10th, and the association annual meeting at Ealing on April 21st.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### TOWER AFFILIATION FEES.

A quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Some good practice was put in on the bells prior to the service, which was conducted by the curate (the Rev. Parkes), who gave a very inspiring address.

Tea was afterwards served in the Schoolroom, at which 28 members and friends sat down.

After tea votes of thanks were accorded to Canon Ross for permission to hold the meeting and for the use of the bells, and to the curate for conducting the service and for the address.—The curate responded on behalf of the Canon and himself.

The branch president (Mr. C. Ollier) presided over the business meeting.

The majority of the towers in the branch were represented in the number present, which included also Mr. W. H. Shaker (general secretary of the association) and Mr. Claude I. Davies (treasurer), and members from other branches.

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. George Newton, West Didsbury.

The treasurer asked for assistance from the leaders of towers in bringing to the notice of their Parochial Councils the scheme for affiliation to the association with a view to obtaining regular payment of the affiliation fees.

It was decided that the meetings for the coming quarter be held as follows: March 17th, at Ashton-under-Lyne; April 21st, at Birch-in-Rusholme; and the quarterly meeting on May 12th at Brookfield, Gorton.

At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks was given to the ladies and local ringers for providing and serving tea, and carrying out the arrangements of the day.

Afterwards a very pleasant and useful evening was spent among the bells, where late though welcome arrivals kept up the continuity of ringing.

### WIGAN AND BOLTON BRANCHES MEET.

The annual joint meeting of the Wigan and Bolton Branches was held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday week, and was a very representative gathering, members being present from Wigan Parish Church, Poolstock, Coppull, Standish, Rainford, Aughton, West-houghton, Leigh, Walkden, Holy Trinity, St. Saviour's, Newchurch, St. George's, Bolton Parish, along with the local ringers. The bells were soon ringing out merrily, and the following methods were indulged in: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association, who preached a very fine sermon on the ringers' attitude to worship. The lesson was read by the Rev. W. A. Sargent. A very enjoyable tea followed in the local cafe, full justice being done to the good things provided.

It was decided to hold the next joint meeting in June, at West-houghton.

A feature of the meeting was the presence of three stalwarts of the association, in the persons of Messrs. William Blackledge, Thomas Eccleston and Peter Nuttall, who have respectively 48, 55 and 50 years' service to their credit.

The Vicar of St. Peter's (the Rev. W. A. Sargent) offered a great welcome to the ringers, and hoped they would pay another visit in the near future.

The Rev. Canon Elsee thanked the Vicar for his kindness, and paid tribute to the organist and choir, and also to the ladies, who so generously gave the tea.—Mr. Peter Crook suitably replied on behalf of the ringers.

Credit is also due to Mr. W. O. Farrimond, secretary of the Wigan Branch, in organising such a wonderful meeting. 'Stand' was called at 9 p.m., and ended another great day for the two branches concerned.

### ARTHUR CRAVEN AND BURLEY.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I state for the benefit of 'Bob Minor,' his friend G., and others, that the late Mr. Arthur Craven commenced his ringing career on the old ring of six at Burley, Leeds (for confirmation see Yorkshire Association report, 1929-30). I once heard a ringer from the Sheffield district, on being asked where he hailed from, say, 'I come from Arthur Craven's country.' Now, while we cannot object at Burley here, to make kings for other places, we do object to the place of their birth being claimed for those other places. Burley is an ideal place, according to some people's idea; the ringing being on the voluntary system, and the result has been that no peal has been rung on the bells by a local band, though they were a ring of six in the year 1855. It has been a continual struggle to get them rung for Sunday services, while ringers who were brought up here have scored peals from Minor (seven Minor extents) to Maximus, from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

GEORGE WM. SLACK.

**PASTON CHURCH BELLS REHUNG.****RURAL DEAN AND BELL RESTORATIONS.**

The ring of five bells in the tower of the beautiful old Church of St. Margaret, Paston, Norfolk, has been tuned and rehung in a new frame and the tenor recast. They were dedicated by the Rev. C. W. Kershaw, Rural Dean of Tunstead, at a service held on Thursday evening, February 8th, when there was a good attendance.

The Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, Vicar of Paston with Knapton, has probably established a record by having the two rings of bells in his parish churches restored within the short period of 13 months. Unfortunately, a severe illness prevented him from attending the service.

The five bells are dated 1623, but the third was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1905, and at this time it appears that the old oak frame was preserved by strapping the timber together with iron. For some years recently the condition of the frame caused anxiety, and, after expert advice had been obtained, it was decided to cease ringing. The last occasion on which the bells had been rung was on the Sunday after the funeral of Hugh Paston Mack in May of last year, when a half-muffled peal was rung in his memory. His daughter, Mrs. Roland Bell, of Paston, started a subscription list for the restoration of the bells, the amounts being augmented by the proceeds of various social events.

The ring has been rehung in a steel and iron frame with the most modern fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who had also carried out the restoration of the bells at Knapton Church last year. The weights of the Paston bells are: 1 (D), 3 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.; 2 (C), 4 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.; 3 (B), 5 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.; 4 (A), 7 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.; 5 (G), 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Muir (Rector of Swafeld and Bradfield), and the lessons were read by the Rev. F. A. Chase (Vicar of North Walsham) and the Rev. Francis E. R. Thompson, of Runham, who was Vicar of Paston from 1910 to 1914. The Rural Dean preached the sermon. The Rev. W. F. Sommerfeld (Vicar of Bacton and Edington) was also present.

The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers was represented by Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary) and Mr. W. C. Duffield. Cromer and Northrepps ringers also attended the service. Mr. Cyril Johnston represented the bellfounders.

After the dedicatory prayers, a plain course of Bob Doubles was rung, the ringers being R. Francis 1, D. Burton 2, D. Yaxley 3, G. Burton (conductor) 4, T. Francis 5. A sermon was preached by the Rural Dean. A collection, made in aid of the fund, realised £10 5s. 5d.

**MONEY SPENT ON BRITISH LABOUR.**

After expressing regret at the enforced absence of the Vicar, the Rev. C. W. Kershaw, in the course of his sermon, continued: 'It might be said, as it is being said in the Press and elsewhere about the purchase of the Codex Sinaiticus, that the money you have spent on the restoration of your bells might have been better expended on hospitals, the unemployed, or other charitable purposes. It might have been better spent that way, so might all the money spent on anything that is not a necessity of life—the millions spent on amusements, tobacco, cigarettes, sweets, drinks, superfluous smart clothes and even the three-ha'pence spent on some daily paper. And if a distinction is drawn between the spending of public and private cash I would retort that in a professedly Christian country the same principles of spending should be applied all round. You have spent your money on British labour and materials; you have provided yourselves with the means of affording an interesting occupation to those who care to learn the art of bellringing—an art interesting in itself and calling for intelligence, patience, perseverance, team work and good fellowship.

'I am no Pharasaic Sabbatarian,' said the Rural Dean. 'I believe that Sunday is a day to be enjoyed; that it can be and should be a day of rest and gladness. A day, indeed, for such pleasure as does not rob others of their leisure—a day of rest, not restlessness—a day of gladness, not licence. On our roads the tearing, shrieking, reeking, hire-purchase parade which has in eight years destroyed 50,000 of our fellow countrymen and injured one and a half million more has succeeded also in destroying much of the restful joy and gladness of our English Sunday. The motor vehicle, and a class of people who demand a seven-days week for pleasure, have done much—I think most—to destroy the English Sunday. Let the sound of the bells at least make you stop and think.'

After the service visiting ringers rang some well-struck touches in various methods, and the tone and go of the restored peal afforded the greatest satisfaction to all those who were privileged to ring on this latest faultless product of the Croydon Foundry.

**A BIRTHDAY TOUCH.**

At Stevenage, Herts, on January 16th, as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Smith, mother of Mr. R. W. Smith (churchwarden), a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): H. Cresswell (first quarter-peal) 1, H. W. Wittering 2, W. Brown 3, G. Cherry 4, T. H. Townsend 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****A DAY OF HAPPY EVENTS.**

The annual meeting of the London County Association was held on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, Crossing London Bridge at 2.30 p.m., it was evident that 'something was on,' for the bells of St. Magnus-the-Martyr were ringing merrily, with those of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East as an echo just as pleasant to hear. The advertised 'bright and cheery' L.C.A. meeting had commenced with the officers of the North District in charge of St. Dunstan's tower, where Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London were all a-go, whilst the officers of the Southern District were quite at home at St. Magnus'. Leaving this neighbourhood at 3.45 p.m., it was not long before the bells of St. Clement's were heard to be 'going strong.' Here the Master (Mr. T. H. Tafender) was in charge of quite a packed tower, where methods numerous and well rung followed one another without break until 4.15 p.m. Everybody seemed in their best mood, which undoubtedly helped considerably towards the fine success of the short service, which was held at St. Clement Danes. The lessons were read by Messrs. E. A. Young and C. O. Moore, and a very helpful address commending ringers regularly to attend their own churches for worship after ringing was given by the Rector of St. Mary's, Woolwich. To give some idea of the number of those who had enjoyed the ringing and service, no less than 52 sat down to tea at the Willow Restaurant in Essex Street. Here again all went well, with an excellent tea in a bright and well-arranged room.

After tea, whilst cigars and cigarettes were handed round, one heard some very good tune playing by Messrs. Young, Herbert, Cross, Meyer, Mrs. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker. At the same time numbers had again found their way over to St. Clement's, and further good ringing took place until 7 p.m.

The business meeting was then held in the Parish Hall. The Master took the chair, there being some 60 members present. A very satisfactory statement of accounts was read by the auditors, and the general secretary (Mr. C. O. Moore) reported fine progress in all departments, especially thanking Mr. Barker and the officers of the Southern District for their pioneer work rendered during the year at the tower of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where they helped to form a new band of 14 ringers, all of whom became members of the L.C.A. Mr. Wyatt, on behalf of St. Mary, Lambeth, ringers, informed the association that St. Mary's bells having been completely restored, the L.C.A. was offered the use of the bells once each month, as would be announced regularly in 'The Ringing World.'

Upon the suggestion of the Master, tribute was paid to the memory of the seven members lost by death during the year by the whole gathering standing in a two minutes' silence.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks was offered to those who had granted the use of the various towers and for all that the hon. chaplain had arranged.

The Camberwell band of handbell ringers, being unchallenged, were awarded the 'Dawe Cup' after a fine exhibition of Grandsire Triples, and, as further evidence of their splendid spirit, they offered to ring—and did well ring—silently, three courses of Stedman Triples, the composition of which was to be that suggested by any conductor there present. The 'Camberwell Band,' having now won the cup successively for two years, are unable to compete next year, so that in February, 1935, there should be plenty of young and new bands to enter the contest for this splendid silver trophy.

A day of happy events ended with only one regret, the absence through illness of the hon. chaplain (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford), who, with Mrs. Bickford, has so long given the association his full support.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****NEWBURY BRANCH AT CHIEVELEY.**

A successful meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Chieveley on Saturday, February 10th, when upwards of 30 attended from Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Compton, Chieveley, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasemore and Thatcham. Visitors were also present from Abingdon, Bramley, Mortimer and Overton. A short service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. Salt, who also gave an address, the Vicar of Chieveley (the Rev. H. Bonsey) being away from home.—Miss S. Davis (Bucklebury) presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Vicarage Barn, when 33 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided. He was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The spring meeting was fixed for Midgham on Saturday, April 21st. The summer meeting is to be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 16th.

Five new members were elected from Kinthury tower.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Bonsey for the use of the bells, to the Rev. F. J. Salt for taking the service, to Miss S. Davis for playing the organ, and to Messrs. Prismatic for providing the tea.—This was carried with applause.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going till 8 o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****APPEAL FOR MORE SUPPORT AT BRANCH MEETINGS.**

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at St. Ambrose, Bristol East, on Saturday, January 27th, about 40 members being present. The bells, a nice peal of eight, were set going at 3 p.m. and some useful practice obtained. The usual ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Lee, M.A.), and was fully choral, Mr. A. E. Clarke presiding at the organ. The Vicar gave an interesting address.

After the service a move was made to the Parish Hall, where the ladies had prepared a very nice tea. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. G. Jefferies (branch chairman), supported by Mr. J. Gould (Master), the Rev. M. E. Thorold (vice-president) and the Vicar.

The secretary, in his report, emphasised the need of more support at the branch meetings. An analysis had been drawn up showing the percentage of attendance from each tower during the past year, and out of the 31 towers with bells and ringers in the branch there were 12 towers who had not been represented at any of the meetings during the last year. He hoped they would give better support in future to ensure the success of the branch.

The Chairman supported the secretary and added how very discouraging it was to go to some meetings where the attendance had been poor.

It was decided, after discussion, to continue the meetings as before. Mr. J. G. Jefferies was re-elected chairman and Mr. F. Skidmore branch secretary, Mr. S. G. Riches being elected to serve on the Management Committee. Twelve new members were elected.

The place of the next annual meeting will be St. Philip's, and the quarterly meetings are to be held as follows: March, St. Matthew's; June, Pucklechurch; September, Olveston.

The Master thanked the officers for their work during the past year, and his motion was seconded by the Rev. M. E. Thorold and supported by Mr. S. G. Riches.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his hearty welcome to the branch, also to the organist and choir, and to the ladies who had waited on them at tea.—This concluded the meeting, and further ringing was indulged in until about 9 p.m.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.****NEW ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.**

The first annual meeting of the new Alton and Petersfield District was held at St. Lawrence's, Alton, on Saturday, February 10th, when members were present from Alton, Alresford, Blackmoor, Bramshot, Bishopstoke, Fareham, Froyle, North Stoneham, Portsea, Petersfield, Steep, Titchfield, Winchester, Wickham, West Meon and visitors from Farnham and Farnborough. After ringing during the afternoon the Guild service was held, and a most helpful address given by the Vicar (the Rev. T. N. R. Griffen). An excellent tea was served in the Church Room, to which a company of 65 in all sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairman) presiding. He paid tribute to the work of the Rev. B. C. Taylor (the late district secretary), and a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him.

The balance sheet of the old Alton District was read and adopted. The election of officers for the year 1934 resulted in the same committee returning to office, with the exception of the hon. secretary, whose place was filled by Mr. C. E. Bassett; the other officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. F. G. Eyres; auditor, the Rev. T. N. R. Griffen; district representative, Mr. W. Read.

Three new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Petersfield on January 26th, 1935, and the first quarterly meeting at Blackmoor on April 28th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman, caterers and organist, and also the Rev. Griffen for so ably arranging the tea and for his address. Ringing was then resumed, the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Chilvers Coton on January 27th. There was a splendid attendance of members from Allesley, Bulkington, Exhall, Higham, Lillington, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke, Warwick, Water Orton and Wolvey, together with the local band. The bells were set ringing soon after 3 o'clock, and continued in a variety of methods until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Parish Hall. The Rev. E. E. C. Jones (senior curate), in the absence of the Vicar, presided over the business meeting, which followed the tea.

The meeting places for February and March were decided, viz., Allesley for February and Bulkington for March.

Seven new members were admitted—four from Exhall, two from Chilvers Coton and one from Warwick.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman, the Vicar and the ladies who prepared the tea. Handbell ringing occupied the next half-hour, both method and tune ringing being indulged in. Then a return was made to the tower for further ringing. The bells of Nuneaton Church being available, a number made their way there. So, with ringing at both towers in the evening, a pleasant meeting came to an end.

**WOODBIDGE BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drake assumes too much. My criticism was not based on secondhand information, but after I had read his first letter in the 'East Anglian Daily Times.' In it Mr. Drake said that Woodbridge were 'the last bells cast before the ancient and beautiful system of casting and tuning was finally lost,' so that my description of a 'desolation period' was not far out.

Mr. Drake now says he was 'writing from an antiquarian point of view for antiquarians.' Then why write such inaccurate stuff? In my first letter I pointed out that Thetford and Colchester were older than Woodbridge, and yet Mr. Drake asks, 'Can anyone beat 1790?' which is the date of Thetford.

Colchester are 1763, so that's that, and I would hazard a guess that other parts of the country can produce still older rings. It isn't likely we have ALL the old ones in this part of the world, and Mr. Drake must really redraft his message to the antiquarians. 'This is all.'

**'OLD RINGER.'**

Dear Sir,—Just as I expected. 'Old Ringer' has attacked me like all anonymous writers usually do; with bitterness and sarcasm, using as a weapon his age and service. I refuse to go any further into the matter until our above mentioned friend has the courage to sign his correct name.

**CECIL W. PIPE.****THE OLDEST BELLS.**

Dear Sir,—In answer to the Rev. H. Drake, who claims Woodbridge bells, cast 1799, to be the oldest complete ring of eight, Merton College, Oxford, is the oldest peal intact that I know of, date 1680, tenor 27 cwt., cast by C. Hodson. Painswick back ten were cast in 1731; founder, A. Rudhall.

I can give 20 more peals cast before 1799. And probably there are a good many more.

**J. HUNT.**

Taunton.

**'MIXING OF THE CLASSES.'***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have never previously trespassed upon the space of 'The Ringing World,' but I would like to offer a few comments on your leading article of last week, and upon Mr. G. L. Grover's report. The latter was a most excellent document, containing much food for thought, but I think that the reason why so many ringers have not rung peals is possibly due to three reasons:—

- (1) That they do not care for peal ringing.
- (2) That they are too apathetic to push their individual needs to the right quarter; or
- (3) That there is some defect in their ringing which no conductor will tolerate.

I should think that most of the members in Mr. Grover's district come under these headings. I need not enlarge upon the first. Under the second, I think that if a ringer is keen to ring peals he should have sufficient initiative to make his case known to peal ringing bands or conductors. Thirdly, there are many ringers up and down the country who, although keen to ring peals, are bad strikers. I agree with Mr. Pulling that peals with bad striking are likely to do more harm than good. Striking can and should be perfected on practice nights.

Now, Sir, turning to your leading article, you suggest a better mixing of the classes and a giving up of more time to the 'less-than-average' by the experts. Surely the appeal for aid should come from the 'less-than-averages.' It is not my experience that these sort of appeals fall on deaf ears. I have always found the experts willing to utilise their knowledge to help the less favoured. I have, however, come across cases where expert help, voluntarily offered, has been scorned or not utilised as it might be, usually through the petty jealousy of the man with most influence in the tower. It is sometimes hard to avoid the accusation of 'poking one's nose in,' and, therefore, I repeat that appeals for aid should come from those who need it. If some ringers would be more broadminded and think a little more of the good of the Exercise rather than of their own position, I think we should find the elements would mix better.

**ALAN R. PINK.**

Windsor.

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****MEMBERS OF CONGREGATION ATTEND RINGING MEETING.**

The beautiful modern Church of All Saints, Gosforth, on the outskirts of Newcastle-on-Tyne, was chosen for the pre-Lent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and, on the suggestion of Mr. M. D. Oubridge, the local secretary, an innovation was made by inviting members of the congregation to join in and get to know some of the mysteries of change ringing.

The church contains a very fine peal of ten bells, with 22 cwt. tenor, and good use was made of them during the afternoon. Evensong, fully choral, followed, and the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. S. Kennedy), welcomed the ringers and friends.

An excellent tea followed in the Parish Hall, the company, including choir, ringers and members of the congregation, numbering nearly 100, and, on the motion of Mr. William Story, J.P., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his address, to the choir and organist for their services, and to the ladies for attending on the tables.

In order to stimulate interest in change ringing among the congregation, it had been arranged with Mr. C. L. Routledge, of the Newcastle Cathedral band, to give a lecture, illustrated by diagrams and handbell demonstrations, on campanology. Mr. Routledge dealt with his difficult subject in a masterly manner, and was heartily thanked, the handbell ringing being loudly applauded.

A set of handbells belonging to the late Capt. Murray was used, and the lovely mellow tone was much commented on.

Many of the visitors then witnessed practical ringing in the belfry, and a very successful meeting concluded at about 9 p.m.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****THORNABY'S RESTORED BELLS.**

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Thornaby-on-Tees, and there was a very good attendance from the following towers: Ripon, Thirsk, Kirby Wiske, Darlington (Holy Trinity), West Hartlepool (St. Aidan's), Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Skelton, Saltburn, Stockton and Thornaby. Tea, provided in the Parish Hall by permission of the Vicar (the Rev. W. Palin) and the Church Council, was presided over by the president (Mr. J. Stott, of Thirsk), who was supported by the Vicar of Thornaby, the vice-president (Mr. Newton, of Stockton), Mr. J. C. Pollard and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for granting the association permission to have the bells for the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, gave the association a hearty welcome to Thornaby, and said he appreciated the remarks of the ringers about the bells. When he came to Thornaby five years ago the first thing he was met with was the bad condition of the bells, but he was happy to say that, with the assistance of the Church Council and the parishioners, they had been able to put the repair of the bells into the hands of the well-known firm of bell-founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who, he was told, had made a first-class job of them. The Vicar also expressed his thanks to Mr. T. Metcalfe for the advice and assistance given by him in carrying out the work.

Mr. J. C. Pollard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for providing tea.

The methods rung during the day included Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major and Bob Minor, and the meeting was most successful.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

The annual committee meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was again held at the secretary's residence. The accounts were audited and the balance in hand shows the strong financial position to which the branch has attained. The election of 27 new members in 1933 was confirmed (all REALLY new ones).

A determined effort is to be made this year to increase the number of honorary members.

Various other matters were discussed and recommendations are to be made at the annual meeting of the branch, which it is hoped to hold on Saturday, April 28th. Members are asked to keep the date vacant.

General approval was expressed of the new 'Committee Room' (it is useful for parties, too), and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. A. D. Barker for the tasty tea, and to the 'Nippy' (bride-elect of one of the B.Y.P.).

Adjourning to Stoke Poges tower, a variety of methods were rung, Cambridge and London being the favourites, each being rung twice.

**DEATH OF MR. FREDERICK JOHNSON.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham, which took place on Tuesday.

The funeral will take place at Hinton on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

**SOME FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

At High Wycombe, Bucks, for evensong on February 18th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Fred Hayes (composer) 1, S. W. Wilkins 2, F. Borcham 3, G. F. Hinton 4, G. White 5, E. Markham 6, F. West (conductor) 7, A. Hoing 8, E. R. Coles 9, S. T. Goodchild 10, P. S. Cecil Smith 11, W. H. Plumridge 12. The conductor's first attempt to call a bob on twelve bells.

On Sunday, February 18th, for evensong at All Saints' Church, Writtle, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Edwards 1, H. W. Kirtan 2, F. G. Radley 3, H. A. Edwards 4, W. R. Thrift 5, W. Edwards 6, T. Lincoln (conductor) 7, P. Little 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 6th and tenor.

At St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, for evening service on Sunday, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. R. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, James Bennett 3, J. Avenell (first quarter-peal) 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, J. Feskett (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet by the west door recording the reconditioning of the bells through the generosity of Mr. H. E. Girling.

On February 6th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ashford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, E. S. Ruck 2, P. Page 3, G. Swaffer 4, C. Butler 5, T. Tabrett 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, J. Burchett 8. First quarter for Mrs. Everett. First 'inside' by J. Burchett and C. Butler.

At Poole, Dorset, on Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Townsend, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*R. Hurst 1, A. Rose 2, \*W. Young 3, B. Hampton 4, W. Houlton 5, R. True 6, J. Vatcher (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, E. Doel 8. \* First quarter-peal.

At Waltham Abbey, on Sunday, February 4th, for morning service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: \*Mrs. Berry 1, G. Peace 2, \*Miss G. Church 3, \*C. House 4, \*J. Bird 5, \*W. Newnham 6, F. Perrin 7, G. Thurgood 8, G. Radley (conductor) 9, A. House 10. \* First quarter of Caters.

At St. Matthias' Church, Burley, Leeds, for evening service on Sunday, January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Ashton (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Wallace 2, J. W. Scholefield 3, F. Scholefield 4, A. Armitage 5, W. Whitaker 6, L. Drake (conductor) 7, George Slack 8.

**SURPRISE MINOR BAND'S DIFFICULTIES.**

Although it is nearly two years since the peal of six at West Clendon, Surrey, was augmented to eight, the longest length yet rung on them is a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. This was accomplished on Monday, January 29th, by the local band as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. Sir John Herschel, who is exchanging livings with the Rev. O. Boyd, of Perranzabuloe, Cornwall. The band was G. Jarrad 1, N. Harding 2, G. Grover 3, A. Walker 4, F. Day 5, J. Goshier 6, F. Bennett (conductor) 7, W. Matthews 8. It was the longest length on eight bells for the ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 8.

Before the completion of the octave, Surprise Minor was practised regularly by the local band, and they hoped to accomplish a peal on the eight without delay. Their hopes, however, have not been realised, mainly owing to the difficulty of getting the right band together at the right time and in persuading certain would-be treble experts to change to a working bell.

Hopes of a local peal in the near future are, however, now soaring, as, although perhaps that perfect beat which characterises the performances of experienced peal ringers was not always maintained, the ringing, on the whole, was good and free from clipping, and what few trips were made were negligible.

Sir John and Lady Herschel, who listened throughout, visited the tower to thank and congratulate the band.

**SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.****MR. L. LEEKS, OF LAVENHAM.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Louis Leeks, of Lavenham, who died on Saturday, January 20th. Deceased, who was 60 years of age, was born at Brent Elcigh, where he started his ringing career on the three old bells at the Parish Church. Afterwards he went to live at Lavenham, where he took up the art seriously under the tutorship of Mr. Arthur Symonds, and was for many years a regular member of the SS. Peter and Paul's Society until a few years ago, when ill-health compelled him to give up ringing.

He had rung nine peals, all of them being at Lavenham, six of Bob Major and one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. He rang his first peal (Bob Major) on Saturday, Nov. 9th, 1901, and his last (Oxford Treble Bob) on Saturday, April 22nd, 1922. He was always found at the 'big end.' In addition to his love for ringing, Mr. Leeks was, during his younger days, a leading light in local cricket.

His remains were laid to rest in Lavenham Cemetery on Wednesday, January 24th, two of the bearers being his fellow-ringers, Messrs. S. H. Symonds and W. R. J. Poulson. Messrs. F. Parker and A. Symonds, two other old ringing friends, were at the graveside. Deceased leaves a widow, four daughters and a son to mourn their loss, the son (Mr. F. L. Leeks) being a member of the St. Peter's, Croydon, company of ringers.

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 46th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 3rd, 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 St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30, Bishop Ryder's (8) 3.30 to 4.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division. — The annual district meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Tea, 4.30, at the Tower Café. Service 5.15. Ringing after.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District. — The next meeting will be held at Asfordby (near Melton Mowbray) (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers are invited. Please make an effort to attend, and make a real good meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Feb. 24th. All Saints' bells from 3 o'clock. Service, St. Michael's, 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage, near St. Michael's. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District. — By permission of Rev. B. Beavan, the spring meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea at the Dog Inn. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — North-West Division. — A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 24th. 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.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford-Beams memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Forster Institute at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Adber, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—Billiards match and social at Bolton Borough Police Recreation Rooms, Old Hall Street, Bolton, on Saturday, February 24th, 6 p.m. All ringers and their friends welcome.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Buxted on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at The Ramblers, 5.15 p.m.—J. M. Cripps, 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denver on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (eight bells) on Saturday, February 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head at the Boscobel Tea Rooms.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the districts will be held on Saturday, February 24th, at All Hallows', Lombard Street (entrance Gracechurch Street). Bells (10) 3 to 8.30. Tea in St. Dionis Hall 5 o'clock. All welcome, postcards especially.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6, and J. G. Prior, 77, Anthony Street, E.1, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The February meeting of the branch will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30.—A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 24th. Bells available: St. Mary's (8) 3 to 4.45 p.m., St. Giles' (8), 3.30 to 4.45 p.m., St. Laurence's (12) 4 to 5 p.m. Service at St. Laurence's at 5 p.m. Meat tea (1s. each) at 6 p.m., St. Mary's Church House, followed by business meeting.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sawston on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Institute, for which a collection will be taken. Please look up Sawston Imperial. Diagrams sent on application.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Battle on February 24th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Subscriptions for 1934 now due.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m., and a good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Gateshead to-morrow (Saturday). St. Mary's bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Anchorage adjoining church. All ringers and visitors heartily welcomed, so please rally round and make it another success.—H. Tyson and F. Robson, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs., 77, Durham Street, West Hartlepool.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Horbury to-morrow, Saturday. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**OTLEY, NEAR IPSWICH.**—At 3 p.m., on Sunday, February 25th, the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich will dedicate the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 1st (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 15th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on March 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Please note. The annual meeting of the society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, March 3rd. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Please notify for tea, Mr. Davis, White Hart Hotel, Eckington.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on March 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Feb. 27th, please.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Finchley. Bells from three o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each at 5.40. Will members kindly advise me by February 28th? All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent (six bells) on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look your Minor methods up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The blessing of the restored bells of Sherborne Abbey by the Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Saturday, March 3rd, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome, and tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Belfry correspondents or individual ringers intending to accept this invitation are requested to notify the Vicar, Sherborne, Dorset, of the number to be expected by Monday, February 26th. The tower will be open for ringing during the evening.

**BARTON STACEY, NEAR SUTTON SCOTNEY, HANTS.**—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southampton on Saturday, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northampton District.—The 50th meeting of the district will be held at Isham on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available early. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Please send names for tea by previous Wednesday.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea about 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, March 3rd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. A. Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than February 28th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by February 27th, first post.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Will those who require tea notify Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk, not later than Wednesday, February 28th? Members and friends will receive a hearty welcome at this meeting.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. Good attendance desired. All ringers welcome. Please notify those requiring tea.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. No business meeting. A meeting of the Northern Ladies' Guild will also take place at Milnrow on the above date in conjunction with the branch meeting and the Lancashire Association committee meeting. Tea will be served in the school at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. 3d. to all who send in their names not later than Wednesday, February 28th.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow, and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, Ladies' Representative, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stinchcombe on March 3rd. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome. 1934 subscriptions now due.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 10th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome whether beginners, average or expert. Please look up Bristol.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (Harvest Home, Beddington Lane) 5.45. Meeting 6.30. Social or further ringing after meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, March 7th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A joint meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, March 10th, on the occasion of the opening, after restoration, of the bells of the Parish Church (8). Bells open 2.30 to 9 p.m. A service will be held at 4 p.m., at which a collection will be taken to help to defray the cost of rehanging the bells. Tea will be provided free of charge at the kind invitation of Mrs. W. Norton Howe and friends, to those who notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, The Dove, Sleaford, by Wednesday, March 7th. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—H. Marcon and H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Saviour's) on Saturday, March 10th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A district meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—W. H. Curson, Hon. Sec., Netherseale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—E. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Bird's, Winscombe, 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by March 7th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel (Clock Tower) on Saturday, March 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each. Applications by Wednesday previous latest. All welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-East Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorington on March 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify secretary not later than 9th?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (12) available from 3 to 7 p.m. General meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held in the tower at 5 p.m. The annual report is now available, and subscriptions for 1933-34 are due. Further particulars to towers by circular.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—During the indisposition of the branch secretary, Mr. W. Evetts, jun., it is requested that correspondence and subscriptions be sent to Mr. E. F. Honour, 21, Bunker's Hill, near Bletchington, Oxford.

**BRIGHTON.**—Ringers visiting Brighton for the Easter Conference of the N.U.T. are asked to communicate with S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

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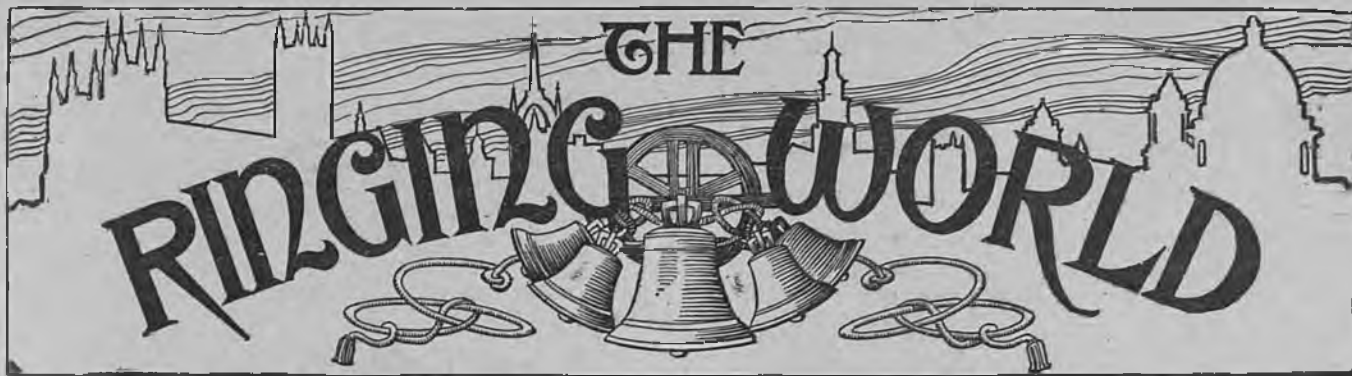
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## PEAL RINGING'S PLACE.

There is a suggestion, in the letter from Mr. E. M. Atkins, which appears in another column, that undue prominence is given in this journal to the peal ringing side of the art, and just a hint that on this page the subject gets more than its fair share of attention. It is true that several pages are usually taken up in the publication of peal records, but all the while peal performances are regarded — as they undoubtedly are regarded by the majority of ringers—as the high-watermark of achievement, so long, we think, they merit a conspicuous style of presentation; while, on the question of space, other considerations, which we need not enter into now, have to be taken into account when it comes to the size of type used.

Whether peal ringing is made more of than it deserves in this column is probably a matter of opinion, but when it comes to considerations of progress and such questions it is only by peal ringing results that any accurate comparisons can be made, for in no other branch of the art are accurate statistics available. Moreover, not only are the greatest energies of practical ringers bent to peal ringing, but in the realm of composition the best efforts of composers are devoted to the production of peals. In every respect from the progressive ringers' point of view, the 'peal' is the ultimate goal. If with some people the peal is overrated—and there may be some who set more store on peal ringing than they do upon their services to the Church—there is no reason why peal ringing should not be given its proper place as the keystone of the arch as it stands in relation to the art itself.

No right thinking person will deny that church bell ringing should be first and foremost a service to the Church, but the purpose of service ringing, as such, could just as well be served by call change ringing. The art of change ringing is really only subsidiary to the service which we ought all to desire to render to the Church, but we who seek to further its interests consider that good change ringing is a better offering of mental gifts than can be made by ringing of the other kind. It is only in this respect that the art comes into association with our services to the Church. There ought to be nothing in the encouragement of peal ringing which should detrimentally affect the ringing of bells for the services of the Church. On the contrary, it has often been pointed out that peal ringing makes for good ringing, and there can be no disagreement that good ringing should be the aim of all service ringers. Thus, from the two points of view, of furthering the art of change ringing and promoting efficiency in Sunday service ringing, peal ringing deserves to be encouraged, and if it may seem

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to some that we dwell too often on the many sides of the subject we feel that, on the whole, we are justified. At the same time we do not admit that the other phases of ringing have been neglected, and each, as occasion has demanded, has received its share of comment and criticism. Let it be understood, however, that we in no way resent Mr. Atkins' suggestion, but rather welcome it when offered in the spirit in which we know it is put forward.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Four Hours and Three Minutes.

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CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 9
*ERNEST HIBBINS ... .. 4	HERBERT SHEMMING... .. 10
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... .. 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES J. SRDGLEY.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to his late Majesty, Albert, the King of the Belgians, also to Alfred G. Rivers, a respected member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, who was interred at Dry Drayton, Cambs, the same afternoon.

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ERNEST W. PYE... .. Treble	†THOMAS J. LOCK... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... .. 4	†ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 9
*JOHN G. NASH ... .. 5	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

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WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... .. 7
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Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. 5
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	*J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 6
*RALPH HARRIS ... .. 3	GEORGE A. KING ... .. 7
*FRANK SADLER ... .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal in the method. Stedman Triples had been arranged, but owing to the indisposition of the conductor the above was substituted, the ringer of the 3rd filling the gap at short notice.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 7
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWARD G. BUCK ... .. Treble	§LEWIS BYWATERS ... .. 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 6
†WALTER D. POOLEY ... .. 3	THOMAS C. CASTLE ... .. 7
†DONALD C. MEARS ... .. 4	GEORGE FERRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method away from treble. § First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor man.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE LEE ... .. Treble	*SIDNEY EDWARDS ... .. 5
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	*THOMAS GUEST ... .. 7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PITSIOW'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. 5
GEORGE W. PIPER ... .. 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 6
JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT SMITH ... .. Treble	JOHN FEARNHEAD ... .. 5
EDWARD F. MANBY ... .. 2	ERNEST SEDDON ... .. 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 3	CHARLES OLLIER ... .. 7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by F. PAGE.

\* First peal. First peal in the method at this church by an entirely local band.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, February 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 2	†VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... 6
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 3	†ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. REEVES.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. 50th peal by Mr. Daniels.

BURLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD ... Treble	*NORMAN SIMS ... .. 5
GEORGE W. SLACK ... .. 2	G. CECIL WALLACE ... .. 6
*ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... .. 3	LEONARD DRAKE ... .. 7
FRANK SCHOLEFIELD ... .. 4	*HERBERT ASHTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

\* First peal. First attempt by the local company, all being regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WALTER P. CROSS ... .. Treble	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of H.M. the King of the Belgians.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HORACE HINGLEY ... .. Treble	NORMAN G. LENCH ... .. 5
†GEORGE BUTLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6
GEORGE MEATH ... .. 3	BERT HORTON ... .. 7
ARTHUR HINGLEY ... .. 4	DAVID HINGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

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

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## BRIDGEND, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, February 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Illtyd,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED ST. ILLTYD AND OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... .. Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 5
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 6
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 3	D. REES JAMES ... .. 7
JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* 150th peal. First peal ever rung with these two methods spliced. It contains 2,240 changes of St. Illtyd and 2,800 of Oxford, two ordinary singles and all the 6-7's at back stroke. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. R. James, wife of the ringer of the seventh.

## LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary, Lewisham,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROWE ... .. Treble	JOHN FOSKETT ... .. 5
CHARLES H. WALKER ... .. 2	CHARLES DAVIS ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	JACK DAPTERS ... .. 7
EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. 4	ARTHUR P. CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAPTERS.

First peal as conductor. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a mark of respect to H.M. the late King Albert of Belgium.

## GRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paulinds,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 6
VICTOR L. TOOTHY ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... .. 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

E. A. Barnett's 50th peal on the bells.

## CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER LONGMAN ... .. Treble	THOMAS HURD ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... .. 7
WILLIAM CORNWALL ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This method is now rung for the first time. Rung at the first attempt without previous practice. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Hurd, and also rung for the conductor's 24th birthday.

## GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 5
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 6
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 3	JOHN EVANS ... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Arranged for Messrs. Peglar (Bangor), J. Evans (Rhyll), A. Crawley (Crewe) and E. V. Rodenburst (Hodnet). Also as a birthday compliment to Miss Beryl Peglar (Bangor) and Mr. J. Evans (Rhyll). The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams for their kind hospitality after the peal, and the Rector for the use of the bells.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REG. BLABY ... .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	PERCY NEWION ... .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
FRED BIGGS ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

## MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

(UNATTACHED.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM ... .. Treble	*J. M. KELVEY ... .. 5
*H. TIMPERLEY ... .. 2	F. HALL ... .. 6
*W. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	*W. MULLINEAUX ... .. 7
B. GODDARD ... .. 4	*J. HEAP ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

\* First peal. First peal by an all-Mottram band since 1912. The peal is the first part of T. Day's 16,608.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*EDWARD CHARMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN COOK ... .. 5
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 6
PETER CHARMAN ... .. 3	JACK BRANCH ... .. 7
SAMUEL EELES ... .. 4	ALFRED CHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

\* First peal.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	JOHN MARSHALL ... .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

## BOOKING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 5
*BERNARD HOLDAWAY ... .. 2	SAMUEL WARNE ... .. 6
†GEORGE IVES ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
*ARTHUR G. BUTCHER ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Arthur Saunders and Arthur G. Butcher.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	HARRY WILDE ... .. 5
*MISS MARY JAGGER ... .. 2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 6
†NORMAN DAVISON ... .. 3	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 7
EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, 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 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH HALL ... .. Treble	*FRANK SADLER ... .. 5
*J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 2	RALPH HARRIS ... .. 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7
JOHN HALL ... .. 4	*JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Frederick J. Johnson, who was interred at Hinton the same afternoon.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 19 cwt.

*ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... Treble	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 2	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 3	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 7
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4	*P.C. EDWIN H. CHAMBERS Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Arranged and rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Bevan, who was president of the Guild. Also to the memory of the late Mr. D. M. Glasbrook, churchwarden, and the late King Albert of Belgium.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. ASH ... .. Treble	JOHN MCGLENN ... .. 5
G. WILFRED SLACK ... .. 2	LEONARD DRAKE ... .. 6
WILLIAM DIXON ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rector of this parish, Ven. J. F. Howson, M.A., Archdeacon of Craven, who served this church for 28 years.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY LIMBERT ... .. Treble	HORACE DOWELL ... .. 5
ALBERT TAYLOR ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN. 6
WILLIAM H. DETHERIDGE ... 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 4	SAMUEL DETHERIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN.

Rung in honour of the coming of age of the treble ringer. The above band, except the ringer of the fourth, are all regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 12, 1934, in Three Hours,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-score, ten callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

*WALTER HANCOCK ... .. Treble	*ERNEST E. FISHER ... .. 4
RICHARD ROBERTS ... .. 2	EDWARD J. AVERY ... .. 5
WALTER J. TILLY ... .. 3	A. JAMES GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Young, Vicar's warden at this church for the past 15 years, who was buried the same day.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 1,200 Grandsire and 480 Oxford Singles, twice repeated.  
Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	HARRY HOWARD ... .. 4
WALTER MANSFIELD ... .. 2	FRANK HAYES ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	VICTOR G. LEE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. TACK.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(N.E. DIVISION.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, with different callings.  
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... Treble	HARRY E. FINCH ... .. 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 2	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... .. 5
JOSEPH BOWELL ... .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

A birthday compliment to Mr. William J. Nevard, of Great Bentley.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Annable's London, Rossendale, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge and London.

ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Treble	JAMES BASSETT ... .. 4
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 2	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... 5
THOMAS FULLER ... .. 3	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith, of Leatherhead, on their recent marriage.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*H. DENNIS MANN ... .. Treble	†R. WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 4
†SIDNEY MUNTON ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 5
*SIDNEY HARRISON ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. PACE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. PACE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. The average age of the band is 21, the conductor, aged 15 years 10 months, being the youngest.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

J. BRINLEY JONES ... .. Treble	GEORGE POYNELL ... .. 4
JOHN H. RACKHAM ... .. 2	ALAN A. RACKHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late beloved president and founder of the Guild, Edward Latham Bevan, D.D., Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on February 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,283 changes): F. Corke (first quarter of Stedman Caters as conductor) 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, R. Davill (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 3, A. G. Twinn 4, J. J. Pratt 5, R. Warneft 6, E. Hancox 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8, W. H. Coles 9, C. Nicholls 10.

## CHARING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK J. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4
GEORGE C. HILL ... .. 2	*CLIVE GORE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late King of Belgians.

## BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*ALBERT E. T. PAULLEY ... 1 reble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
MISS PAMELA J. PALMER ... 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD ... 5
HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 3	WALTER J. GORNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

\* First peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of sympathy with the Belgian nation on the tragic death of their King. Slowest peal on the bells.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 1 reble	*FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 4
*J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 2	WALTER WHITE ... .. 5
WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. 3	*JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Pinder, a prominent member of the St. Peter's band. First peal of Minor on the bells.

## GLINTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the 720 rung seven times in the following methods: (1) Rossendale and Stamford; (2) Carlisle; (3) Beverley and Surfleet; (4) London and Wells; (5) York and Durham; (6) Norfolk and Primrose; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... .. 1 reble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung on St. Mathias' Day. First peal in 13 Surprise methods by ringers of treble and 2nd and for the Guild.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT, EDGELEY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3-4	A. ERNEST JONES ... .. 7-8

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

Witnesses—Hiram Meakin and Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

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## 'AMONG THE BELLS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Before finally disposing of the surplus copies of 'Among the Bells,' I should be glad to know if any ringer needs odd numbers to complete his book.

Any ringers who do not possess the whole volume may like to have Part No. 1—containing photos of the first Master of the Oxford Guild, Fred White, of Appleton, Charlie Hounslow, Matt Wood and Henry Johnson, and pictures of St. Laurence's Church, Appleton, and St. Peter's, Drayton. Copies price 6d., post free. This offer is open till Saturday, March 10th, only.

VERA ROBINSON.

Fair Home, Wokingham, Berks.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Branch was held at Haddenham on Wednesday, February 21st, about 22 members being present. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. J. Lawrence was elected to the chair. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Secretary, Mr. F. Warrington; committee, Mr. H. Collins, Mr. G. Few, Mr. A. J. Ginn, Mr. S. Slupp, Mr. W. Seekings and Mr. F. Thulbon.

After discussion it was decided, under Rule 10, to elect a ringing master, and Mr. A. J. Ginn, of Over, was unanimously elected.

The next meeting is at Whittlesea, provided consent is given. Will all ringers watch the notice columns of 'The Ringing World.' It is hoped to hold the meeting on Saturday, March 17th.

## DULL SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I do not think it is the lesson so much that ringers get sick of hearing at their services as the address that preachers almost invariably inflict on their congregations at those gatherings. Nine clergymen out of ten either take their text from the passage Mr. Dove quotes, or 'A golden bell and a pomegranate,' and they all proceed to tell the same story about the time that bells first formed part of Christian worship, etc. It appears to me pretty obvious that they all derive their knowledge from the same source.

I attended a meeting at Chiltonham many years ago, and we had the same old story given us by the preacher from the stock text I have quoted above. I remarked on this afterwards to the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, who told me of an incident related to him by the late Sir Arthur Heywood.

Sir Arthur's brother, or brother-in-law, I forget which, was the then Bishop of Guildford, and when they met the following conversation took place:—

The Bishop: Oh, Arthur, I had to address a company of ringers the other day at so and so.

Sir Arthur: Did you, what did you tell them?

The Bishop: I looked up so and so, and so and so, and told them all about bells.

Sir Arthur: Well, if ever it falls to your lot to again address ringers, give them a good straightforward address. The humblest ringer in your congregation could have told you more about bells than you will ever know.

I recounted this afterwards to my father, and, after that, whenever a Rector of Crayford was going to address ringers, he was always advised as to his subject beforehand, and they were always grateful for the advice.

One instance of how ringers benefited by 'that little word in season' was that wonderful address given by the late Canon Gedgo at the annual meeting of the Kent County Association in 1928. Canon Helmore, in his report to 'The Ringing World' the following week, said of it, 'Such an effect this had on the members that it was requested that it should be printed and circulated.'

Ringers themselves can do a lot towards brightening their services by just letting their clergy know beforehand what to talk about. We cannot blame the clergy altogether for our uninteresting services.

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

## A RINGERS' FRIEND.

## AN APPRECIATION.

Ringers in various parts of Southern England, including the Metropolitan, will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. W. Hibbert, of East Isley, Berks, who succumbed to a long and painful illness on Sunday, February 11th.

Since the bells of the village were augmented to eight in 1921 many bands of ringers and many individuals have made a call there, either on an outing or for a peal attempt, and very few have left the village without being catered for by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert. The local people have lost a good neighbour, the husband a good wife and the sons a good mother, and the writer of these few words has lost a real good sister and 'pal.'—R.I.P.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN DIVISION AT CHICHESTER.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Chichester on Saturday, February 24th, when 24 members and friends attended from Bosham, Chichester, Heene, Lindfield, Lyminster, Pulborough and Westbourne, with several visitors, including a lady ringer, from Portsmouth, Portsea, Fareham and Wickham. The bells of the Cathedral were made good use of during the afternoon. After tea at the Tower Cafe, Mr. J. H. Blake was elected chairman of the meeting, and gave the members a hearty invitation on behalf of the Vicar of Bosham (the Rev. G. Street) to make use of the Bosham bells if they cared to go there.

The following new members were elected, viz.: J. Gregory (Westbourne), S. White (Heene), H. Weaver and C. H. Cobbitt (Goring), C. Alsford, G. Bacon, T. B. Daughtry, T. W. Daughtry, W. Richards, W. Stevens, E. Tregus and T. Venn (Arundel).

Mr. A. W. Groves was again elected divisional secretary, and one new committeeman was elected, viz., Mr. J. Farmer.

Mr. Tucker kindly undertook to convey a vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the bells.

Mr. A. W. Groves expressed pleasure at seeing so many members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild present, and, on behalf of the Sussex Association, gave them a hearty welcome.—Mr. Linten, of Fareham, said it gave them much pleasure to be amongst them. The company then returned to the campanile for further ringing, and finished up with some handbell ringing.

**DEDICATION OF PEAL TABLET.**

A peal tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Oswestry, Shropshire, on December 27th, 1932, was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Langford Brown) on Sunday last. The peal is worthy of note from the fact of a lady being a member of the band. It was her first peal, and she was the first local lady to ring a peal. The performers were Miss Amy Kynaston 1, R. Edwards 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, T. Marshall and R. Kynaston 8. All are members of the local band except the conductor, who is a former member and now of Swindon, Wilts. Owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor, two men were necessary, but the bells have now been rehung. After the dedication ceremony a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss A. Kynaston 1, R. Edwards 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

The February meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Horbury Church, where the nice light peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) were raised about 3.15 p.m., and various methods were rung until 5.15, when a splendid tea was served in the Parochial Rooms. After tea further ringing took place, and later the business meeting was held in the tower. The president (Mr. W. H. Senior) was chairman, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Barnsley, Drighlington, Elland, Liversedge, Ossett, Rothwell, Wakefield and the local company. One new member (Mr. Harold Pickles, of Horbury) was elected.

The next meeting will be the annual nomination meeting, and, after discussion, it was decided to try and obtain the bells at Burley Church, the suggested date being March 24th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Horbury for allowing the use of the bells and to the local company for the arrangements was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Mr. H. Horner.

A further vote of thanks to the ladies, who had baked and served the tea, and to Mr. H. Pickles, who had supervised the arrangements, was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. T. W. Strangeway.—Mr. H. Pickles replied on behalf of the local company.

**HONOURING CHURCH OFFICIALS.**

At St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, on February 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. D. Fellows (first away from tenor) 1, D. W. Turner 2, A. E. Turner 3, F. V. Nicholls (first with a bob bell) 4, L. W. Turner 5, A. Reynolds 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, E. S. Bushell 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. W. Farr and Mr. W. A. Horne upon their re-election as churchwardens and to Mr. C. W. Cooper, secretary of the local band, upon his election as a member of the Ruri-decanal Conference and Church Council.

**ASTRAY!**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent who signs himself 'Bob Minor' (in your issue of February 16th), referring to his attendance at the Pudsey meeting, has got somewhat astray in his Yorkshire dialect phraseology, and intermixes words not usually thus spoken in the West Riding.

I am glad to hear, however, that he enjoyed his visit and 'gat awa in good time,' else he might 'hav had more Surprise' and missed 't' last tram.

'OXFORD BOB.'

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Prescott Parish Church, Lancashire, have been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and are to be dedicated to-morrow. In connection with the completion of the scheme, gifts of money to God for the bells will be received in the church from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The peal of Bob Major at Warfield on Thursday week was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Cross and for the coming of age of his son, Mr. G. T. L. Cross. Owing to the tragic death of the King of the Belgians, however, the peal was rung with the bells half-muffled.

The Cross family have been connected with Warfield for over 300 years, and the treble to the peal was rung by Mr. W. P. Cross, brother of Mr. E. P. Cross.

The band in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild which is doing so well in ringing peals in spliced Surprise methods (they rang a peal in 13 methods last Saturday), under the conductorship of that stalwart, Mr. H. M. Day, has lost one of its most capable members by the removal to the Birmingham district of Mr. R. W. Daniels.

Next Wednesday that grand old man, Joseph J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, will celebrate his 81st birthday, and ringers are invited to meet at Farnham Royal Church that evening at 7.30 to ring 'many happy returns.'

Will the lady who went home from the meeting at All Hallows, Lombard Street, on Saturday, with one of her own gloves and with or without a grey suede one, please communicate with Mrs. R. F. Deal, 10, Kimberley Avenue, East Ham, E.6, who pleads guilty to having taken away one of the wrong pair by mistake.

His many friends, including those new ones he made at Bristol on the occasion of the B.U.R.G. dinner, will regret to hear of the illness of Mr. W. E. Dennis, of London, a member of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild, who has undergone a serious operation in St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. We are pleased to say he is going on fairly well.

The leading article on 'Clergy and Ringers' from 'The Ringing World' of January 26th has been reproduced *in extenso* in 'The Liverpool Diocesan Leaflet,' which is inserted in practically every parish magazine in the diocese. This has been brought about by the efforts of Mr. O. I. Davies, hon. secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association.

The death occurred on February 21st, after a long illness, of Mr. A. G. Rivers, of Dry Drayton, Cambridge. Deceased was 63 years of age. The funeral took place at Dry Drayton on Saturday and was largely attended, among the congregation being many ringers.

The time of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at St. George's, Stockport, on February 17th, was three hours and fifty minutes, not three hours and thirty-four.

## BELLS AND THE WIRELESS.

### A B.B.C. INNOVATION.

Bells have come into singularly unexpected prominence on the wireless during the last week or so. As an experiment the B.B.C. are using a record of Bow Bells, rung in some well-struck call changes, to indicate intervals in the programme, where formerly the 'tick-tock' was employed.

It is certainly of more pleasing effect than the 'clock,' and we hope it may help to make the public a little more 'bell minded.'

## BELLS BEFORE BROADCAST SERVICES.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—I have never trespassed before in your valuable columns, but I hope this letter may help towards the object which most ringers would like to see accomplished, that is when services are broadcast the bells are included wherever possible. Unfortunately, at many of our churches whose services are broadcast the bells are not included. Take Stoke-on-Trent for example. A service was broadcast from there a few weeks ago, but no bells were broadcast, although there is, I believe, a peal of eight, and, I understand, a competent band of ringers. According to the programme to-night (Sunday, February 25th), the bells are not being broadcast from St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells before a broadcast service are just as important as any other part of the service. I do not consider the B.B.C. are to blame altogether, the cause is partly what we have been reading about in recent issues, 'the relationship between clergy and ringers.' I would like to appeal to the Central Council that at the meeting at Warwick a resolution may be passed that the B.B.C. be communicated with urging the importance of bells in broadcast programmes before services. If a church service is being broadcast (whether Church of England or Roman Catholic), the association and the local ringers could greatly assist by approaching the incumbent on the subject. I am not going to encourage such rubbish we here so frequently from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, but I would like to see more churches following the example of St. Martin's, Birmingham. It matters not whether Surprise or call changes are rung, provided that the striking is good. That is what the public wants.

B. P. MORRIS.

## PEALS OF MINOR.

## THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

By THE EDITOR.

In their letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' Messrs. Trollope and Turner say: 'You want the Central Council to recognise the Bankes James Cambridge Minor. So do we. . . Shall we try and get the Council and the Exercise to say definitely that it is quite allowable to use that and similar compositions in a peal. . . ?'

My reply is: By all means, as long as the words 'similar compositions' are clearly understood to cover only those compositions which, like the Bankes James Cambridge, consist of 720 rows, produced without repetition before the next extent is begun—and are not intended to commit anyone to the compositions, like the Law James London and others, which should be dealt with when the Bankes James Cambridge is out of the way. I say this for the reason that, in my opinion, the two things are in different categories and must be separately judged.

Moreover, as was explained in the article in 'The Ringing World' on February 16th, my belief is that in the Bankes James Arrangement each 720 is in itself true, and should, therefore, be accepted as such.

In support of that contention I put forward certain definite arguments. But Mr. Trollope and Mr. Turner (I am not quite sure why Mr. Turner has been brought in) ignore that side of the issue and dismiss it as lightly as Mr. Trollope had previously endeavoured to thrust aside the views of 'those people who keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720.' Mr. Trollope and Mr. Turner say: 'We are not likely to agree with your arguments.'

That they are 'not likely to agree,' however, will not alter facts, and it would be interesting to know their specific reasons for disagreeing with the following assertions contained in the article referred to? They are the basis of the contention of 'those who keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720.'

1. 'You cannot prove a peal by going into the tower and ringing it.'
2. 'Truth can only be assured by recourse to figures.'
3. 'The truth of a peal is tested by the rows on paper and not by the changes made in the tower.'
4. 'In an extent of Minor it requires 721 rows to produce 720 changes.'
5. 'The final rounds is a repetition of the first row, otherwise the term "round block" is meaningless.'
6. 'For the purpose of the truth of a 720 of Minor it does not, therefore, matter which row of rounds you count as one of the 720. They are one and the same.'

## THE FUTURE MATTERS MOST.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your recent leading article, and especially the second paragraph thereof, so agrees with the view I expressed at a ringers' meeting a few weeks ago that I feel I should like to make a few comments thereon. First, as regards the 'mixing' you refer to, I should like to go a great deal further. I feel that all is not well even as regards 'mixing' at meetings. In many cases there is great difficulty in getting the average or 'worse than average' ringers to attend the meetings, and, as far as I can tell, the reason appears to be that they feel that they are only admitted on sufferance, and touches for their benefit are only put on as a concession. This, of course, is all wrong, and the concession should be for surprise touches for the experts. At any rate, the aim of those arranging meetings should be to make the ordinary, i.e., the non-peat ringing ringer feel quite at home.

The other point about which we appear to agree is that some of the peal ringers might sacrifice some of their time to assist in teaching the non-peat ringers. I had this also in mind when commenting on the accumulation of association funds. The idea I tried to express was that some of the funds might be used to meet travelling expenses of any experts volunteering for this work who required assistance. It appears to me that the present season of Lent, which is hardly a time to ring peals to the glory of God, gives a good opportunity for us all to consider whether we can do more to get ringing regularly Sunday by Sunday all the rings of bells we know—and especially those we ring peals on.

Finally, may I, in all humility, make a few comments on 'The Ringing World'? 'The Ringing World,' as I see it, is primarily a peal ringers' paper, and more often than not your leading articles, which, of course, are really very fine in their way, deal with peals, peal ringing or peal ringers. The first 25 per cent. of the letterpress comprises reports of peals. Now, Sir, I should say that on a very conservative estimate less than half the ringers in the country are peal ringers, and less than 20 per cent. ring more than two or three peals a year. Is there any wonder, therefore, if the reply to any effort to improve your circulation is met with the comment that 'The Ringing World' is not for us? I suggest you print the peals in small type, so that they occupy about half the space at present taken and that you do the same to the notices of meetings. The space thus saved should be used for articles of interest to all church bellringers whose motive is primarily to do something, whether elementary or advanced, to the glory of God. I have not given up my interest in the Minor controversy, but I feel that this is dwarfed into insignificance, and, as you rightly say, 'the future matters most.'

E. M. ATKINS.

7. 'You cannot produce the first change without it' (the first row of rounds).

8. 'The first row of rounds is an essential part of the first lead; you cannot construct the first lead of any method (with a single hunt) without it.'

9. 'The last row of rounds is not an essential part of any of the preceding leads—it belongs to the first lead of the next 720.'

10. The Methods Committee in the 'Minor Collection' show 123456 as part of the lead in every case, and the back stroke, after the succeeding lead end is definitely cut off from the preceding rows.

11. 'In arriving at the scientific truth of a touch or peal, things like hand stroke and back stroke, and whether rounds or any other row is the first row do not matter.'

12. In ringing 'more than one 720 without a break it does not signify (as far as truth is concerned) what the first row of the second and subsequent 720's is.'

13. 'In any case it has got to be a repetition of something in the first 720.'

14. It is, therefore, no more a breach of truth to use the 481st row than the first.

## MR. JOYCE REPLIES TO CRITICS.

Dear Sir,—Good ring-general that he is, Mr. Coles knows the value of stepping 'in' to meet the blow, when side-stepping will not avail; but the 'timing' should be good when taking this risk! You notice that the spotlight is focussed upon my challenge as to this one method's name, and thus the major point remains deeply shadowed—the PRINCIPLE UNDERLYING.

You should realise, Sir, that Mr. Coles is my very good friend; that I hold nothing but admiration for those who composed and rang this 12-method peal—the finest 'job' of its kind ever accomplished; and that I am using it merely as a lever in forcing home my contention that what is 'sauce for the goose also is sauce for the gander.' I want none of your readers to get a false impression. I ask that general definitions shall, so far as is possible, govern all peals from Singles to Maximus, Plain Bob to Bristol; that the Minor shall not, quite unnecessarily, be separated from the others. To this end I attack this particular peal in detail, and only for that reason.

Come back with me to Mr. Coles' letter of December 18th, 1932: '... I CANNOT admit ... (the inclusion) ... of the first row of rounds ...'; so that, by 'force of logic,' he would compel me to write AND RING the methods under immediate discussion thus (the dots representing 30 identical rows in each):—

'NORFOLK.' 'TIMBUCTOO.'

12345678 12345678

.....

16847253 16847253  
18674523 16482735

Bob (in both)  
18642735

'NORFOLK.' 'NORTH POLE.'

12345678 12345678

.....

16847253 16847253  
18674523 16482735

Bob (in both)  
18642735

This is the Major parallel to the manner in which the Cambridge Minor is 'made' to be false; the back stroke definitely is clamped to the lead proper, and the method is not completed unless the back stroke row is INCLUDED THEREIN. Logically, then, NEITHER METHOD WAS RUNG!

Now, alternately and without the slightest difference in practical ringing, I can make my Cambridge Minor 'true' by writing AND RINGING these Major methods thus:

Here, strictly logically, Mr. Coles is fully entitled to claim that either method was rung, and he may name it what he pleases without the slightest grouse from myself; but if he does do so, surely any fair-minded 'Major' will agree that I am entitled to claim my Cambridge Minor to be 'true'!

You read that Mr. Coles is '... tied down ... by some odd leads of so-called Norfolk ...' (Sheer side-stepping here.) Actual facts are these: Twelve methods were named. Seven only were duly completed (Pudsey, Rutland, Yorkshire, Superlative, London, Cambridge and Lincolnshire). Two others (Bristol and New Gloucester), while not 'completed,' could not very well be anything else at the lead end. Three more (Eastcote, Wembley and Norfolk) each have a 'mate,' which, for convenience and facetiously to follow Mr. Coles' little joke, I shall dub 'Middlesex, Meddlesex and Muddlesex' respectively. If my Cambridge is true, either (of the pairs) was rung; if not, THEN NEITHER.

And Mr. Coles recommends Mr. Warrington to read, very carefully, the letter from Mr. Trollope; he might have added that Mr. Warrington should read, also very carefully and with some profit, my record of Mr. Trollope's views on rows and changes which was published immediately under that letter.

'Reading carefully' leads me to Mr. Cashmore's opening reference to myself. I cannot decide if his remarks result from carelessness, lack of knowledge of the subject matter, inability to read with understanding, or just a mistaken sense of humour; but, in any case, I consider that you are 14 lines of good and valuable space to the bad. (Continued at foot of next page.)

### EDINBURGH RINGERS' DINNER.

#### 'ENDOWED' FUNCTION OF ST. CUTHBERT'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 13th, a company of nearly a hundred ladies and gentlemen attended the annual dinner of St. Cuthbert's Parish Church Society, Edinburgh, held at the Caledonian Hotel. As an endowed dinner, held annually under the terms of a will, the function is among the most distinctive which are held in Edinburgh, and, in conformity with custom, a group of change ringers, in the course of the evening, demonstrated their art with handbells, five members of the society, conducted by Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote, giving a short touch of Grandsire Caters.

The dinner, which was held in the main dining room of the hotel, was presided over by the Rev. W. White Anderson. On the wall opposite the chairman's table there was placed the photograph of Mrs. Anderson, the widow of Major-General Anderson. Throughout the year the photograph of Mrs. Anderson, who gave the bells to St. Cuthbert's and left a sum of money to provide a dinner every year for the change ringers and their friends, hangs in the church belfry, and is brought down for one night in each year to be hung on the wall at the dinner.

Proposing a toast to 'The Memory of the Donor of the Bells,' Mr. Anderson said that as the years went on they all increasingly felt their debt to Mrs. Anderson's foresight and her love for St. Cuthbert's. She had loved her church and she had desired that people should go to church, and she had given these lovely bells that the West End of Edinburgh might be called to worship by the sound of them. The toast he proposed was a toast to the donor of the bells, but because she had wanted the bellringers and their friends to have at least one very happy night in the year she had also endowed that dinner, and for that, as well as for the bells, they were all extremely grateful.

The toast was pledged in silence.

Mr. Matthew Brown, a member of the Kirk Session, proposing the toast of 'St. Cuthbert's Society of Change Ringers,' said that on behalf of every member of St. Cuthbert's, and on behalf of all the citizens of Edinburgh, and on behalf of the hosts of visitors to Edinburgh, they wanted to acknowledge a warm debt of gratitude to those men and ladies who gave them the peal from St. Cuthbert's (applause). He thought Mrs. Anderson must have been a very joyful and happy personality, showing her appreciation in a very happy manner.

The change ringers, continued Mr. Brown, were certainly not an ostentatious body. One never saw them, although they made a noise—a musical noise. Nothing gave him greater pleasure and enjoyment on a Sabbath morning than the joyful peals coming from St. Cuthbert's, dispelling all the worries of the week's work. When he had first learned permutations and combinations he had wondered what was the use of them, but now he saw some value in them related to this question of change ringing. He had worked it out that there were 5,040 possible changes in a peal of eight bells (laughter and applause).

Following the toast there was ringing on the handbells, and the Rev. T. Ritchie, St. Matthew's Church, Edinburgh, formerly one of St. Cuthbert's Sunday School boys, and still an active member of the Society of Change Ringers, replied. Mr. Ritchie said that the society was like the Loch Ness monster in that it had succeeded in making itself known, and had also achieved the glory of being broadcast. In only one respect did they differ from the Loch Ness monster, and that was that they had not succeeded in receiving the same amount of interest. That was a thing which could be overcome, and he extended a cordial invitation to the elders of St. Cuthbert's to visit the belfry. Belfries and change ringers were few and far between in Scotland compared with England, and there was, therefore, all the more reason for co-operation between the change ringers and the ministry and office-bearers of the Church if change ringing was to be kept on a secure foundation.

Mr. W. B. Sampson, president of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers, replied to the toast of 'Kindred Societies,' proposed by Mr. A. Gordon Cairns, W.S., and the toast of 'Our Guests,' proposed by the Rev. G. F. McLeod, who is an honorary member of the society, was replied to by the Rev. Dr. C. W. G. Taylor.—The toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. John Watt.

During the evening songs were sung by members of the church choir, including Miss E. Gibson, Miss A. Boyle, Mr. J. Matthew and Mr. R. C. Sutherland, accompanied by Miss Marion H. Smith.

All the arrangements were in the hands of the honorary secretary, Mr. William C. G. Jinkins.

(Continued from previous column.)

Finally, Mr. Pulling's 'budgeon' is reminiscent of Mr. Willson's '... if the first row, etc. ...' I am perfectly prepared to guarantee satisfaction to Mr. Pulling in the shape of an answer to his question, if he first will tell us, keeping entirely to the practical side, how it is done when we commence at hand stroke and finish at hand stroke. Moreover, he can call a 720 of Cambridge W.R.W., starting from back stroke and finishing at back stroke, while I, in the same 720, shall start with back stroke and finish in the orthodox manner—in the tower, let it fully be understood, and not pencil and paper!

Leytonstone.

GEO. L. JOYCE.

An explanation of the Bankes James Arrangement by 'Equus' will be given next week.

### A SCOTTISH CHURCH.

#### JUBILEE OF ST. JAMES', PAISLEY.

This week the Church of St. James, Paisley, one of the few in Scotland in possession of a ring of eight bells, is celebrating the jubilee of the present building, a very handsome structure. The foundation stone of the church was laid on November 20th, 1880, by Sir Peter Coats, of Auchindrane. On December 28th of the same year it was agreed to erect a spire, and at the beginning of the following year Sir Peter Coats offered the gift of a peal of bells.

Soon after the spire was completed in 1882, however, anxiety was felt regarding its safety, for, owing to the nature of its site and foundations, it showed alarming signs of moving from the perpendicular. Expert advice was called in, and it was deemed advisable



ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PAISLEY.

to take down the tower and spire. The foundations were carried down a further 18 feet and steel girders were put in. The whole cost, amounting to nearly £3,000, was generously born by Mr. Archibald Coats and Mr. Peter Coats. The bells were cast in 1882 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and in 1909 the four trebles were recast and the remaining four bells returned. The particulars of the bells are as follows:—

- Treble.—E flat, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.
- 2.—D, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.
- 3.—C, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
- 4.—B flat, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.
- 5.—A flat, 10 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lb.
- 6.—G, 12 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb.
- 7.—F, 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
- Tenor.—E flat, 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

The church, which originally cost £22,150, and was opened on March 1st, 1884, owes much to the munificence of the Coats family.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.

There was an attendance of just over 50 at the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Dunster on February 10th. Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. George's Church, where service was held, conducted by the president of the branch (the Rev. T. M. Etherington, of Withypool). In the course of his address, on the words, 'Charity never faileth,' the preacher referred to the pioneer work of members of the association, and paid special tribute to the great service rendered by the late Rev. James Utten Todd at Dunster. Among others he also referred to Harry Moore, William Reed, George Atkins and William Arthur Hawkins.

Tea was served at the New Inn, and at the annual meeting which followed, the Rev. F. M. Etherington presided, supported by Mr. George Stacey (hon. secretary), the Rev. T. S. Dawson (Carhampton), the Rev. C. W. Howard (Luccombe), the Rev. A. P. Lance (Wootton Courtenay) and Capt. W. A. Hook.

At the outset the hon. secretary referred to the severe loss the association had suffered by death of valuable members since the last annual meeting. First, he spoke of Mr. W. W. Thorne (of Ockham, Surrey), who helped to found the association in 1890, was its oldest member, was a good ringer and had a wide circle of ringing friends. Mr. W. H. Poole, of Chipstable, another whom they had lost, was a self-taught man in the methods of scientific ringing who taught his band at Chipstable and kept it together. Mr. J. W. Veysey, of Winsford, was the foreman of the belfry there and did a lot in the way of keeping his band together. The greatest loss to the association, however, had been created through the death of Mr. W. A. Hawkins, who was a member of the association for about 35 years. He (the hon. secretary) had had the pleasure of teaching ringing to Mr. Hawkins, and when he left Dulverton Mr. Hawkins took his place in the tower. He was a staunch churchman who mixed the church and the bells together. At the same time, Mr. Hawkins had always been to the forefront in having what he used to term 'a friendly dig at the parson.' The association had suffered a very great loss indeed.

The members then stood in silent memory of those who had passed away during the past twelve months.

The balance sheet and report for the year were then submitted by the hon. secretary, who said that the balance sheet was about the same as usual. Receipts totalled eight guineas, and, after sundry expenses had been met, there remained a credit balance of just over six guineas. In the course of his report, Mr. Stacey referred again to the association's losses by death, and to the successful gatherings which had been held at Minehead, Selworthy, Sampford Brett and Skilgate. Five honorary and seven performing members had been added during the year, but 'against this there are two or three towers which are likely to drop out of the association, through not paying their subscriptions, which is most regrettable.' Mr. Stacey concluded by congratulating Withypool and Hawkridge members, who had each added a treble bell to their tower, making two nice little peals of six.

The balance sheet and report were accepted on the motion of Mr. J. Pugsley (Minehead), seconded by Mr. T. Elliott (Dunster).

The Rev. F. M. Etherington was re-elected president and Mr. G. Stacey hon. secretary. The latter was thanked for his excellent work over many years, and, in reply, acknowledged the support which he had received from the members, and referred to the good feeling that was always displayed within the ranks of the association.

Mr. Dawson was elected hon. auditor in place of the late Mr. W. A. Hawkins, and Mr. J. Pugsley (Minehead) was re-elected Ringing Master. Mr. Stacey was appointed to the General Committee of the association in place of the late Mr. Hawkins.

Nine new members from the Chew Stoke tower were elected to the association, and local names submitted and approved were those of Messrs. G. Ball, John Reed, jun., and T. Upham, Wootton Courtenay; Sidney Curtis, Withypool; and G. Hannaford, Exton.

Winsford was chosen as the next place of meeting, in April.

The remainder of the business was mainly composed of expressions of thanks. Mr. J. Pugsley's appreciation of the president's references to Mr. Todd was heartily supported by the company. Mr. Pugsley mentioned that Mr. Todd had taught several ringers in the district, and he believed he was the last at Minehead and Mr. Elliott the last at Dunster. Mr. Dawson voiced the association's gratitude to the retiring officers, and from the chair there was a further expression of gratitude to Preb. Reeder for the use of the bells; to Capt. Hook for his services at the organ; and to the towerkeeper, Mr. A. R. Tudball, for his courtesy; Mr. Etherington adding that the association were glad to come to what was perhaps the most beautiful church in Somerset. The president was thanked for his services to the association at all times, on the motion of Capt. Hook, who was elected as an hon. member of the association.

Mr. Dawson extended an invitation to the association to hold a meeting at Carhampton whenever it liked to come there.

Afterwards the bells were kept going for the rest of the evening. The towers represented throughout the day, in addition to the home tower, were those at Dulverton, Exton, Timberscombe, Selworthy, Wootton Courtenay, Minehead, Hawkridge, Withypool and Carhampton.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## ENCOURAGING SIGNS IN LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

Several innovations, in an endeavour to create an interest among the public, were tried for the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Leatherhead on February 17th. The Vicar was approached and the services of the choirboys were obtained, and the service was announced with the services for the week the previous Sunday, and a few of the congregation attended. The Guild's form of service was used and the Vicar gave a short address on the parable of the talents.

The fog prevented some from coming, and drove the general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) home early, but 30 sat down to tea in the Institute. The tea was a shilling one, a breakaway from the customary 1s. 6d. meat tea, and was received with a mixture of feelings by those present, but the plates were not quite cleared, and the committee hoped that a cheaper tea would enable more to afford the expense.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) took the chair for the ensuing business meeting. The balance sheet (presented by the secretary, Mr. A. H. Smith) showed a decrease of £2 5s. on the balance in hand, but he explained that most of the heavy expenditure would not be again incurred, he hoped, for a long time.

The year's report showed a slight increase in paid subscriptions from the previous year, and, despite the number of peals rung having fallen to six for the year, there were encouraging signs in the ordinary ringing. Several choirboys at Ashted, with Mr. W. J. Whiting as instructor-in-chief, were shaping well, and Ashted could now muster a local service ringing band, which it had been unable to do for some years.

This statement was received with applause.

The Vicar mentioned the peal of Leatherhead Surprise Major which had recently been rung, and which he thought a noteworthy performance. He also referred to the fact that some of his choirboys had just received their first lesson in handling a bell.—Both the balance sheet and report were adopted.

Two new members, Miss H. Darvill, of Capel, and Mr. H. V. Young, of Leatherhead, were elected, and the election of John Hobden and Frank Mitchell previous to a peal at Banstead was ratified.

All the retiring district officers were re-elected, and the retiring general officers were renominated, Mr. Hasted being nominated as auditor in place of the late Mr. C. N. Burdock.

Ockley, Ranmore (joint meeting with the Surrey Association), Epsom (Christ Church) and Ashted, with Leatherhead for the next annual meeting, were places selected by the committee for meetings in 1934, and were duly approved by the members.

When 'any other business' was reached, the Vicar rose and said he had been asked to perform the pleasant duty of wishing the newly-married secretary and his wife every happiness and to present them with a fluted oval mirror, from the Leatherhead band, and a picture of a bookcase now being made for him, as a gift from the Leatherhead District.

The secretary suitably thanked everyone concerned for two very useful presents.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who had helped make a successful meeting, especially the Vicar for his many services.

Six towers in the district were represented at the meeting, and visitors came from Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Clandon and Hillingdon, while the ringing included a variety of methods on eight and ten bells, up to Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal.

## EXPERTS AND THE 'LESS-THAN-AVERAGE' RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to Mr. Pink for his comments on my report. If, however, he intends to suggest that it is for the good of the Exercise that experts should be merely ornaments and attempt to do nothing on their own initiative to foster the interest of less keen and able ringers, then, Mr. Editor, neither you nor I can agree with him, can we?

G. L. GROVER.

## FORMER RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

At St. Margaret's Church, Horsmonden, Kent, for morning service, on Sunday, February 25th, 720 Ipswich Surprise Minor: E. Bromley 1, T. Hoadley 2, A. Bromley 3, R. T. Lambert 4, F. J. Lambert 5, A. Wingfield Durham (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Butchers, of Horsmonden, where the former was a ringer for many years. The anniversary occurred on Thursday, February 22nd, but the bells were rung half-muffled for the late King Albert of Belgium on that day.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Wednesday evening, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Mary J. Norton, the beloved wife of Mr. William J. Norton, hon. treasurer of the St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild. The interment took place at Hampstead Cemetery the same afternoon: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, R. F. Deal 3, G. J. Choquet 4, E. C. Russell 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, C. H. Vidler 8.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch was held at Stoke Bruerne on Saturday, February 10th. There are five bells at this church. There was a good attendance at the service, and the Rector (the Rev. R. P. Newton) gave a short address, in which he welcomed the ringers to his parish.

Tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, the Guild Master (Mr. F. Wilford) and Mrs. Wilford being present.

The hon. secretary (the Rev. R. Howes) read the balance sheet, which was very satisfactory, there being a much larger balance in hand than last year. He also welcomed Mrs. Wilford.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were brought round: Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire (New, Old and Reverse), New Doubles, Union, Carter's, St. Simon's and Original.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD'S LOSS.

## DEATH OF THE LORD BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, who died suddenly at Weymouth on Feb. 2nd, was the founder of the Swansea and Brecon Guild in 1923, and had been president since its inception. He had always taken a live interest in its activities and never failed to preside at the annual meetings. His cheery smile and witty sallies made him an ideal chairman. Through the generosity of the Bishop the annual meetings of the Guild were held every other year at his residence, where all ringers, whether members of Swansea and Brecon Guild or of outside Guilds, were warmly received and royally treated.

The remains of the late Bishop were brought from Weymouth to Brecon for burial. As the cortege passed through the town, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung at St. David's and St. Mary's Churches, Brecon, the bells being half-muffled. Members of Llanelly (Breconshire), Talgarth, Hay and Cefn Coed bands brought round touches of Grandsire Triples on the bells of St. Mary's during and after the burial service at the Cathedral. Among the large number of floral tributes laid on the grave was a beautiful wreath in the form of a bell from the Swansea and Brecon Guild. Mr. L. Havard (hon. secretary) and Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild) were the Guild's representatives at the funeral. Mr. Charles Powell (hon. treasurer) acted as a bearer.

On Sunday, February 11th, at St. Peter's Church, Pentre Ystradfydwg, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the local C.E.M.S. band as a last token of respect to the Right Rev. the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, who was interred at Brecon Cathedral on Tuesday, February 6th: G. Wines 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Palmer 3, J. Lovett 4, F. Lasbury 5, H. Davies 6, W. Cross (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. Crabb 8.

On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, at St. John's Church, Morriston, Swansea, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Swansea and Brecon: H. Charles 1, G. V. Williams 2, J. T. Williams (conductor) 3, C. Davies 4, G. Lewis 5, D. G. Williams 6.

## ST. ALBANS SURPRISE.

BY J. A. TROLLOPE.

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25138764	42635 — —
52317846	64235 — —
25371486	24536 — —
52734188	35642 — —
52371486	43526 — — x
25734168	54326 — —
52374618	(42563) — x
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27534618	23564 — —
72356481	52364 — —
27536841	32465 — —
72358614	64523 — —
73256841	52643 — —
37528614	65243 — —
73258164	26543 — —
37521846	56342 — —
37258164	36452 — — x
73521846	43652 — —
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73154268	23456 — —
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71325486	brackets is not
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71538264	bob before cutting
17583624	out the home lead.

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4th's place bob

First rung at  
Aldenharn, Herts,  
on January 20th,  
1934.

## SOME FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Stony Stratford, Bucks, on Monday, February 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Trasler 1, J. A. Green 2, T. C. Tompkins 3, H. C. Edwards 4, E. C. Lambert 5, W. Dillow 6, E. Hillyer 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 6 and 7.

At Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, on Sunday, February 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Miss L. Mumford 1, H. Price 2, A. O. Lewis 3, F. B. Martin 4, H. F. Martin (conductor) 5, S. J. Jones 6, P. Honeybourne 7, R. Lewis 8, F. Crump (longest length of Caters on a working bell) 9, H. Norbury 10. Longest length of Caters by ringers of 1, 3, 6, 7 and 10.

At Hughenden, Bucks, on Sunday, February 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Biggs (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Biggs 2, Jos. Evans 3, A. Newton 4, R. Blaby 5, F. G. Biggs 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.—On Sunday, February 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, Miss O. Biggs (first attempt 'inside') 2, R. Blaby 3, H. Stratford 4, A. Newton 5, F. G. Biggs 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

At Frindsbury, Kent, on January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. E. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. Philpott 2, R. Humphrey 3, A. Bloxham 4, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 5, W. Collishaw (first quarter on an 'inside' bell) 6, T. Beaumont 7, J. Aitkin 8. A farewell to the Rev. S. E. Gardiner (assistant curate), who has been appointed Vicar of Kineton, Warwickshire, in the Diocese of Coventry.

At Raunds, Northants, on Sunday, February 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. F. Nutt (first quarter-peal and first attempt on eight bells) 1, J. Stubbs 2, C. M. Whitney 3, W. Copperwheat 4, F. Stubbs 5, S. G. Robinson 6, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 7, C. Barker 8. The ringer of the treble is from Stanwick, the rest are Sunday service ringers at Raunds.

On January 29th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Pinner, Middlesex, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: K. J. Guyler 1, C. Lord 2, E. P. Ashby 3, J. E. Rootes 4, W. Bunce 5, T. Collins 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 7, R. Colyer 8. First quarter-peal in the method by treble and tenor ringers.

At St. James', Clerkenwell, London, on January 28th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Steiner (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. H. Howe 3, W. E. Troke 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, A. W. Coles (conductor) 7, G. Donaldson 8.

At Upwey, Dorset, on Sunday, February 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Chalker (first quarter-peal) 1, E. G. Carpenter 2, S. Foot 3, C. H. Smart 4, F. Virgin (conductor) 5, G. Osmond 6.

At Highclere, Hants, on Sunday, January 21st, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples after evening service: Miss M. Ansell 1, H. Lawrenson (first quarter-peal of Triples) 2, T. Bratchell 3, Miss D. Honeywell 4, J. Berry 5, J. Chesterman 6, R. W. Rex (conductor) 7, W. Kewell 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 8.

At Headingley, Leeds, on Wednesday, January 24th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original: Rev. P. Thorman (first quarter-peal) 1, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 2, R. Thomas 3, H. Ashton 4, E. J. Redfern 5, G. W. Slack 6, R. F. Deal 7, H. Walker 8.

On Sunday, February 25th, for evening service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. W. Stemp (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss A. M. Eager (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, J. H. Cassidy 3, P. Giles 4, L. P. Cook 5, E. R. Warner 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, C. H. Shepherd 8. Great credit is due to the treble ringer, as he did not commence ringing changes until after Christmas, and only learnt to handle a bell a few months ago.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

## SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

A meeting was held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 10th, members being present from Chelmsford, Danbury, Great Baddow, Maldon, Springfield and the local company. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Rutherford), who welcomed the ringers to his church and gave a very interesting address on the history of bells. Tea was afterwards served in the Parish Hall, to which 18 sat down, presided over by the Vicar.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Master (Mr. H. Kinton) presiding, nine ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Boreham on April 21st if convenient.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, also to Mrs. Rutherford for playing the organ and to the local band for their help.

The meeting closed with handbell ringing, after which a return was made to the tower for further ringing.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Saturday, February 24th, in 25 mins., on the back six, 720 Bob Minor: H. T. W. Bishop 1, \*C. H. Smart 2, H. Smith 3, H. C. R. Vine 4, \*A. H. Chant 5, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 6. \* First 720 of Minor and first attempt.

## NOTICES.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 46th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 3rd, 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 St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30, Bishop Ryder's (8) 3.30 to 4.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1687).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 15th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on March 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Please note. The annual meeting of the society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, March 3rd. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Please notify for tea, Mr. Davis, White Hart Hotel, Eckington.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD**.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on March 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Finchley. Bells from three o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each at 5.40. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent (six bells) on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look your Minor methods up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**BARTON STACEY, NEAR SUTTON SCOTNEY, HANTS**.—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southampton on Saturday, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Village Reading Room at 4.30, at the usual charge.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—The blessing of the restored bells of Sherborne Abbey by the Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Saturday, March 3rd, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome, and tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing during the evening.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and friends will receive a hearty welcome at this meeting.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. Good attendance desired. All ringers welcome. Please notify those requiring tea.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. No business meeting. A meeting of the Northern Ladies' Guild will also take place at Milnrow on the above date in conjunction with the branch meeting and the Lancashire Association committee meeting. Tea will be served in the school at 5.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow, and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, Ladies' Representative, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stinchcombe on March 3rd. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome. 1934 subscriptions now due.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ambleside on March 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Meeting 3.30.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—All ringing friends will be welcome at Farnham Royal on Wednesday, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m., to ring 'many happy returns' to J. J. Parker, Esq., on his 81st anniversary. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 10th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome whether beginners, average or expert. Please look up Bristol.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**.—The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (Harvest Home, Beddington Lane) 5.45. Meeting 6.30. Social or further ringing after meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, March 7th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Saviour's) on Saturday, March 10th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A joint meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, March 10th, on the occasion of the opening, after restoration, of the bells of the Parish Church (8). Bells open 2.30 to 9 p.m. A service will be held at 4 p.m., at which a collection will be taken to help to defray the cost of rehanging the bells. Tea will be provided free of charge at the kind invitation of Mrs. W. Norton Howe and friends, to those who notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, The Drove, Sleaford, by Wednesday, March 7th. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—H. Marcon and H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A district meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—W. H. Curson, Hon. Sec., Netherseale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Bird's, Winscombe, 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by March 7th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel (Clock Tower) on Saturday, March 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each. Applications by Wednesday previous latest. All welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-East Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorington on March 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify secretary not later than 9th?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (12) available from 3 to 7 p.m. General meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held in the tower at 5 p.m. The annual report is now available, and subscriptions for 1933-34 are due. Further particulars to towers by circular.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 10th. By invitation of Father Riley, Lowe House Church, members are invited to inspect the carillon at 3 p.m. prompt. Parish Church bells (10) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s.; notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens. An especially large muster of ringers is desired at this meeting, as a new ring of 8 bells is shortly to be dedicated at St. Helens.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—The 116th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present at the dinner please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, March 10th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea please notify Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, by Thursday, 8th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, March 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members are requested to attend, if possible.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, March 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Claydon on Saturday, March 10th. Bells 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, Bucks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Teas can be obtained nearby. Buses from Clayton Green at 2.10 and 4.10 p.m. pass the church. Next Surprise practice will be held at Whittle, Tuesday, March 6th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Hon. Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, March 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—N. Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Zeals on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Stourton, Bourton and Siltan bells also available. All ringers welcomed.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the West Tyne Division will be held at Hexham on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) of the Abbey will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed and are assured of a good ring on this fine peal.—R. W. Leighton, Dis. Sec., 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's (City) on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Important business on agenda. Please do your best to be present. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Wednesday, March 7th.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10th, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (opposite R.A.F. Depot). Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, in Church Hall, at 5.30 p.m. Subscriptions are two months overdue.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmoreland on March 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, price 1s., at 4.30 p.m. Meeting at 5.15 p.m. in the National School.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on March 10th. The bells (tenor 22 cwt.) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service, conducted by the Vicar, at 5 o'clock, tea and business meeting after. We shall be glad to see as many old friends, also new ones, as can come.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Combined practice meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Monday, March 12th. Handbells 6.30 to 7.30. Tower bells from 7.30, Major methods only.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on March 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at St. Mary's House, at 3.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford Rectory.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Badgeworth on Saturday, March 17th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5.30. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by the 14th inst.? —Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting at Shere, Saturday, March 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Notifications by March 12th, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Further particulars later.—F. M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. More particulars later.—L. N. Cawthorne and M. E. Wilson, Dis. Hon. Secs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, at 6 p.m. Full details later.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**BRIGHTON.**—Ringers visiting Brighton for the Easter Conference of the N.U.T. are asked to communicate with S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

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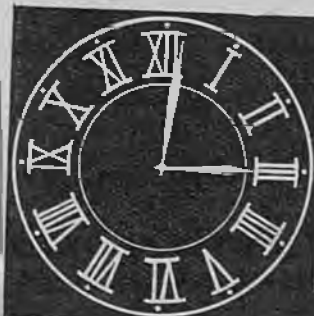
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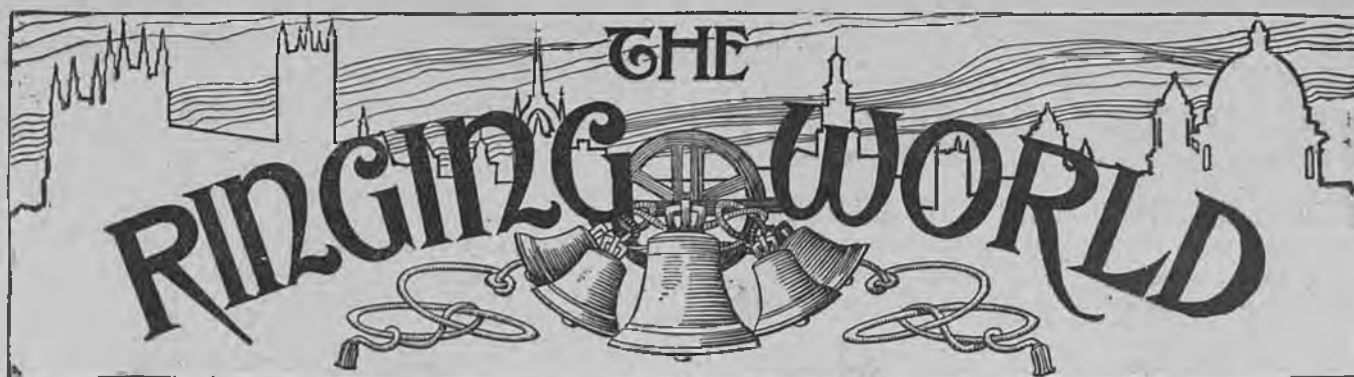
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Hitherto, however, it is only Oxford and Cambridge that have had their University ringing societies, but why should not the younger University of London have a similar organisation? We are prompted to ask this question from the report that a meeting of the London County Association, held at All Hallows', Lombard Street, a city church, where the bells are seldom rung, appears to have been made the success it was through the instrumentality of certain University students. Here, in these young men, seems to be the nucleus of what might well develop into an important and useful organisation, which in time might play as valuable a part in maintaining the influence of the Exercise and advancing knowledge of the art as either of the other two Universities. It may be true that at present, at any rate, conditions are not quite the same in London as in Oxford or Cambridge, but with the experience of the older societies to go upon a scheme to establish a London University Society, with similar objects as those in the sister Universities, does not seem beyond the realms of realisation.

These societies, as we have said, are essentially training grounds, to interest and instruct students of the right type in the art of ringing, to encourage them to go out not merely as ringers but as 'missionaries,' to spread the practice of change ringing, and as 'explorers' to open up, if possible, new avenues of advance. A London University Society would start with certain material advantages. There are within reach plenty of bells which ought to be available for practice, and ample help would, we feel sure, be forthcoming. It is possible that London University might eventually offer a larger field for recruiting even than Oxford or Cambridge, and such a society would be, in any event, an extremely valuable adjunct to the cause of change ringing. Cannot something be done to set a scheme on foot?

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6080 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. LEE ... .. 8
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 9
ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 5	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	† WILFRED G. WILSON ... 7
* MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 3	FRANK CORRER ... .. 8
* MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 4	* WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 9
† MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 5	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal in the  
method and first attempt by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor. First  
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bells in which a mother and daughter have taken part.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 23, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute.

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

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR SMALLS ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	WILLIAM J. MAYERS ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

PENSURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED L. RYMAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 6
RICHARD D. DIVALL ... .. 3	ALEX RICHARDSON ... .. 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung as birthday compliments to the son of the ringer of the 7th  
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STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6050 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

* WILLIAM R. SHORTER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. BUTLER ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
† KENNETH C. GRACE ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. A jubilee peal  
by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. James, M.A.), and  
rung to celebrate the first peal of Major on these bells by members  
of the same society on Saturday, February 23rd, 1884.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE TOWER ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 6
STANLEY COPLING ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
ERNEST POPPY ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

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Arranged for ringers of treble and 4th, being the 40th anniversary of their first peal.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 5
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 2	*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 7
ERIC BENNETT ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 6
RICHARD F. ROE ... .. 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 7
*WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... .. 4	D. HAROLD ARGYLE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM WATHEN ... .. 5
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 2	SEELFORD SPARROW ... .. 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

The ringer of the treble has now completed the 'circle' in this tower.

STANDISH.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	*GEORGE T. JENKINS ... .. 5
ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 6
NORMAN BROWN ... .. 3	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 7
BENJAMIN T. ALLRED ... .. 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. The band wish to thank Miss Bessie Booth for her hospitality after the peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. PACK ... .. 6
JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 3	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... .. 7
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM JUDD ... .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 2	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... .. 6
WILLIAM HOLLIER ... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 7
WILLIAM HEWITT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to William Hollier. William Pickworth entertained the band to supper after the peal. His hospitality was appreciated by the Wills, who tendered him their sincere thanks.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 5
G. WILFRED SLACK ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 6
GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 3	†G. CECIL WALLACE ... .. 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 4	HAROLD WALKER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to the late Sir Edward Elgar, of Worcester, the great English composer, and formerly Master of the King's Musick.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS OLIVE BIGGS ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	A. REGINALD BLABY ... .. 5
ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 6
ARTHUR NEWTON ... .. 3	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 7
JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. 4	VICTOR EVANS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.

\* First attempt for a peal. Great credit is due to Miss Biggs, the youngest daughter of F. G. Biggs, on the way in which she rang her bell throughout. Rung as a compliment to A. R. Blaby, a member of the belfry and choir, on his 21st birthday. The 200th peal on the bells. All are members of the tower except the ringer of the fourth.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 2	*ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7
*THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal of Oxford.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANK BARNETT ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE HINTON ... .. 5
JAMES WOODYATT ... .. 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLY ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
ROLAND PARK ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 6
SIDNEY EDWARDS ... .. 3	THOMAS GUEST ... .. 7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*CLAUDE A. COB ... .. Treble	*NORMAN STATHAM ... .. 5
*WILLIAM NEWTON ... .. 2	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... .. 3	ERNEST E. PICKERING ... .. 7
FRANCIS R. DEACON ... .. 4	†PERCY COE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 2	*ALFRED B. BEADSMOORE ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Cotton, a respected member of the M.C.A., who kindly entertained the ringers at the conclusion of the peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. Treble	THOMAS GOODCHILD ... .. 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 2	WALTER D. JOLLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the granddaughter of the late Sir Edward Clarke, the donor of the bells.

ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Treble	*HARRY PARKES ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. L. JAMES.

Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

\* First peal in the method.

## HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*REGINALD BLABY ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 6
FRED BIGGS ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method.

## AMBROSDEN, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. Treble	*FRANK WEST ... .. 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	ALFRED G. G. THURLOW ... .. 6
ROBERT GREEN ... .. 3	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... .. 4	HARRY MILES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## WEST MALLING.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 7
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First touch of Major. The composition, No. 230, is rung for the first time. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 5
GEORGE OLIVER ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 3	CECIL NICE ... .. 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by N. ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## BEDFORD.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-de-Merton,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. Treble	WALLACE G. CHURCH ... .. 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5
HARRY TYSOE ... .. 3	HERBERT SHARP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute to the King of the Belgians.

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SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 23, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).  
\*GEORGE HODSON ... .. Treble | FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 4  
\*HAROLD WHITEHEAD ... .. 2 | MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 5  
\*BERT HODSON ... .. 3 | ROBERT SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First peal and belongs to local company. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. Williams, recently inducted as priest in Australia, former sexton and ringer at this church. The last known peal rung by any Swavesey ringer was in 1828.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 24 six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR WATTS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM READ ... .. 4  
\*ARTHUR H. FISHER ... .. 2 | CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 5  
†PERCIVAL W. FISHER ... .. 3 | CYRIL S. WEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

\* First peal away from treble. † First peal. This is the first peal to be rung in the newly-formed district of Alton and Petersfield. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. W. Read.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES ... .. Treble | THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. 4  
WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 2 | JAMES H. BASTOW ... .. 5  
HAROLD HAMER ... .. 3 | JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

Rung, after meeting short for Bob Major, as a birthday compliment to John Hollowes on his attaining his 78th birthday. First peal of Minor for the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th and tenor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SMITH ... .. Treble | STANLEY SHIPP ... .. 4  
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5  
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 3 | MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON  
Rung after the funeral of Mr. A. G. Rivers, this being his favourite method.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert, Stella,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being a 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

\*W. J. DAVIDSON ... .. Treble | J. A. BROWN ... .. 4  
†A. MACFARLANE ... .. 2 | A. DEAS ... .. 5  
S. THOMPSON ... .. 3 | H. P. CLIFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT P. CLIFF.

\* Has now completed the circle. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Mothersall, daughter of Mr. A. V. Mothersall, a ringer at this church.

DEVIZES.—At St. Mary's Church, on December 19th, 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Boyce 1, W. A. Swift 2, S. Hillier 3, G. Winter 4, V. E. Swift (conductor) 5, F. Green 6. First extent of Spliced Minor by all the band.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. ... Treble | JACK BRAY ... .. 4  
GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 2 | ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 5  
\*FRED HOLDSTOCK ... .. 3 | BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

\* First peal in seven methods.

FULMER, Bucks.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of: (1) Norwich Surprise; (2) Double and Single Oxford Bob; (3) Woodbine Treble Bob; (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Canterbury Pleasure Reverse; (7) Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

GEORGE H. LIMMER ... Treble | SGT. J. BRAGG, G. GDS. ... 4  
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5  
GEORGE H. GOTTERIDGE ... 3 | GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Arranged and rung as a 'coming of age' peal for the treble man. First peal in ten methods by all, and, in seven 720's, by the Guild.

DISLEY, Cheshire.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's in 25 methods, viz:—

- (1) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburg.
- (2) Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford, Bocking and Willesden.
- (3) Grove Delight, Braintree, Neasden, College Bob IV. and Wragby.
- (4) Trowell, Morning Star and College Exercise.
- (5) Duke of Norfolk and Norbury.
- (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston.
- (7) Capel, Oxford and Sandal.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LIONEL CLOUGH ... Treble | WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4  
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2 | WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 5  
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3 | JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1934, in Two Hours,

At the Residence of Mr. A. Catterwell, Wethersfield Road,

**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.

OLAVE E. BROYD ... 1-2 | ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 3-4

ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

Witnesses—Mrs. A. Catterwell and Master Leslie Catterwell.

First handbell peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Catterwell and Bert Cock, one of the local ringers.

HEYBRIDGE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At 'ELMSLIE,'

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

\*HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 1-2 | WILLIAM CHALK ... 5-6  
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4 | \*FRED CHALK ... 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal on handbells. First peal on handbells in Heybridge.

## STAINES AND TOLLADAY.

## A JUBILEE PEAL RECALLS INTERESTING EVENTS.

On the afternoon of February 24th, members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths of London visited St. Mary's bellry, Staines, Middlesex, and rang a good peal of simple Bob Major, as reported in the usual columns. It was planned to celebrate the jubilee of the first peal of Major rung upon these bells by members of the same society on February 23rd, 1884, conducted by the late George Newson, a 5,088 Kent Treble Bob. The performance now recorded was composed and conducted by Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton, and the ringer of the 5th bell is the only survivor of the 1884 team. All the band greatly appreciate the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. James) and the churchwardens in allowing them the privilege of attempting a jubilee peal.

St. Mary's bells (1734) form one of the oldest octaves in the county (Enfield are dated 1724), cast at Whitechapel with the metal of an old ring of five bells that gave the title to the adjoining hostelry. In 1829 the tenor and treble bells were recast by Mears and Stambank, the former being 3ft. 10in. in diameter, weighing 17 cwt. in F. It is inscribed with the names of the Vicar—Robert Govett—and the churchwardens, Messrs. Swift and Murrell, with the text, 'Holiness unto the Lord.' When the 6th bell was cast, coins of the period were inserted in the mould, and they may be seen to-day in a good state of preservation. For over 204 years the numerous travellers on old Father Thames have heard their mellow notes with joy and pleasure; both bells and river serve to remind one that there is still something to live for in these days of sadness and distress.

On the south side of the tower is a date stone erected in 1791, which says that Inigo Jones, the famous London architect of the day, built it in 1631, when Walter Molt and Daniel Enderby were wardens; so it may be concluded that the old bells were sent away during its restoration to be made into eight, 100 years after the tower was built.

It is of interest to ringers generally to note that the first full peal upon these bells was rung by members of the old St. James' Society on January 5th, 1830, just over a century ago. It was a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the famous Thomas Tolladay, and no similar record was made until 1884.

During the 50 odd years between these two peals the bell frame had got loose in the joints; it was placed too high in the tower of substantial brickwork, which had plenty of sway on it, hence the absence of early records of change ringing. Fortunately, the parishioners wisely rebuilt the frame at a lower level in their recent restoration.

Thomas Tolladay was a barge owner and boat builder of Eton, and carried out haulage for the royal residence at Windsor before the coming of the railways. He rang many peals at the riverside towns between Reading and London, and delivered many of the bells to neighbouring church towers. Amongst Victorian ringers, and I have rung with several who personally knew him, it was common gossip that Tolladay did too much peal ringing. His last was rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, in 1843. The most noted performance was his 12,096 Grandsire Caters at Fulham, May, 1837, for the Queen's birthday, and of the first 68 peals by the St. James' Society he conducted 40, when many of the bells were not in the good order we experience to-day.

Tolladay was a staunch College Youth, but, as a resident of Windsor and a Royalist, his sympathy and friendship was always extended to the Cumberlands. Years of rivalry between the two old societies had only led to ill-feeling, and it was Tolladay's ambition to bring about a better understanding by mutual change ringing practice through the formation of the St. James' Society in 1827.

With reference to the Cumberlands' visit of 1884, George Newson brought down some of his Highgate 'harriers' for a 'tough job' at Staines, and I well remember at intervals during the peal, with Hannington and Newson on the tenors, seeing both men off their feet owing to the swinging of the tower. Dr. Wingfield Meadows was one of the team—he was studying at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, at that time—and he preferred to walk home after our tea. On his way up the police stopped him near Hounslow and took him to the station until inquiry by telegraph proved he was not the missing sailor for whom they were then searching. At the Bells Inn we found a newly-married couple in charge quite unprepared for such a hungry crowd until I inquired if 'the hens laid.' They had forgotten the birds, and, upon examining the nesting boxes, some 40 eggs were discovered, which the 'harriers' made short work of. The widow was at the house until a year or two ago, when I again asked her the momentous question about the hens. If any reader has a copy of the song about Tom Tolladay's 12,000, please send it to the Editor. W. H. F.

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## DEATH OF MR. A. G. RIVERS.

## AN ACTIVE RINGING CAREER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. A. G. Rivers, of Dry Drayton, who, as briefly announced last week, passed peacefully away on Wednesday, February 21st, tho and coming after an illness extending over six months, his last touch on tower bells having been at Great St. Andrew's, Cambridge, last June.

Born at Sproughton, near Ipswich, in 1870, Mr. Rivers' early ringing career started with Messrs. O. Mee, F. Mee, F. Rolfe and notable ringers of the days when many peals were rung at Henley and other towers in the district, amongst which were the first peals of London Surprise rung in Suffolk. In 1906 Mr. Rivers moved to Colchester, where he pursued his favourite hobby of ringing, and, after much opposition, succeeded in getting a good change ringing band together at St. Peter's Church. He finally moved to Cambridgeshire in 1911, taking up his residence at Lolworth. Although settled in a somewhat 'bleak' spot from a ringing point of view, he did not allow this to curtail his activities, and was soon to be found ringing at the various towers in and around Cambridge, and by June, 1912, had recorded his first peal for the Ely Association at Over. When the new peal was installed at Longstanton, he directed his energies to assisting the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, and rang there regularly every Sunday. After the war Mr. Rivers removed to Dry Drayton, where he soon became prominent in parochial affairs, serving as clerk to the Parish Council and assistant overseer, and later, in 1923, was elected to the District Council, on the Housing and Poor Law Administration, and served on these till the time of his death.

His peals, which number well over 200, in various methods, were rung mostly for the Norwich and Ely Associations. He was also a member of Essex, Midland Counties, London County Association, Ipswich (St. Mary le Tower Society) and the Cambridge Youths, and included amongst his peals was the first Surprise peal rung by a resident band in the Ely Diocese.

Of a kindly and genial disposition, he was always ready to help when required, and his presence will be greatly missed, especially as regards the Sunday ringing in Cambridge.

The funeral took place on Saturday, February 24th, at Dry Drayton, where a large congregation attended to pay their last respects to one whose life had been so full of activity. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Lucas), assisted by the Rev. E. C. Essex (president of the Cambridge Youths). Amongst those gathered at the graveside representing the Exercise were Messrs. C. Mee (Sproughton), C. W. Smith (Master), A. T. Cheney (secretary), T. R. Dennis (Cambridge Youths), H. Fields (St. Neots), R. Lathbury, Miss V. Shorter (Cambridge), F. Warrington, M. Ginn, R. Smith and A. J. Ginn (Over). At the conclusion of the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by R. Lathbury 1-2, C. Mee 3-4, E. Rivers 5-6 and T. R. Dennis 7-8.

During the evening the bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, were rung fully muffled and half-muffled, whilst at Ipswich a half-muffled peal of Cambridge Maximus already recorded was rung at St. Mary le Tower as a token of respect.

## FUNERAL OF MR. F. J. JOHNSON.

## A WORCESTERSHIRE PIONEER.

The funeral of Mr. F. J. Johnson, whose death we briefly reported in a recent issue, took place at Hinton Church on Saturday, February 24th, amid every token of sympathy and respect. In addition to the family mourners there were present Mr. J. R. Newman (hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association), Mr. W. Short (Master) and representatives from the following towers: Worcester, Bromsgrove, Halesowen, Upton-on-Severn, Crowle, Suckley, Madresfield, Evesham, Hampton, Badsey, Bretforton, Broadway, Mickleton, Toddington, Bredon's Norton, Willersey and the local band.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by S. T. Holt 1-2, G. J. Hemming 3-4, J. Austin 5-6, W. Short 7-8. There were no less than 40 beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. Johnson had to his credit about 150 peals and had conducted 20. When the branches of the association was formed in 1911, Fred Johnson was one of the pioneers of the Southern Branch, and had he kept a record of the miles he had ridden his 'push bike' for the benefit of young ringers it would have made interesting reading.

At the Sunday evening service the Rector (the Rev. V. C. Blyth) made sympathetic reference to the passing of Mr. Johnson, and said he was a man with a hobby and a real interest in life outside his work. Bells he loved, and bells he lived for, and the peal at Hinton would always be a monument to his memory, for he was the prime instigator in their restoration some three years ago.

Mrs. Johnson and family sincerely thank all friends for messages and expressions of sympathy in their bereavement.

## A UNIQUE PERFORMANCE

At Whitbourne, Herefordshire, on Friday, February 23rd, as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Lewis, who attained the age of 70, a quarter-peal of Doubles, viz., four six-scores of Plain Bob, four of Canterbury and two and a half of Grandsire: J. H. Griffiths 1, S. Lewis 2, Geo. Soley (conductor) 3, Geo. Jones 4, R. J. Caswell 5, W. Morris 6. All the members of this band have rung together at the above church for over 25 years. Is this a record?

### DEATH OF MR. JAMES N. FROSSELL. ONE OF A FAMOUS BRIGHTON BAND.

Many ringers in Sussex and Bedfordshire, as well as in the neighbourhood of Kingston-on-Thames, will regret to hear of the death of Mr. James Newland Frossell, who passed away on Sunday.

Mr. Frossell was a native of Bedford, but, migrating to Brighton in the days when St. Peter's Society were beginning to make ringing history, he spent some years with them and rang a considerable number of peals, including Surprise methods.

He was one of several ringers who were employed on one firm, the head of which, himself a ringer, had almost a Surprise band at command. Unfortunately, however, the firm 'crashed' and resulted in the eventual dispersal of the company. Mr. Frossell afterwards settled at Kingston-on-Thames, where he remained to the end of his days, having reached a fairly advanced age.

Jim Frossell was a good ringer in the real sense of the term. He had a wonderfully keen ear and could be relied upon to strike his bell perfectly. He was a genial soul, but of retiring disposition, and all who knew him will retain the happiest memories of him.

Although in later years he did practically no peal ringing, he was always regular in his attendance at service ringing. He had, however, been getting frail for some time past, and during the last few months seldom reached the top of the belfry stairs. He would, nevertheless, wait below and was critical of the performances. On Wednesday in last week he went to the church to give a hand in ringing for the Judge's service, but, as he was obviously unwell, he was not allowed to attempt the climb to the ringing chamber, and was assisted home again. On Friday he was taken into the Kingston and District Hospital, where he passed away on Sunday morning.

### A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Mary's Church, Maldon, Essex, on February 17th, a date touch of 1,934 changes was rung, consisting of 30 Grandsire Doubles, 20 Plain Bob Doubles, 864 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 300 Plain Bob Minor. J. H. Waldoek 1, R. Bird 2, Miss A. E. Waldoek 3, S. C. Card 4, H. J. Mansfield 5, D. Hann (conductor) 6. Longest touch by the ringers of 2nd, 4th and tenor, also the conductor's first attempt at calling.—On Monday, February 19th, 840 changes were rung (120 Cambridge Surprise Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor) as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Hutson on his 70th birthday, being one change for each month he has lived. Those taking part were: W. H. Chalk 1, R. Hutson 2, A. South 3, J. H. Waldoek 4, Miss A. E. Waldoek 5, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 6.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DIVISION'S NEW SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Buxted on February 24th. Twenty-two members were present and ringing began at 2.30 p.m.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. H. Macdermott), who gave an address of welcome originality, which took the form of a lecture on the significance of bells as applied to daily life. His remarks were illustrated by means of specimens from his collection, including a gong from a Burmese temple, a wooden bell and a double bell from Switzerland.

At the business meeting Mr. S. E. Armstrong was elected hon. divisional secretary, Messrs. G. Elphick, K. Hart and F. W. Cripps to the committee, and Messrs. R. Dawe, K. Hart and F. W. Cripps to the Committee of Advice.

Two new members from Southover, Lewes (C. W. Brown and W. Coppard), were elected as performing members.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for presiding at the meeting and for his address.—In his reply the Vicar thanked the retiring secretary (Mr. J. M. Cripps) for his services to the association.

Good use was made of the bells, and methods rung included London Surprise Major. Much of the ringing was, however, in the simpler methods.

### SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10th, a meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Long Melford, when 48 members attended, representing the following towers: Sudbury, Ufford, Woodbridge, Groton, Coggeshall, Halstead, Clacton-on-Sea, Assington, Clare, Great Cornard, Newton, Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower and St. Margaret's), Sproughton, Lavenham, Glemsford, Cavendish, Little Waldingfield and the local tower. The tea and meeting was held at the Lion Hotel. The Rev. Gordon J. B. Ince (Rector of Long Melford) presided, and, in welcoming the members, said he wished his bells might be rung every Sunday instead of being only chimed.

The Rector was elected an honorary member of the Guild.

Mr. E. J. Ambrose thanked those members who had come from a long distance to attend the meeting.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and rounds for the learners.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Yet another peal of twelve! An order has been placed with Messrs. Taylor and Co. for a new ring of twelve for Trowbridge, Wilts, with tenor of 28 cwt., to replace the present peal of ten. This will be the first peal of twelve in the county.

If there are any ringers who are members of the Ancient Order of Druids, they are asked to communicate with Mr. W. C. Dowding, Goldsmith Road, King's Heath, Birmingham.

There were some absent-minded people at the meeting at All Hallows, Lombard Street, London, on Saturday week. We have already reported the 'collection' of odd gloves; now we are asked to say that a lady's scarf was left in the belfry. The claimant should communicate with Mr. Dodd, 2, Winchendon Road, S.W.6.

The peal of Minor at Lamberhurst on February 17th, and recorded last week, was not rung for the Kent County Association as described.

## RINGERS' SERVICES.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was surprised to read Mr. Dove's complaint about the dullness of ringers' services, because, as a representative of a firm of bellfounders, he has probably more opportunities to attend these services and get bored than the average ringer.

If, as I presume, Mr. Dove attends ordinary services on Sundays, it is surprising that he does not complain about hearing certain prayers which are said twice at each service.

Some services are really dull, and it is probably the fault of the form of service and the ringers themselves. The service used in the Bath and Wells Diocese is a sample of bright and cheerful tunes where everyone can join in the singing. When on leave in Somerset last summer I had the privilege (through the kindness of Mr. Hunt, of Taunton) to attend a meeting at Bradford-on-Tone, and it was a real pleasure to see a good crowd of ringers present and to hear them all singing the hymns in the true Somerset dialect.

The average clergyman knows little about bells. He prepares what he thinks a suitable sermon, comes to the church expecting to find a good congregation, but his hopes are soon shattered when he finds not more than 20 ringers present. He then goes back to the Vicarage to prepare his Sunday's work, and is probably hindered in doing so by the sound of the bells up to a late hour. No one can expect clergy, choir or organist to give their best when the congregation is small, as there is nothing worse than reading to empty benches.

May I suggest that Guild secretaries send several copies of their service sheets to the Vicar of a parish about to be visited, so that the organist and choir may practice the words and music, which are probably new to every choir boy.

These services should be sent at least ten days in advance, with a request that the Vicar will announce the service during the notices read out on Sunday, and at the same time invite the parishioners to attend.

We should not rest until we have got the clergy and general public interested in us and our bells, with the result that there should always be a band of ringers to ring for Sunday services, which, of course, is far more important than continuous peal ringing.

H. J. CANN.

Pirbright, Surrey.

## A LANCASHIRE RESTORATION.

**MONEY RAISED ON GIFT DAY.**

Prescot Parish Church bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Portsmouth (Dr. Ernest N. Lovett) on Saturday evening. The eight bells are more than 100 years old, and were overhauled recently by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. In order to raise the £200 which their renovation cost, a 'Day of Gifts' was arranged for Saturday, and the total sum given was £248.

The first portion of the dedication service was held at the west door of the church, to which the clergy and choir walked in procession. Councillor Thomas Byron, the captain of the bellringers, and one of the four churchwardens, presented one of the ropes to the Bishop and asked him to dedicate the bells. After the dedication the Bishop placed the bells in the care of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon J. P. W. Lovett). The service in the church was conducted by the Vicar, and an address was given by the Bishop, who spoke of the lessons taught by the bells.

The tower of the church was floodlighted, and after the service the bells were rung for some time.

## DEATH OF AN ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE RINGER.

The death occurred on Monday, February 19th, of Mr. Harry Heap, 231, Stockport Road, Ashton, in his 68th year. Mr. Heap was a ringer at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, where he held the office of president. He was a member of the Lancashire Association and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

Mr. Heap had been a ringer for over 50 years, and had taken part in over 100 peals, the longest one being a peal of Grandsire Cinques (10,075 changes) in 1896.

As a token of respect, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on Saturday, February 24th, at the Parish Church.

## THE HENRY JOHNSON DINNER.

### LORD MAYOR ATTENDS BIRMINGHAM FESTIVAL.

The memory of Henry Johnson, one of the greatest figures in the Exercise during last century, is kept green by the annual gathering held in Birmingham. Henry Johnson, who was born in 1809, died in 1890, and there is but a handful of ringers left who knew him personally. At the 46th commemoration dinner on Saturday, out of the 150 who were present, only ten had the acquaintance of the old worthy, but, while these gatherings last, there is no likelihood of the great attributes of Henry Johnson's character being lost sight of. As is usual, the commemoration brought together ringers from many parts of the country, who enjoyed ringing in the afternoon on the ring of 12 at St. Martin's Church, and also tried out the not-so-enjoyable peal of ten at the Cathedral. Unfortunately, there could be no ringing at Bishop Ryder's Church, through illness, but there was no lack of eight-bell opportunities at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral.

Dinner was served at the Imperial Hotel, the Rector of Birmingham (Canon T. Guy Rogers) presiding. He was supported by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman H. E. Goodby), Mrs. Guy Rogers, and Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild). The company also included Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, J. H. Shepherd and J. George (vice-presidents), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Canon Stuart Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston), the Rev. C. H. Williams (Vicar of Bishop Ryder's) and Mrs. Williams, Mr. W. G. Robinson (churchwarden of St. Martin's), Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. E. Alex Young (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson (Croydon), Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. W. Short (Master of the Worcestershire Association), Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mrs. Wilkins and Messrs. W. A. Cave, W. Knight, W. H. Thomas, H. Burt, F. Skidmore and P. O. Williams (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin (Gloucester), Messrs. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), W. H. Judge (Oxford), J. Jagger (Old Hill), J. Johnson (only surviving son of Henry Johnson), Percy Johnson (Leeds), S. F. Palmer and J. Flint (Sheffield), H. Mason (Hagley), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Bolton), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens and Mr. and Mrs. F. Pervin (Coventry), and other members of St. Martin's Guild from a wide radius. Among the faces sadly missed from the gathering was that of Mrs. Paddon Smith, whose recent death was much deplored. Mrs. Smith had regularly attended the dinners for many years. The absence of the Lady Mayoress, through indisposition, was also regretted, and among those who also sent apologies were the Bishop of Birmingham, Mr. Tom Russam (a vice-president), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mrs. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. G. R. Newton (Liverpool), Mr. G. A. Martineau (Solihull) and Mr. J. A. Dart (London). Mr. A. A. Hughes sent a telegram of good wishes from Sherborne, where he was attending the reopening of the bells.

As usual, the musical programme was a feature of the proceedings, quartettes being sung by St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hall, Chapman, Bayliss and Gorman), songs by Mrs. D. Smith and Mr. A. S. Downes, with the ever delightful contribution of handbell solos by Mrs. A. A. Hughes. A magnificently struck course of Stedman Cinques was also rung on handbells by F. E. Pervin, F. W. Perrens, G. P. Swann, A. Walker, F. E. Haynes and M. J. Morris.

The toast of 'The King' was honoured on the call of the Chairman, and Mr. Fred Price proposed 'Church and State.' They often, he said, heard criticisms of the Church, and when people talked of the slums and social conditions some said the Church had failed. But did they realise who and what comprised the Church? The Church was only as strong as her members allowed her to be. In a sermon at St. Martin's recently, the Rector drew a picture of the state of affairs in this country nearly a century ago when the Church Pastoral Aid Society was formed, and had told them how many of the terrible conditions which then existed had been improved largely by the influence of the Church. The Lord Mayor in his capacity as chief magistrate of that city might be said to represent the State that night. In Birmingham, happily, all parties were working together, and the betterment of the slum districts was being carried out very rapidly (applause). At St. Martin's they were fortunate in having as their Rector Canon Guy Rogers (applause). At a ringers' gathering such as that a few weeks ago, a speaker lamented the fact that clergymen were seldom seen in the belfries, but that could not be said of St. Martin's belfry, because Canon Rogers was often seen in the belfry and also brought his friends along. The ringers were always pleased to see him and them (applause).

#### ST. MARTIN'S VICAR AND HIS RINGERS.

The Chairman, who responded to the toast, said he was proud of his official relationship with St. Martin's Guild. It was always a great pleasure to go up into the belfry, and he was proud to bring his small children and his visitors to meet the bellringers, although sometimes he thought he impeded the progress of the bells, which when he arrived stopped a little sooner than they would otherwise do (laughter). He was very pleased to learn from Mr. Price that the ringers, in

their turn, sometimes came and listened to his sermons (laughter and applause). If it was not every clergyman who visited his bellringers, it was, also, not every bellringer who listened to his parson (laughter). In his case he was fortunate that a good many ringers enjoyed St. Martin's services without his worrying them to come. Nobody assumed, when he went into the belfry, that he had come to say, 'Are you coming down to church?' but they took it for granted that it was the right and proper thing to do. Continuing, the Chairman said a hundred years ago the relations between Church and State were far less satisfactory than they are to-day. The State silenced the clergy and would not allow them to meet in Convocation for a great many years, and much Church legislation that should have been passed never was passed. When at last they got their own Church Assembly there were tremendous arrears to be overtaken, and they were gradually getting that right. In many countries abroad there had been a mess made of the relations between Church and State, but in this country they were obtaining more and more freedom and gaining mutual confidence and understanding. They did not enjoy a complete state of autonomy in England, but the voice of the Church was adequately expressed, and Parliament was usually willing to accept it. When, however, there was a divided Church, it was just possible the influence of Parliament might be exercised quite wisely for the purpose of delay, but, on the whole, he did not think they could be dissatisfied with the position. He looked forward to the time when they would have a Church of England thoroughly representative of British Christianity. He would like to see the Church of England, the Methodists and the Congregationalists linked together in a series of self-governing guilds that were all included in the National Church. He would be much happier about disestablishment if that great reunion, so close to his heart, were more nearly in view. Personally, he did not feel fettered by his relationship to the State, and he had not the least hesitation to criticise when he thought it necessary. Some people perhaps thought the Rector of Birmingham was almost too independent, but the State could not dismiss a clergyman of the Church of England—he held a position of wonderful freedom, but of wonderful responsibility. No man could dismiss him from his job, and the State had no power to do so. It was up to him to bear faithful witness to his Master and try to assert the principles of Christianity in relation to politics and government (applause).

#### PEALS WITH HENRY JOHNSON.

Mr. Tom Miller, one of Birmingham's oldest ringers, proposed the toast of 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' who, he reminded his hearers, was born at Lichfield, and came to Birmingham in his 'teens,' spending the last six or seven years before his death in retirement at Aston. Forty-five years ago Henry Johnson was present for the last time at those dinners. He (Mr. Miller) had twelve years' association with Johnson, and during that time rang 19 peals with him. Johnson rang his first peal in 1850, and in 1880 he wanted to celebrate it with a peal at St. Philip's that he had specially composed. They had ten men chosen from the Tuesday night band; their striking was excellent, and everything went smoothly for 22 hours. Then Johnson called a 'single,' but the two men behind did not make it, and as Johnson was going up he met the wrong bell first. He called out, 'You haven't made the single. Stand.' That put an end to one of Johnson's ambitions. His favourite peal of ten bells was St. Michael's, Coventry. They had a great charm for him, and he would sacrifice anything for a peal on them, and the old man in 1883 rang in the last peal on them.

Speaking of Johnson's kindness, even to his rivals, led Mr. Miller to refer to another well-known Birmingham ringer of that time—William Chappell—who was a man who, said Mr. Miller, amid laughter, always 'wanted to be atop of his own muck-dump.' Chappell used to ring at St. Philip's, and he used to describe the bells there in the following way: 'The tenor is a good bell; the 9th is cracked; the 8th doesn't belong to the peal; the 7th is a tub; the 6th is a fluke; the 5th is a bladder; the 4th is false-gaited; the 3rd is a middling good bell; the 2nd has no cannons; and the treble is a makeshift' (laughter).

The toast was drunk in silence. Afterwards those who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh were asked to stand up, and ten members of the company responded.

There were, however, only two present, Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. Tom Miller, who attended the first Johnson dinner in 1883.

#### TWO REMARKABLE PEALS.

Alderman Pritchett, in proposing 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' said he had recently been again elected Master, an honour and dignity which he greatly appreciated. The active duties were carried out by the Ringing Master, but his position carried with it one great duty, that of proposing this toast. Referring first to the losses which the Guild had sustained, Alderman Pritchett mentioned the tragic death of Mr. L. O. Gibbs, who was killed in a motor-cycle accident, and the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who was well known to them in that city and was a frequent visitor to St. Martin's tower. He was a great loss to the Exercise and one which they all deeply deplored. Alderman Pritchett also referred to the accident to Canon Coleridge, and said they were glad to know he was progressing favourably and hoped shortly to resume his ringing activities. Continuing, the Master said the Guild had been very active during the past year and had scored

some remarkable performances. The peals rung numbered 27—not a very large number, but the quality of the peals was excellent, and included one or two remarkable items. There had been rung on the bells of St. Martin's Church a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus without a conductor. Each ringer who took part in it was his own conductor, and the result was a faultless peal, the record of which would be handed down to posterity as a most remarkable achievement. Another remarkable event was the silent peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.' From beginning to end not a word was spoken—every member of the band knew precisely what he had to do and did it. It was a marvellous performance (applause). Sixty-eight members of the Guild took part in the peals rung during the year and there were eight conductors. He was proud to see that so many young men were joining St. Martin's Guild. They had several young men who had become extremely proficient, and as long as there was no lack of such ringers the continued prosperity of the Guild was assured. Another of the events of the year was the attaining of his 80th birthday by Mr. James George (applause). He celebrated his birthday by ringing several peals, always at the heavy end. Although he was now four score years, by choice he took the heaviest bell in the peal and rang it with the utmost precision. Long might his ringing career continue (applause).

There were, continued Alderman Pritchett, two persons to whom he thought the prosperity of the Guild was specially due, and they were the Ringing Master (Mr. Albert Walker) and the hon. secretary (Mr. Thomas Reeves) (applause). Mr. Walker was not only a great ringer and a great conductor, a man whose heart and soul was in the Exercise, but one who did a great deal to extend the knowledge of ringing throughout the country. He was known as a lecturer upon campanology, and his addresses had been much appreciated in many quarters. That was one of the great services he rendered to the Exercise. Mr. Walker also relieved him of the active duties as Master of the Guild. There was no dinner of any importance in the country that Mr. Walker did not attend as the representative of St. Martin's Guild. Mr. Walker was a man greatly esteemed in his business in which he occupied an important position, and it was remarkable that he was able to devote so much energy to ringing, when he was called upon to fulfil so many duties outside. Mr. Reeves, their secretary, was the son of an old and greatly respected ringer, Mr. Samuel Reeves, for many years sexton at West Bromwich, who in his time was Master of the College Youths. The son had inherited the virtues of the father and conducted the business affairs of the Guild with the utmost ability (applause). Judging from its present constitution, concluded Alderman Pritchett, the Guild would flourish in the future, and he was sure it had the good wishes of all the members and all who were present that evening (applause).

#### YOUNG CONDUCTORS ENCOURAGED.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, who responded, first thanked the artistes for their services. One of the successes of the evening, he said, was on account of the wonderful harmony they got. Proceeding, Mr. Reeves thanked Alderman Pritchett for his references to himself and his father. He enjoyed the work, he said. It was sometimes onerous, but when he saw the Guild progressing and how happy everyone seemed to be at that gathering, he always thought that any effort he put out was amply repaid. He could assure them it was a pleasure to serve the Guild, and he would continue to do whatever he could for its continued prosperity (applause). Mr. Reeves went on to refer to the peals rung during the past year, and said that at St. Martin's Mr. Walker was doing everything possible to encourage young conductors. They were particularly fortunate in the Guild that they had young conductors coming forward and peals were arranged for them to conduct. He wanted to make one observation, and it was this: Careful attention should be given to see that all the peals rung were true peals. The Central Council had laid down certain rules and decisions which St. Martin's Guild and most other associations in the country had agreed to abide by. It was, therefore, incumbent on every conductor to make himself conversant with the rules and decisions of the Council, and if mistakes did arise in a peal and could not be put right immediately the peal should stop (applause). In these days, when it was so much easier to ring peals than it was 20, 30 or 40 years ago, they ought to be particularly careful to ring only good peals and true peals (hear, hear). The Master had referred to the work done by Mr. Walker and the secretary. Alderman Pritchett had rather put himself in the background. That was what a gentleman of the type of their Master would do, but his duties were more onerous than he made them out to be. They appreciated him in the office that he held and hoped he would for many years yet be spared to be their Master (hear, hear). At their annual meeting Alderman Pritchett said he was younger than Mr. James George (one was 80 and the other 79). and, added the Alderman, 'I hope to remain younger than Mr. George for a long time' (laughter). They echoed those sentiments and wished their Master still many years of good health to continue his activity in the many different ways in which he was now engaged (applause).

Mr. Albert Walker, in submitting 'The Visitors,' expressed the pleasure of the Guild at having the presence of so many distinguished visitors. The presence of Mrs. Giv Rogers was particularly welcome, and they were once more honoured by having the Lord Mayor of Birmingham with them, although they regretted the absence of the

Lady Mayoress. That was the second occasion on which they had had the Lord Mayor of Birmingham with them at their dinners, but the Lord Mayor of the city had a close association with St. Martin's. Only on the previous Sunday he went there to attend the British Industries Fair service. The Guild frequently rang the bells for civic occasions, and they rang the bells on the first Sunday Alderman Goodby was Lord Mayor. On that occasion the Lord Mayor went to the Cathedral, and, said Mr. Walker, 'our only regret was you did not climb the belfry stairs and become a high churchman' (laughter). They were looking forward to the time, he continued, when they would have as Lord Mayor of Birmingham a member of their Guild. They specially welcomed the Lord Mayor and thanked him for sparing them an evening after the onerous duties he had had during the preceding fortnight in connection with the British Industries Fair, where among other events he had had to receive the Prince of Wales. Continuing, Mr. Walker welcomed the many other visitors who came from many parts of England, and incidentally congratulated the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, which was strongly represented that night, upon carrying to a successful conclusion the restoration and augmentation of Tewkesbury bells as a memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

#### THE PRINCE AND THE LORD MAYOR.

The Lord Mayor, who first replied, made a racy speech, in which at the outset he expressed the thanks and appreciation of the visitors for the warm welcome extended to them. The Lady Mayoress greatly regretted that a cold prevented her from being present, but she sent her kindest regards to them all. The Lord Mayor said he was once a choir boy at St. Philip's Church and was one of the best little 'angels' ever a choirmaster had, although he was once fined half-a-crown for getting over the churchyard railings (laughter). Referring to the B.I.F. service, which Mr. Walker said he had attended, the Lord Mayor remarked that he never enjoyed a sermon like it. He wasn't in church (laughter). The fact was he had a cold which kept him away from that service and also prevented him from receiving the Prince of Wales. When his deputy apologised for his absence and explained the reason, the Prince replied, 'Poor bloke, he has got my sympathy. I have got a cold, too' (laughter). The Lord Mayor added that he received from the Prince a nice, affectionate message, and was deeply touched by it.

Continuing, the Lord Mayor said he had no idea there was so much art in bellringing. Bells had always affected him in a peculiar way. Their message was sometimes one of sadness and sometimes one of joy, but to him they seemed to send a message to his conscience, 'Am I doing all I can so that when it pleases the Almighty to call me I can reflect with joy that I have done my best? The bells tell me there is something more in life than the struggle for wealth and amusement,' he continued, 'and I ask, "Am I doing the right thing by my Maker and my fellow-creatures?"' It was true, as Mr. Price had said, that in Birmingham all parties were working together for the benefit of the city. Their great aim in life should be to do their best according to their conscience, and if they did not agree they should be men and women enough to hold out their hands to one another and be good friends and good Christians (applause).

Mr. E. A. Young, who next responded, said when he first came to those dinners at Birmingham some 15 years ago he at once found himself among friends, and he had made many friends there. The social side of ringing was an important part of their ringing life. It was interesting to note, he said, that the Ancient Society, which he represented that night, was established nearly 300 years ago. Speaking from memory, he believed three Lord Mayors of London in their time were members of that Ancient Society, and one of them was actually Master of the College Youths and Lord Mayor also. He hoped some day some other ringer might be Lord Mayor of London. His brother officers and the members who met fortnightly in London, and who were carrying on the traditions of the Ancient Society, desired him to extend to that Guild their heartiest congratulations and felicitations upon their anniversary.

#### A GREAT PERFORMANCE.

Mr. P. J. Johnson also replied to the toast. He said that Birmingham had seen many great ringing achievements, and he well remembered reading of the pride of Mr. Henry Johnson in bringing back, in his old age, the Stedman Cinques record, which was rung on his 72nd birthday. There had been another record set up this year by St. Martin's Guild, and one that would probably last as long as any change ringing record that had been set up; in fact, it would probably never be excelled. He congratulated the band who rang that silent handbell peal of Stedman Cinques, and it was a personal pleasure to pay tribute to his old friends, Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. George Swann, upon establishing yet another record in having, by that peal, rung together their one hundredth handbell peal of Stedman Cinques (applause). He spoke with particular satisfaction of this fact, because of the courtesy extended to himself by both these gentlemen on many occasions, and by various other members of St. Martin's Guild. Mr. Johnson invited as many members of St. Martin's Guild as possible to visit Leeds later in the year for the commemoration dinner when they honoured the memory of another great ringer—Jasper Whitfield Snowden. He assured them of a hearty welcome. He brought good wishes from Yorkshire for the future of St. Martin's (Continued in next column.)

## SHERBORNE ABBEY'S NEW TENOR.

HEAVIEST RING OF EIGHT RESTORED.



SHERBORNE ABBEY.

One of the most important bell restorations in Dorsetshire for many years has just been completed at Sherborne Abbey, which has the heaviest ring of eight in the country. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have recast the tenor, which is now a magnificent bell, weighing 46 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb. The rest of the peal have been retuned, and the whole of them have been re-clappered and rehung in ball bearings. So admirably has the work been carried out that each of the bells can easily be clappered up right side single-handed.

The tenor has an interesting history. The original bell was the gift of Cardinal Wolsey. It has been thrice recast and now bears the following inscription:—

By Wolsey's gift I measure time for all.

To Mirth, to Grief, to Church I serve to call.

Recast 1670 by Thomas Purdue, of Glosworth, Somerset. Joseph Barker, Vicar. Gustavus Horne, Walter Pride, Churchwardens. Again recast 1885 by John Warner and Sons, of London. Edward Harston, Vicar. James Hoddinott, Francis Stokes, Churchwardens.

Again recast 1933 by Mears and Stainbank, of London. Wilfred Marcus Askwith, Vicar. Clement Horace Adams, James Florance, Churchwardens.

The cost of recasting the tenor was defrayed by contributions from Old Boys of Sherborne School, through an appeal made by Major J. H. B. Hesse.

Some 200 ringers attended the dedication last Saturday, the number being so large that it was with difficulty that all could get a ring after the service.

### THE HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

(Continued from previous column.)

Guild. He hoped the Guild would long flourish and would never lack willing men and women to carry on the great traditions set by by-gone generations (applause).

Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World.' He jestingly remarked that he hardly thought the Editor would dare to venture so close to Wellingborough. Many of them had known Mr. Goldsmith for many years, and they thought they knew him really well, but from the columns of his own paper recently they had been learning things about him (laughter). He could say, however, that the Editor had the wholehearted confidence, not only of every Midland ringer, but of almost every ringer in the British Isles (applause). They could not blame the Editor for all that appeared. It was the ringers themselves who were responsible for most of what was published, and if they wanted to blame anybody it was themselves whom they must blame and criticise for what was there. In conclusion, Mr. Perrens expressed regret at the absence, through ill-health, of Mrs. Goldsmith, who had attended that dinner for many years.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in replying to the toast, said that one of the peculiarities of ringers seemed to be a desire among some of them to 'grouse.' Ever since there had been a ringing paper space had been taken up by grouse, and it was as well, perhaps, that they had a channel through which to ventilate their grievances. As far as he was concerned, he endeavoured to hold the scales evenly, and attacks upon himself ran off like water off a duck's back. Indeed, he rather enjoyed it.

Canon Blofeld gave the concluding toast, 'The Chairman,' to which Canon Guy Rogers responded, and the formal proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

The next day many of the visitors were at St. Martin's for the service ringing. Afterwards, through the kindness of Mr. W. S. Dowding, they had the opportunity of inspecting the wonders of the Birmingham Central Fire Station, and spent a pleasant hour at St. Martin's Hotel, where the customary lunch was provided.

### WOODBIDGE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As your anonymous correspondent writes of my 'first' letter, he must have known of the second letter which the 'East Anglian Daily Times' published for me, correcting the sentence he quotes. Yet he implies that I have left it uncorrected.

Will someone more reliable tell us, over his own name, whether there is really an old ring of eight bells, all cast by one man at the same time, in Colchester, and still untouched?

I am very grateful to Mr. Hunt for his letter. I was told that there is something wrong with the Merton College ring. If not, and they are still untouched and in order, they must be easily the oldest good ring of eight.

Would Mr. Hunt please send me his list of 20 rings of eight (no more and no less) and all untouched?

HERBERT DRAKE.

Woodbridge, Suffolk.

### FIRST 720's.

At St. Michael's Church, Bradfield, Yorks, on January 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: L. Barber 1, W. Sanderson 2, M. E. Wilson 3, J. Hosmer 4, B. Ellis 5, S. F. Palmer (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th, who are members of the local band of Sunday service ringers.—On February 6th, 720 Bob Minor: L. Barber 1, M. E. Wilson 2, J. Fretwell 3, J. Hosmer 4, J. Marshall 5, S. F. Palmer (conductor) 6. First 720 by J. Fretwell, of the local company.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on January 29th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob (1,280 changes): J. Hurrell 1, J. Lyddiard 2, O. Elliott 3, J. J. Lamb 4, G. E. Rawlings 5, T. A. Easterby 6, E. B. Crowder 7, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 8. Rung as a compliment to Doris Easterby (daughter of the ringer of the 6th), on attaining her majority. Believed to be the first quarter-peal of Oxford on the bells.

## PEALS OF MINOR.

THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT EXPLAINED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I assume that the recent correspondence and articles in 'The Ringing World' indicate that that hardy annual, 'Peals of Minor,' will be found blooming in all its glory at Warwick at Whitsun, and our Central Council representatives will be asked once again to vote on a resolution framed indirectly, if not openly, to lead to the DEFINITE recognition as a peal of Minor of the arrangement commonly known as 'The Rev. Bankes James Peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.'

Now, Sir, just between ourselves, I wonder how many of our worthy Councillors know exactly what this arrangement really is?

Do I know myself? Perhaps not.

I know, however, what I think it is and I state my views as a nonentity, in order that the sages may tell me if I am right or wrong, and, if wrong, why?

Now, whenever I have rung in a 720 of Minor we have always commenced by changing from the back stroke rounds to the first hand stroke row and finished by changing from the last hand stroke row to the back stroke rounds.

We might, and possibly did, ring a few rounds before the 'go' and after 'that's all,' but they were not all essential.

The back stroke rounds at the start and then 720 different rows, of which the last was rounds again, were all that was really required, and if any of these rows (including the two rounds) were not completed or if the bells had not come into rounds at the end we should not have claimed a 720.

I am well aware, of course, that 720 rows could be produced without the first back stroke or without the last, that the bells could be set up at the last back stroke and that all sorts of fancy things could be done, but established custom demands that a 720 of Minor, standing by itself at any rate, should be rung in the manner in which I have always rung it, and there is no need (unless one wants to be freakish) to break away from established custom in this respect. Therefore, an extent of Minor is, by custom, produced by 721 rows, two of which, the first rounds and the last, are alike.

Now what are the so-called (if you like) extents comprised in Bankes James' arrangement, and why did he compose them?

To answer the last question first, simply, I understand, to produce a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor having all its 6-5's at hand.

As to the extents—one, the last, is our old friend W. H. W., and we can dismiss him without question or comment. The other six appear to me (I do not profess to have proved them) each to consist, like any ordinary 720, or 720 different changes produced by 721 rows, two of which are similar, but are not always rounds.

(In this arrangement as in every peal of Minor the last back stroke of every 30th treble lead must, of course, for the purpose of counting the rows necessary to produce each extent, when taken separately, be deemed the row from which the first change of the next extent is made. It should not be necessary to say this, but someone may waste ink in pointing out that there are not actually 721 rows in each extent.)

None of the six extents, however, finishes with the same row as it starts, but, notwithstanding this, 720 different changes are completed in every 30 treble leads.

The two rows which are the same in each extent come, as to one of them, somewhere in the course of the extent, and as to the other, invariably at the end.

Now, on the face of it, you say those two rows are alike and that settles it—the arrangement is 'hopelessly false.'

But is it? The change effected by each repeated row is from its preceding row, and in each extent one of the similar rows is produced by a plain lead and the other by a bob lead.

In the first extent, for instance, the similar row is 34256. Where it first appears in the extent it is at a plain lead and follows 32465, and at the end it is hobbled and follows 43265. To any plain man the changes thus produced must be different.

The whole question, therefore, seems to me not whether we are to count rows or changes, first rounds or last, but whether we insist that every extent in a peal of Minor must begin from and end with the same row (which in the mind of every sane man must be rounds) or if we can accept as an extent (but only when used as part of a peal) an arrangement which produces 720 different changes in a way not commonly accepted as being an extent when standing by itself, provided that (as is the case with the Bankes James arrangement) that no row other than the first and final rounds appears more than seven times in the peal.

This latter is the only possible way of judging Bankes James' arrangement if its acceptance as a peal is to be justified.

In concluding, I ought perhaps to say that I use the word 'row' as meaning the order in which the six bells are struck consecutively one after the other until they have each struck once, in the same manner, but not necessarily in the same order, as rounds.

I use the word 'change' as meaning the result which is effected by the bells in one row being struck in a different order to their sequence in the preceding row.

I do not suppose I should be permitted sufficient space to urge the acceptance of one or other standard, but I personally feel that the Rev. Bankes James has given the Exercise something out of the ordinary run of compositions, and it should not be lightly turned down, especially by votes of people who do not really understand the arrangement.

'EQUUS.'

## OLD BELLS IN WILTSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Drake's letters on old bells of one family, there is a peal of eight bells at St. Andrew's, Cluppennham, Wilts, cast by A.R. in 1734.

I was informed by the late Mr. W. W. Gifford, of Salisbury, that the first peal to be erected as an octave was the peal at Bishop's Cannings, Wilts, or a peal at Oxford, which was installed about the same time. Mr. Gifford said it was a question which was first. It appears it was the same benefactor for both peals. The Bishop's Cannings bells date from 1602 and were by I.W. The 4th and 7th and tenor have been recast at different times. There are quite a number of bells dating from 1582 to 1619 by the above founders in Wiltshire.

S. HILLIER.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS MEET.

A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts was held at Gateshead on Saturday, February 24th. Ringers were present from Darlington, West Hartlepool, Sunderland, Chester-le-Street, Newcastle, South Shields, Tanfield, Houghton-le-Spring, Whickham, also the local tower. The beautiful peal of St. Mary's were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and a splendid tea awaited the ringers in The Anchorage.

A short meeting was held afterwards, Mr. R. L. Patterson being in the chair, supported by Canon Stephenson and Mr. Anderson, president of the association.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman welcomed Canon Stephenson and his curate.—The Canon, who was in a jocular mood, said it always gave him great pleasure to welcome the ringers at his church. He always looked forward to their meetings, and, anyhow, he was always at the tea, for 'When the roll and butter's yonder, I'll be there.' However, he said it would sometimes do the congregations good if they could only know the services ringers put into their church, as they (the congregations) seemed to take the bells for granted, and he hoped that very soon it would be made more known by members of churches.

Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Canon and churchwardens for the use of the bells. He also congratulated the Canon on his recovery from his recent illness.

Mr. J. Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the bountiful tea, which, he said, was heartily appreciated by the ringers.—Mr. Pattison replied for the ladies.

It was resolved that South Shields be the next place of meeting on April 14th, provided the bells are available. If not, the meeting will be at Houghton-le-Spring.

Ringings continued after the meeting until 8.30 p.m., when a most enjoyable and successful district meeting came to a close.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL QUARTERLY MEETING AT SAWSTON.

A successful meeting was held at Sawston on Feb. 24th. Members came from Cambridge, Eving, Fen Ditton, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Newmarket, Newton, Royston, Trumpington and a splendid muster of the local band. The bells were half-muffled in the afternoon in memory of Mr. A. G. Rivers, of Dry Drayton.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Bywaters), who gave an interesting address on Sawston Church.

A bountiful tea with home-made cakes was served by Mrs. F. Hurry and friends.

At the business meeting it was a very great pleasure to elect Miss Barbara Hurry and Mr. Bob Johnson as members of the association. The keenness and enthusiasm of the young folk is a very healthy sign.

It was decided to hold by-meetings at Caxton on March 24th and at Great Chishill on May 5th, and the next quarterly meeting at Ickleton on June 2nd.

The company stood in silence as a mark of respect to Mr. Rivers, and the secretary was asked to write to Mrs. Rivers expressing sympathy.

Grateful thanks are due to the Vicar, the organist, the ladies and the local band who made the visitors so welcome. At 8.35 p.m. a very successful meeting ended and became a pleasant memory.

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## A CITY MEETING.

## LONDON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' INVITATION.

On Saturday, February 24th, the two districts of the London County Association met at All Hallows', Lombard Street, at the invitation of the London University Students. Soon after 3 o'clock the ten bells (tenor 19½ cwt.), said to have been removed from the ancient Church of St. Dionis, Gracechurch Street, were set going to the tune of Grandsire Caters, under the direction of the Southern District secretary, who afterwards handed over the reins of office to Mr. J. Waugh, Northern District Master. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, including Cambridge Royal and London Surprise Major, also rounds for some of the students. By now a large company had assembled, the overflow of a somewhat small belfry distributing itself upon the roof and viewing the backs of adjacent buildings.

Within the church the writer found some fine carving, said to be by Grinling Gibbons, and in a case an ancient Bible and two other volumes, described and dated as follows: 'A.D. 1613. These 2 Volumes Erasmus' Paraphrase of the New Testament and this Bible were rescued from the old Church of St. Benet, Gracechurch, where they were chained to desks for public perusal. That Church was destroyed in the great fire A.D. 1666.'

The party, numbering about 35, at 5 o'clock betook themselves to St. Dionis' Hall, Lime Street, owned by All Hallows' (they seem to have a lot of other people's things, by the way), where tea had been prepared, and a happy party was ministered to by some of the students in a very cosy and beautiful room. The inner man having been satisfied, the Southern District secretary announced that there was no business to transact, but he would take that opportunity of moving a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. Canon Tatlow, D.D.) for the use of the bells and the room, and to Messrs. Cuthbertson and Dodd, of the London University, for their help in arranging tea and having the bells ready.

Mr. Cuthbertson briefly responded, and, handbells being produced, some more or less startling ringing was performed at first, but as time went on a band was found who could and did 'keep their seats.' A return was afterwards made to the tower for about an hour, and all was silent again about 8 o'clock, there only remaining a certain amount of what another secretary describes as 'chin chin' to do to complete a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

## LADIES' GUILD.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT'S FIFTIETH MEETING.

A meeting of the Northamptonshire District of the Ladies' Guild took place at Isham on Saturday, March 3rd, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Atkins). The occasion was the 50th meeting of the Northants District, the district having been inaugurated at a meeting held at Isham on November 20th, 1920. The president of the Ladies' Guild (Miss E. Steel) and the general secretary (Mrs. Fletcher) and Mr. G. W. Fletcher were present, a company of nearly fifty ringers and friends assembling, of whom 20 were Ladies' Guild members.

The Rector conducted the Guild service. Afterwards all proceeded to the School, where tea had been prepared. Mrs. F. Boulton (vice-president, Northants District) expressed a welcome to Mrs. Fletcher on behalf of the members, and Mrs. T. Billson (one of the earliest members of the district) proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector and all at Isham who had contributed to the success of the meeting.—The Rector replied.

The business meeting followed. Two new ringing members were elected, viz., Miss Swan, of Brigstock, and Miss Barrow, of Weston-by-Welland.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Haddon in May.

Touches were rung on the peal of six bells throughout the afternoon and evening, members of the Ladies' Guild taking a prominent part and forming teams from rounds to Treble Bob and Surprise methods.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT BASINGSTOKE.

The Southern District of the Ladies' Guild received a hearty welcome at Basingstoke, Hants, on Saturday, February 24th, on its first visit since the Guild was formed in 1912. Ringing commenced at All Saints' Church at 3 o'clock, and at St. Michael's at 4.15. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Dr. H. W. Bonstead), who gave a very helpful address. The local ladies had prepared a splendid tea in the Church Cottage, and 33 ringers did justice to it.

At the business meeting Miss E. Foulk, a visitor from the Northern District, took the chair. Three new members were elected, Misses Irene and May Knapp, of Highclere, and Mrs. Wooding, of Basingstoke. Mrs. Oaler, of Bramley, was welcomed back into the Guild.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Pirbright, Surrey, in October.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the organist and to the ladies who had arranged the tea.

After the meeting the ladies left to rejoin the gentlemen in the tower, but the lure of the shops proved too much for some, and so a second 'Henry VIII.' came to the rescue of the remaining seven. Later the Guild members managed several touches 'on their own.' Ringing was arranged as far as possible to meet all needs from rounds to Double Norwich.

The following towers were represented: Aldershot, Basingstoke, Bramley, Duffield, Farnborough, Guildford, Laverstoke, Overton, Pirbright, Seale, Twyford and Worplesdon.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 10th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome whether beginners, average or expert. Please look up Bristol.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (Harvest Home, Beddington Lane) 5.45. Meeting 6.30. Social or further ringing after meeting.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Saviour's) on Saturday, March 10th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (is. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A joint meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, March 10th, on the occasion of the opening, after restoration, of the bells of the Parish Church (8). Bells open 2.30 to 9 p.m. A service will be held at 4 p.m., at which a collection will be taken to help to defray the cost of rehanging the bells. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—H. Marcon and H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—A district meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—W. H. Curson, Hon. Sec., Netherseale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Bird's Winscombe, 5.15.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel (Clock Tower) on Saturday, March 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each. The following towers available during afternoon: St. Margaret's (12) 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Cathedral (10) 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., St. John-the-Divine (10) 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-East Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorington on March 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All are welcome.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (12) available from 3 to 7 p.m. General meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held in the tower at 5 p.m. The annual report is now available, and subscriptions for 1933-34 are due. Further particulars to towers by circular.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 10th. By invitation of Father Riley, Lowe House Church, members are invited to inspect the carillon at 3 p.m. prompt. Parish Church bells (10) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s.; notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens. An especially large muster of ringers is desired at this meeting, as a new ring of 8 bells is shortly to be dedicated at St. Helens.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—The 116th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present at the dinner please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, March 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members are requested to attend, if possible.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, March 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Claydon on Saturday, March 10th. Bells 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, Bucks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Teas can be obtained nearby. Buses from Clayton Green at 2.10 and 4.10 p.m. pass the church.—J. Charnock, Hon. Branch Sec.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on March 10th. The bells (tenor 22 cwt.) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service, conducted by the Vicar, at 5 o'clock, tea and business meeting after. We shall be glad to see as many old friends, also new ones, as can come.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10th, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (opposite R.A.F. Depot). Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, in Church Hall, at 5.30 p.m. Subscriptions are two months overdue.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmoreland on March 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, price 1s., at 4.30 p.m. Meeting at 5.15 p.m. in the National School.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Combined practice meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Monday, March 12th. Handbells 6.30 to 7.30. Tower bells from 7.30, Major methods only.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on March 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at St. Mary's House, at 3.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford Rectory.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Badgeworth on Saturday, March 17th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5.30. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by the 14th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting at Shere, Saturday, March 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Notifications by March 12th, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Daresbury on the 17th inst., commencing at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 15th if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

**BARWELL, LEICS.**—The reopening of the ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will take place on Saturday, Mar. 17th. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., Rector of Stoney Stanton.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Please advise for tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (nice peal of six) ready early. You are heartily welcome. Just a card for tea, please, which is at 5 o'clock.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Lawton on Saturday, March 17th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Eight bells. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by the 14th inst. ?—Rich. D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham Parish Church (eight bells) on March 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The first 1934 general meeting will be held at Whittlesea, near Peterborough, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (Taylor's eight, "nuff said") 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The postman wants a rise; make him busy. Postcard by March 14th, please. To our friends who find Whittlesea too far, come to Sutton on March 14th, 5.45 p.m. A real welcome awaits you. We ring and talk; talk and ring; and, say it quietly, we follow Troyte, we adjourn.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), on Saturday, March 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Special practice at Miles Platting, 13th inst., 7.30 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Long Buckby (five bells) on Saturday, March 17th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (10) at the Abbey available afternoon and evening. Service in the Abbey at 4 o'clock; preacher, the Vicar. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. J. W. Hall, 9, Westbourne Road, Selby, by March 22nd. Business meeting immediately after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. More particulars later.—L. N. Cawthorne and M. E. Wilson, Dis. Hon. Secs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The management committee meeting and the general annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. **THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.**—The dedication of the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies will take place on Saturday, May 19th. The Memorial Chapel and the retuned and augmented peal of bells will be dedicated at the one service. We ask the co-operation of all ringers and friends by their attendance.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 54th annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Committee meeting in All Saints' vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open during the day: All Saints', Maidstone (10), Leeds (10), Linton (8), West Malling (8), Aylesford (8), Barming (6), East

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Spead Eagle Hotel, at 6 p.m. Full details later.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

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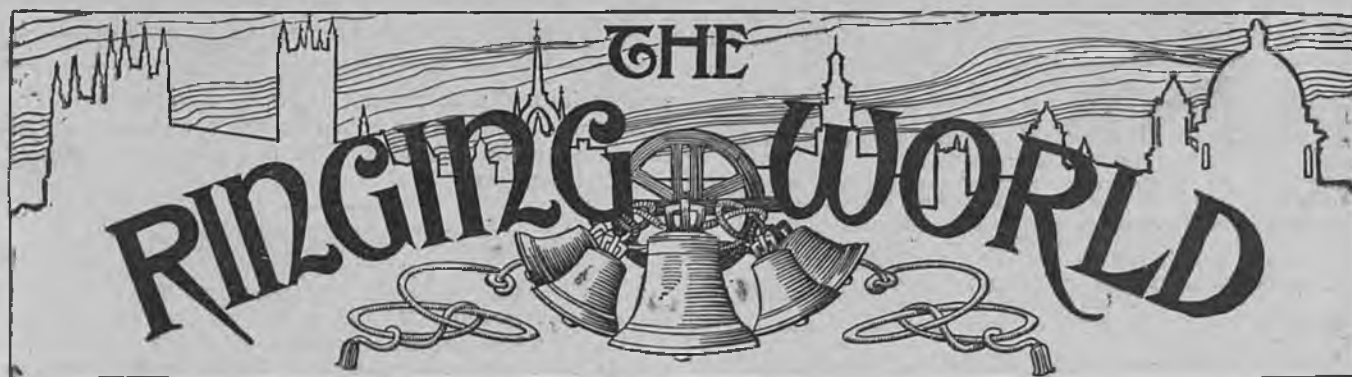
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At BROOKFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH REED ... Treble	FREDERICK J. STEELE ... 5
CHARLES OLLIER ... 2	JOHN FEARNHEAD ... 6
*ALBERT SMITH ... 3	EDWARD F. MAWBY ... 7
*PERCY RUSHTON ... 4	WILFRID J. MOSS ... Tenor

Composed by W. BERRY.

Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Steele, youngest daughter of the ringers of the 5th.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JONATHAN PRESTON ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RISEWORTH ... 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 2	WILLIAM DAVIES ... 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ALAN SHORT ... 4	GEORGE F. GARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

RICHMOND, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON ... Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 5
HENRY G. MILES ... 2	THOMAS LANGDON ... 6
HARRY R. PASMORE ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

This peal was specially rung to inaugurate the 'Richmond Youth Campaign,' March 10th to 28th.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING ... Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	RALPH PARTON ... 7
HAROLD SHUCK ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 5
LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
ALFRED B. MOSS ... 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... 7
JOHN E. HOBBS ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

BOOKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE ... Treble	CHARLES BURTON ... 5
WILLIAM KREBLE ... 2	REGINALD MARTIN ... 6
*GEORGE IVES ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
*HARRY G. FELTON ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method. The monthly peal for the district.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

HAISALL, LIVERPOOL.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single, College Single, London New Bob and Plain Bob.

*JAMES LONGTON ... .. Treble	*WILFRED CORE ... .. 4
*THOMAS PRESCOTT ... .. 2	HENRY SERGEANT ... .. 5
HENRY FYLES ... .. 3	*ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

\* First peal. This is the first peal by a band of local ringers at this church.

KING'S WALDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

WILLIAM K. NORTH ... .. Treble	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 4
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 2	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 3	JOHN WELCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*STANLEY SMITH ... .. Treble	SIDNEY MUNTON ... .. 4
*LEONARD WARD ... .. 2	*GEORGE FEIRN ... .. 5
*CYRIL ARCHER ... .. 3	JOSEPH PACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PACK.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor on a tower bell. First peal of Bob Minor as conductor.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Lincoln, Cuneastre, Cambridge, York and Durham. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE LORD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung for the love of the art.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven true and complete 720's in 14 methods in the following methods: (1) Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Newcastle and Chester; (3) Berwick and Hexham; (4) Norfolk and Primrose; (5) Durham and Beverley; (6) Ipswich and Cambridge; (7) London and Cuneastre. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT ... .. Treble	JAMES OSBORN ... .. 4
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN ... .. 5
*JOHN T. MACHIN ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor and the first Surprise peal on the bells.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.—At SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Church, 720 Bob Minor: \*Miss M. A. P. Bertie 1, \*N. C. Brewis 2, W. P. Pattison 3, F. Sheraton 4, W. Brown 5, J. A. Brown (conductor) 6. \* First 720 and first attempt.

ALLENDSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

*REV. C. G. LITTLEHALES Treble	ALFRED T. KITSON ... .. 4
W. HENRY YOUNG ... .. 2	*WILLIAM A. KITSON ... .. 5
*VICTOR C. PREECE ... .. 3	*REGINALD W. DAVIES ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. YOUNG.

\* First peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 7, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being a 720 each of Annable's London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Hull Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble	*EDWARD J. BAGG ... .. 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	*GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 5
*LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 3	*ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal.

TEWIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 2,880 Grandsire (ten callings) and 2,160 Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY WEBB ... .. Treble	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 3
BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 2	JACK WELCH ... .. 4
WILLIAM K. NORTH ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM K. NORTH.

Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung in 720's alternately. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Compton for their kind hospitality after the peal.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different callings.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	*JOHN CHURCH ... .. 4
*WILLIAM WAGSTAFFE ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... .. 3	HERBERT SHERMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal of Minor.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four extents of Kent and three of Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	ROBERT SANGRIDGE ... .. 4
THOMAS ADAMS ... .. 2	JOHN COOK ... .. 5
PETER CHARMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM STANFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

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

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4
* WILLIAM HALFORD ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Treble	† ROSELL W. CURSON ... .. 4
* GEORGE H. PEGNALL ... .. 2	† HENRY TOOKE ... .. 5
† WALTER R. FARROW ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, rung December, 1931, the 4th and 5th of which were cast in 1380 by Dawe, of London. The Rev. Thorn kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, March 2, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church Tower,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents.

* CYRIL UNDERWOOD ... .. 1	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... .. 3
RONALD C. DAKIN ... .. 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 7, 1934, in Two Hours and One Minute,

At the Residence of Mr. A. CATTERWELL, WYTHERSFIELD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... .. 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... .. 3-4
OLAVE E. BROYD ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.

First peal on handbells in five methods by ringer of 1-2. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT, EDGELEY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	* HIRAM MEAKIN ... .. 7-8

Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Umpire—Harold Jackson.

\* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Hiram Meakin on attaining the age of 67 years.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the School.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER AYRE ... .. 1-2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5-5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 3-4	CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

**LEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR.**

12345678

21436587

12346857

21438657

24136857

42318675

24138657

42316875

24361857

23468175

32641857

36248175

63428715

64327851

46238715

42637851

24367581

23465718

32647581

36245718

63425178

64321587

46235178

24613578

42165387

24615378

42163587

41265378

14623587

41263857

14628375

Bob 16423857

5,088  
BY G. MARRINER.  
23456 M. B. W. H.

52436	—	—
42635	—	3
62534	—	3
35426	—	3
42356	—	—
26354	—	2
53624	x	2
34625	—	2
34256	x	—
53246	—	3
45236	—	—
23456	—	—

The first peal in this method was rung at Leatherhead on Jan. 20th. It is a combination of the Rev. E. B. James' Peterborough and Mr. G. Baker's Horsham Surprise, arranged by G. Marriner, the front half of the work being Peterborough and the back half Horsham. It has one false course head tenors together 24365.

**CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR.**

Of the Surprise methods of which the late Mr. John Carter was the author, No. 6 was rung to a peal for the first time on January 25th at Egham, Surrey, and given the name of Chiltern.

THE METHOD.

5,056

12345678

21436587

12346857

21438675

24136857

42318675

42136857

24318675

42381657

24836175

24381657

42836175

24863715

42687351

46283715

64827351

46283751

64827315

68423751

86247315

68274135

86721453

86274135

68721453

86712435

68174253

68712435

86174253

81672435

18764253

81674523

18765432

18674523

Bob 17864523

BY H. W. WILDE.  
23456 B. W. M. H.

64235	—	—
26435	—	—
42635	—	—
63425	—	—
63254	—	—
26354	—	—
32654	—	—
65324	—	—
36524	—	—
53624	—	—
62534	—	—
56234	—	—
25634	—	—
25346	—	—
32546	—	—
53246	—	—
24536	—	—
52436	—	—
43526	—	—
54326	—	—
35426	—	—
42356	—	—
34256	—	—
23456	—	—

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

On Thursday, February 22nd, at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, Kent, a date touch of Stedman Caters (1,934 changes) was rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late King Albert in 1 hour 25 minutes: J. Spiller 1, E. Spiller 2, A. Gasson 3, T. Grice 4, H. Coast 5, L. Head (composer and conductor) 6, H. Travers 7, F. Leeson 8, B. Baker 9, H. Dunn 10.

## THE FUTURE MATTERS MOST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. E. M. Atkins which you published in your issue of March 2nd criticises two things, viz.: (1) The management of district meetings, and (2) the contents of 'The Ringing World.' I take it that all ringers are in favour of two objects—(1) the spread of change ringing, and (2) the improvement of 'The Ringing World.' May I point out that these objects depend upon each other, and may I take an illustration from my experience as a beginner 45 years ago?

I started ringing in a six-bell tower, as one of an entirely new band, including one change ringer and one other man, who could handle a bell, but had never rung changes. After a few years we lost our change ringer, who had taught us the 'rudiments of the faith,' and the beginners were left entirely to their own resources. We had our difficulties; for years there was one ringer who could only ring the tenor in Doubles, and another who could only ring a plain hunt bell. Still, before six years were out we managed Grandsire and Bob Doubles and half a dozen plain Minor methods. In those days there were no district meetings and no motor buses or cars to bring visitors to help us. But the one thing that made our men keen was the possibility of seeing in the 'Bell News' from time to time a notice of a 720 rung for evening service, with a footnote, 'First 720 in the method by all the band.' I had almost forgotten that just before the end of the six years the band were attempting Stedman Doubles—not bad for beginners with no one to teach them.

I believe five or six members of the band took the 'Bell News' regularly, which was then sold at 1d. The cheaper the price, the greater the help and incitement to the beginner; if more beginners will buy, the cheaper will be the cost of production. If 'The Ringing World' (which has taken the place of the 'Bell News') can find room for notices of 'service ringing' whenever a first 720 of Minor is rung by all or some of the band, I think the Editor will find that his circulation increases, and he will then be able to reduce the price; and the increase in the circulation will help more beginners, just when they want help. The ringer who has scored 100 peals, or 'has circled the tower,' needs no encouragement, and he can help himself. He is like a boy learning to skate: at first he wants all the help he can get: when he can do outside edge forwards and backwards well and with confidence, he does not need more help than he can get from books, or an occasional hint from a friend.

Now I turn to district meetings:—In a tower where the home team are all, or nearly all, beginners, while the visitors are most of them first-rate ringers, a touch of 500 or so of Stedman is not really wanted by the visitors, and is absolutely useless to the home team, who can make nothing of a method where a bell can come to lead at back stroke, and may stay there for only a half-pull. The result is that beginners are apt to fight shy of district meetings, and so they remain 'beginners' for much longer. Their achievements will never appear in 'The Ringing World,' and it has no interest for them, and the circulation of the paper languishes. I wish I could persuade the skilled ringers that district meetings should be regarded as opportunities mainly for helping beginners, and not for ringing Stedman or Surprise methods. If instead of ringing Stedman Triples one or two of them would stand behind beginners—giving as many as possible a short touch in Grandsire Triples, and reserving the Stedman for the last ten minutes before the service, there would be a much greater probability of a notice in 'The Ringing World' of a 'quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples—first quarter-peal by all the band,' and (I hope) eight new subscribers for 'The Ringing World.'

Turning back to the six-bell towers, may I say that I would far sooner hear that seven separate bands rang 720 in a Minor method on the same Sunday, each in its own tower, than that a carefully selected team from seven towers rang 5,040 of the same Minor method on one day; also that I would like all bands in six-bell towers to set before themselves, as a minimum, one 720 for at least one service on each Sunday.

## 5,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

23456	M	6ths	B	7ths	W	H
42356						1
63254	1	1	—	1		2
54326	1				2	2
42635					2	
56234	1					1
52364				1		2
24365	1					2
23645				1		2
32548	2					2
45236					2	2
23456					1	1

Rung at St. Peter Mancroft, December 26th, 1933, conducted by the composer. The first 5,000 of Treble Ten to be rung with all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 with the 6th's the extent home, 4-5-6 only in 6th's and the 2nd one course only in 5th's.

## DEATH OF MR. H. T. HOWELL.

A WELL-KNOWN WEST COUNTRY RINGER.

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. Henry T. Howell, of Bristol, Past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, which office he held from 1921 to 1923, also first Master of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, 1921.

Mr. Howell died on Wednesday, March 7th, at the age of 73 years. The end was rather unexpected, although he has been ailing for some time. Mr. Howell was well liked by all who knew him, and his example could be well followed by others. His ringing career in Bristol started about 50 years ago at St. George's, Bristol, East, at which church he was at one time churchwarden.

He was very prominent in the ringing fraternity with Mr. F. G. May (now in South Africa) at St. Nicholas', Bristol. After the regrettable incident of the closing of St. George's tower, he joined St. Philip's band, and when the new peal was installed at St. Ambrose's Church he gave assistance there.

The funeral took place on Saturday, March 10th, at St. Ambrose's Church, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Lee). The interment was in the family grave at Avon View Cemetery, Bristol.

By special request of the family, the hearer party were ringers, the following making the party: Mr. J. Gould (Master, Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. F. Skidmore (Bristol branch secretary), Mr. F. G. Leaker (association adviser), and Mr. B. C. Worsdell (St. Ambrose's).



The late Mr. H. T. Howell.

The bells of St. Ambrose's Church were rung half-muffled for the service, the following taking part: J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), John W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff Association), Sidney G. Riches (Bristol United Ringing Guilds), W. Lansdown (vice-president, Gloucester and Bristol Association), W. A. Cave (Past Master, Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mrs. R. J. Wilkins (St. Stephen's), G. S. Wiltshire (St. Philip's), A. Wiltshire (St. Ambrose's) and A. Knight (St. Ambrose's).

The 'whole pull and stand' was successfully rung as well as touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, conducted by J. T. Dyke.

The floral tributes included a wreath from the Gloucester and Bristol Association (Bristol Branch), the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, St. Philip's Ringing Guild, and St. Ambrose's Ringing Guild. A memorial service was held at St. Ambrose's Church at evensong on Sunday, the 11th inst.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Ambrose's Church on Wednesday, March 7th, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect: Mrs. F. Skidmore (3 years) 1, W. Lansdown (46 years) 2, A. Knight (46 years) 3, G. S. Wiltshire (44 years) 4, F. Skidmore (26 years) 5, A. Liversedge (48 years) 6, S. Phillips (46 years) (conductor) 7, W. Stafford (26 years) 8.

This quarter-peal was the same composition that was rung as the first quarter-peal on the bells of St. Ambrose's, conducted by the late Mr. H. T. Howell. The figures in brackets denote the number of years each ringer knew Mr. Howell in the ringing world. With the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore, the others were ringers of the old St. George's band.

The bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Bristol, were rung half-muffled to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) following the interment at Avon View Cemetery: E. J. Brown (conductor) 1, A. Maggs 2, G. Pearce 3, Miss A. Brown 4, S. Riches 5, P. C. Williams 6, J. Richmond 7, B. C. Worsdell 8, G. S. Wiltshire 9, G. Burcher 10.

The late Mr. Howell was a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church for 18 years and had rung many peals there. This quarter-peal was rung as a last mark of respect.

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### ANOTHER RING OF SIX IN HANTS. A BARRON BELL TRUST GIFT.

A new treble bell to increase the ring to six was dedicated at Barton Stacey, Hants, on Saturday week, by the Bishop of Southampton. The old oak bell cage was badly damaged by the death-watch beetle, and a new frame has been provided and the old bells retuned. The work, the gift of the Emma Barron Bell Trust, has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in their customary efficient manner.

Some of the old bells are of historic interest, as they were cast by a little known founder, Cor, of Aldbourne, Wilts. The earliest known bell in Hampshire from this foundry is dated 1693. The inscriptions on the old bells are: 2, Cor of Aldbourne 1725; 3, T. Mears of London, fecit 1828; N. C. Winkworth gave five guineas, Cor of Aldbourne 1725; 5, Martin Wright Esquire gave ten guineas, Cor of Aldbourne 1725; 6, Nicholas Elliott and John Edwards C.W. O. Cor 1725.

The church was crowded for the dedication service, prior to which the old five bells were rung. About 30 members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were present, and Mr. R. H. Dove represented the founders. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. R. d'Arcy), and the lessons were read by Canon R. S. Medlicott (Rural Dean of Whitechurch) and Canon Cunningham (Rural Dean of Winchester).

During the procession of the Bishop, Vicar and choir to the tower, music to Hawker's poem, 'The Bells of Bottreaux,' was played on the organ by the Rev. N. C. Woods, Sacrist of Winchester Cathedral, and formerly hon. treasurer of the Winchester Guild:—

Come to thy God in time,  
Thus saith the pealing chime  
Youth, manhood, old age past,  
Come to thy God at last.

Then followed the Dedication, and while the choir and clergy were returning to the choir stalls the bells were rung by W. Andrews (Winchester) 1, R. Smith (Winston) 2, J. A. Hill (Bishopstoke) 3, N. R. Perkins (Stockbridge) 4, O. Smart (Andover) 5, J. Chesterman (Basingstoke) 6.

The Bishop of Southampton based his address on the science of bellringing, which, he said, was peculiarly an English custom. He hoped the bells would send out a two-fold message—a challenge to the worship of God in God's house; a consolation to those who were unable to do so.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Saviour, again to Thy dear Name we raise,' a collection was made, and a beautiful and memorable service was brought to a close.

Ringing was kept up during the evening, and everyone was delighted with the improvement effected in the bells.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The spring meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Wingham on Saturday, February 24th. The methods rung ranged from Grand-sire to Double Norwich, interspersed with rounds for the new members. The association form of service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Beavan) giving an interesting and helpful address. Mr. W. E. Pittman, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ.

Tea followed at the Dog Inn, at which 32 members were present. The Rev. F. B. Beavan occupied the chair, and in the regrettable absence of the district secretary (Mr. Percy Smith), Mr. E. H. Spice acted in that capacity.

New practising members were elected as follows: St. Peter's, Thanet, E. Perryman, F. Dack and F. Brencley; Wingham, W. Martin; Whitstable, A. Hoare, F. Bottle and C. Dilmot; St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, J. W. Cobb; and the whole of the Throwley company. The Vicar was elected an honorary member.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. F. B. Beavan and to Mr. Pittman.—The Vicar suitably replied, and said that while he was at Wingham the association would always be welcome there.

It was decided to hold the next by-meeting at Northbourne.

Among the towers represented were Littlebourne, Sturry, Dover, Deal, Walmer, Whitstable, Wickhambreaux, St. Peter's, St. Lawrence, Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's, Elham, Herne, Lyminge, Brabourne and Wingham.

### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24th, the Western Branch held a very successful meeting at Kempsey. About 45 members, the greater majority of which were members of the 'younger school,' were present from 17 towers of the branch.

A very inspiring address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. R. de Jersey), after which tea, kindly given by the Vicar, was partaken of at the Village Hall.

At the business meeting which followed, five new members were elected.

Croome d'Abitot was proposed for the summer meeting.

The methods rung during the day included Grand-sire, Bob and Stedman Doubles, and Minor from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

### WEDDING BELLS.

At Launton, Oxfordshire, on Saturday, March 10th, for the wedding of Mr. J. Hales and Miss E. L. Foster, 720 of Union Doubles: F. Sharpe 1, J. Marriott, sen. (conductor) 2, T. Marriott 3, H. Gregory 4, R. Castle 5, J. Marriott, jun., 6. Also another 720 with H. Massey ringing the tenor. The first in the method by all the band.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Albert Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild) has been elected a member of the Parochial Church Council for St. Martin's, Birmingham.

John Arbon, whose first peal on tower bells was Cambridge Surprise Major 'inside,' rung in February, 1933, has now rung a peal of Cambridge, London and Superlative.

The bells of St. Dany's, Sleaford, have been restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and were reopened on Saturday at a gathering attended by about 75 ringers.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. Challis F. Winney, who will be 76 to-morrow. As long as most living ringers can remember Mr. Winney has been an outstanding figure in London ringing.

On March 22nd, 1734, a peal of 6,876 Grandsire Caters was rung at New College, Oxford. Doubtless the now very active Oxford Society will see to it that the bicentenary is fittingly celebrated.

One hundred and fifty years ago on March 24th, a peal of 5,160 'Double Twelve In' was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London. What a pity that this fine, historic ring are now silent, except on rare civic occasions.

The peal of Doubles rung at Blackmoor, Hants, and recorded last week, consisted of 5,280 changes, not 5,040 as printed.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

All resolutions to be proposed at the next annual meeting must be sent to me immediately.

Secretaries of affiliated societies are reminded that all subscriptions became due on January 1st.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

45, Walsingham Road,  
Enfield, Middlesex.

## BOW BELLS ON THE 'WIRELESS.'

The Ancient Society of College Youths have sent, through their hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), the following letter to the B.B.C.:-

College Youths highly appreciate your innovation of broadcasting the record of Bow bells during the intervals. We hope this will be continued, and that, if possible, we may have the pleasure of listening to more ringing before the Sunday services.

## WOODBIDGE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drake again assumes too much—I have not seen his second letter to the 'East Anglian Daily Times.' The first one was more than enough for me, and in view of what it contained it is comical to read this week that Mr. Drake wishes correspondents to be RELIABLE.

'OLD RINGER.'

## COLCHESTER BELLS.

Dear Sir,—Re the letter of the Rev. H. Drake in your issue of March 9th, as regards bells in Colchester, St. Peter's possessed a peal of eight bells, all cast by Lester and Pack, dated 1763, with tenor reputed to be 20½ cwt. and 49 inches diameter, but which was found lighter when all the bells were taken away for recasting by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They were opened and rededicated by the Bishop of Colchester on March 13th, 1913. The inscription on the tenor bell (weight 21 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb.) is as follows: 'This peal of eight bells, cast in 1763 by Lester and Pack, of London. Rev. Wm. Symthies, Vicar, Robt. Duke, Jas. Rohgent, Churchwardens, was recast 1913. C. Trippitt Ward, Vicar, A. Polley, T. M. Lloyd, Churchwardens. This bell was recast at the expense of the parishioners, congregation and friends.'

H. T. PYE,

Hon. Secretary, St. Peter's Company, Colchester.

## MR. J. J. PARKER 81.

As is usual on March 7th, a large number of ringers, representing many towers, gathered at Farnham Royal to do honour to the 'Grand Old Man' of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Joseph J. Parker, who was celebrating his 81st birthday anniversary. Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise were all rung before the bells were finally lowered in peal.

A few words of congratulation from the secretary and a hope that many more celebrations would take place, with a gracious reply from Mr. Parker, thanking all for their presence, brought the evening to a close.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little of your valuable space to thank my many ringing friends for their very kind birthday greetings I received on the 7th. Among them were letters from several old friends who used to love to join in my Whit Monday gatherings of 50 years ago, when the Editor of the 'Bell News' used to give it out that there would be ringing all day. With 27 visitors, a very enjoyable evening was spent in the tower. My thanks are due to our secretary, Mr. A. D. Barker, for making the arrangements.

J. J. PARKER.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

### BOUNDARY DIFFICULTIES.

Two points of special interest were discussed by members of the Surrey Association at their annual meeting, held at Beddington on Saturday. An informal talk between the secretary and the secretaries of adjoining Associations and Guilds on the subject of boundaries where the various organisations overlap was agreed to; and the committee are to take into consideration the question of holding a ringing competition.

There were nearly a hundred members present, who, after ringing on the pleasant peal of ten bells, attended a bright service conducted by the curate (the Rev. F. Witcomb), who in his address welcomed the association to Beddington, and said he had been warned not to preach on the subject of the history of bells, as they would probably know more about it than he did. Instead, Mr. Witcomb dealt with the application of Christian principles to the problems of modern life.

Tea was served at the Harvest Home Inn, where the meeting was subsequently held, the Master (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) presiding, supported by the officers of the association.

The hon. treasurer's statement was a very satisfactory one, a debit balance at the commencement of the year of £2 5s. 2d. having been converted into a balance in hand of £6 13s. The two districts had contributed the cost of printing the reports for the years 1931 and 1932, amounting to £28 9s., and also £6 15s., the cost of a new peal book. The proportion of members' subscriptions received was £2 4s. 6d. in respect of 89 members from the Southern District and £3 17s. 3d. in respect of 155 members from the North-Western District, while £1 15s. had been received from new compounding members.

### PEAL RINGING.

The balance sheet was adopted, as was also the committee's annual report, which stated that the district meetings had been very successful. In the North-Western District ringing had been of an excellent character, both as regards striking and quality of methods rung. It was regretted that the combined practices which commenced at the beginning of the year did not receive enough support to be continued, although they were of considerable assistance to some of the bands at the towers where the practices were held. Seventeen new ringing members had been elected during the year, including the band at All Saints', Carshalton. The membership of the district was: Hon. members 5, attached ringing members 134, unattached 33, total 177. In the Southern District progress had been maintained and a determined effort had been made to encourage new conductors. There had been a decided falling off in the number of peals rung by the association during the year 1933 compared with 1932, and it was regretted that there was no improvement in the position regarding the recent closing of several towers to peal ringing. Efforts had been made by local societies to ring peals by their Sunday service company, and other bands had been practising new methods, resulting in many failures before success was achieved and a corresponding drop in the number of peals for the association. Special mention was made in the report of the following performances: Grandsire Triples at Benlilston, the conductor also calling a peal for the first time; Grandsire Triples at Betchworth by the Buckland Society; London Surprise Royal at Beddington, being the first peal of London Royal for the association; Yorkshire Surprise Major, being the first peal of Major in the method by the association. The number of peals rung was 28, the number of members taking part 96 and the number of conductors 14. The peals were rung in 18 towers. Some interesting statistics were given showing comparison of peals rung in various years. Here are some of them:—

	1923	1932	1933
Number of peals	39	51	28
Number of conductors	13	16	14
Number of ringers taking part	102	100	96
Average number of different ringers taking part per peal	2.6	1.9	3.4
Average number of peals to each conductor	3	3.2	2

Commenting on the report, the Master said the figures showed that while the number of peals had gone down, peal ringing and conducting had been spread among a larger number of ringers, which meant that instead of a number of peals being rung by expert bands, struggling bands had been encouraged to get to the point of ringing a peal. Mr. Birt pointed out that their association existed primarily to ring church bells for church services, and the final test of their work must be the extent to which they had been able to do that. He thought they had been able to do it fairly satisfactorily (applause). Their work was essentially team work, and they must above all things be ready to sacrifice their own interests to the common good. Where this existed they got a happy state of things in the belfry and progress was likely to follow.

Mr. C. H. Reading asked whether, having regard to the chairman's remarks, they could have some particulars in the report showing whether service ringing had been maintained or increased during the year?

The Chairman said the committee would certainly consider that point.

Four places were suggested for the next annual meeting of the association, and Reigate was selected, the voting being as follows: Reigate 31, Southwark 20, Kingston 8, Guildford 2.

The following officers were re-elected for the year, no other nominations having been received: President, the Bishop of Croydon; Master,

Mr. D. K. C. Birt; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Dean; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippin; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Darby; hon. auditor, Mr. G. W. Steere.

The Master acknowledged the re-election of the officers, to whom a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Reading, who mentioned especially the work done by the Master, the hon. secretary and assistant secretary.—Mr. Darby responded.

### BOUNDARIES TO BE DISCUSSED.

The following motion, passed by the committee, had been placed on the agenda for consideration: 'That the secretaries of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and Kent County Association be invited to confer with the secretary of this association with a view to an adjustment of boundaries upon diocesan lines.'

The hon. secretary said the committee had brought this forward because one of these days they might have to decide what they were really going to do about diocesan status. At the present time the boundary of their association was somewhat vague. They called themselves the Surrey Association, but they had never been down further than Leatherhead to his knowledge, and they had the London County Association overstepping them in the other direction. The idea of having this conference of secretaries was to have an informal talk to see if any scheme could be worked out on the basis of diocesan boundaries, which for their own association meant the Diocese of Southwark. But part of the Diocese of Southwark was in Kent and included towers like Lewisham, Deptford and Woolwich. There was difficulty in that direction, but if they had a meeting of secretaries they might explore the ground informally without committing their respective associations to anything. One of their difficulties was that Croydon was in the Diocese of Canterbury; an island portion surrounded by Rochester on one side and Southwark on the other.

The Chairman said there was no doubt a tendency in these days for ringing associations to be diocesan in character rather than county. Their own association was established on a county basis. Their neighbours on one side were diocesan, but on the east the adjoining organisation was county. Then they had the extraordinary anomaly that Croydon was part of the Diocese of Canterbury, though it was completely isolated. The Surrey Association had been doing useful work for a great number of years on the county basis, and if the time came when the status of ringing associations was to become entirely diocesan, it was only right that the association should find its place in the scheme of things.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith suggested that, if there was to be any informal conference, the secretary of the London County Association, which had also taken the title of 'North Southwark Diocesan Guild,' ought to be invited, and moved an amendment to include this in the motion.—Mr. A. Clark seconded.

Mr. W. Hewitt said he was in favour of County Associations. In the case of the London County Association, they had, in his opinion, simply taken on the subsidiary title of 'North Southwark Diocesan Guild' on purpose to forestall the Surrey Association in taking the title of Southwark Diocesan Guild. There was no such thing as a North Southwark Diocese, and the title was ridiculous on the face of it. He did not agree with the London County secretary being invited. Honestly, he considered it would be far better to stick to the title of the Surrey Association and get permission of the Bishop to add the sub-title of 'Southwark Diocesan Guild.'

Mr. W. R. Melville said he did not think it would be many years before the ringers, as churchworkers, would be called upon to form themselves into Diocesan Guilds. Even in the case of the joint Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, the Bishop of Winchester had expressed a desire that Portsmouth diocese should have its own Guild, and he believed other Bishops would form the same opinion. The time would come when churchworkers would be diocesan workers.

Mrs. Kippin: That doesn't tell us where we come in.

Mr. Melville: You will have to be the Southwark Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Tony Price thought the time would come when they would have a national association, and the Diocesan Guilds would be merely branches.

The Chairman said they did not want to be brought into antagonism with other associations or to squabble over this tower or that. If they did their job to the best of their ability they would find out soon enough where they stood. Croydon, he added, presented a special problem, and in any change they made they would have to make special provision for it. There was no particular reason for saying 'good-bye' to some of their very best friends.

The amendment was agreed to with three dissentients, and the motion, as amended, carried nem con.

A member asked that in the annual report the footnotes to peals should be printed. The hon. secretary replied that in regard to the 1933 peals it was too late to do this, as the footnotes had already been cut off. It would be borne in mind in future, but it might add to the cost.—Mr. J. Beams: Some of the footnotes are perfect rubbish (laughter).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Beddington and the Rev. F. Witcomb for conducting the service.

### SUGGESTED COMPETITION.

Mr. F. G. Talbot asked if it would not be possible to have a ringing competition on the lines of some of those held in the North of England. He believed it would add interest to ringing in the association. (Continued at foot of next page.)

### DEATH OF MR. GEORGE T. POTTER. FORMER PRESIDENT OF DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

There passed away on March 2nd one of the most lovable and popular men in the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, but who was practically unknown to the present generation of ringers, Mr. George Potter, a past president of the association. He followed the late Mr. Robert Spencer Story to the chair in 1905, and reigned with distinction till 1908. Not content with that, when the need came during the war he stepped into the secretary's work and kept the association from falling into oblivion, and his energy was followed by the success it deserved.

Mr. Potter started his ringing in the old days of 'Stoney' ringing in Newcastle, but dropped it for many years until the bells were installed in All Saints' Church, Gosforth, in which parish he was then living. With the enthusiasm which was his bent, he progressed in the art and excelled in most of the standard methods, including London Surprise, of which he rang two or three peals. He was an honorary member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, and did much to help in the progress there 20 years ago.

He retired from business and from ringing some ten years ago, and little was seen of him, but his memory will live long with those who loved his kindly, genial presence and his 'camaraderie' at every meeting of the association.

He was quietly laid to rest at Gosforth Parish Cemetery on Monday, March 6th, and there was not one there who did not feel a sense of deep loss—that of a loving father and a staunch friend.—R.I.P.

### SHERBORNE BELLS.

#### DETAILS OF RESTORATION WORK.

The following information amplifies the brief report of the restoration and reopening of the bells of Sherborne Abbey given in our last issue :—

The frame has been tightened up carefully all round, and all faulty places made good. The frame was in excellent condition before the bells were taken out, and is sound throughout, including the foundation.

The bells themselves have all been tuned and brought into line as regards their hum notes. The tenor was recast, and now weighs more than the old bell; the old bell weighed 45 cwt. 1 qr., the new bell 46 cwt. 5 lb.

The bells have been fitted throughout with new clappers; the 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor have got balanced clappers, and can all easily be clappered up the right side. Every clapper is also rubber buffered.

The crown staples of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th have been drilled out and fitted with independent staples; the other bells had already independent staples fitted to them. All the bells have been fitted with new ball bearings, mounted on stout steel foundation plates firmly secured to the top timbers, and through bolted where possible. New garter hole fillets have been fitted to the wheels to give the rope a larger radius.

The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The recast tenor is a remarkably fine bell in B flat, which has little enough metal for a bell of this note, but the result from a musical point of view is all that can be desired, and the peal throughout are unquestionably now very fine. The 'go' of the bells is remarkable, and quite a few ringers, who had never tackled bells of this weight, on the opening day managed to turn this bell in with ease to Major and Minor.

The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Sherborne, and a very appropriate address was given on the history of the bells from the pulpit of the Abbey by the Vicar of Sherborne.

The 200 ringers present were hospitably entertained to a meat tea in the Digby Hall after the service. O. S.

### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION (Continued from previous page).

Mr. C. W. Roberts said he thought, as churchworkers, it would lower their status considerably to go in for anything in the nature of prize-giving and its attendant abuses.

The hon. secretary seconded Mr. Talbot's suggestion, because he thought it would stimulate better ringing.

Mr. T. Price supported the suggestion. He could not see why ringers should not have a competition to encourage an improvement in ringing.

Mr. C. F. Johnston said a competition would be quite an innovation, and there were so many points involved that he thought it would be wise to refer it to a committee to thrash the matter out very carefully before making a recommendation.

Mr. Young hoped the committee would also take into consideration the fact that a competition might lead to the creation of a certain amount of bitterness.

Mr. Reece (Carshalton) thought the committee should also consider the question of a competition for Sunday service ringing, based on the number of attendances and the number of bells rung.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said the Durham and Newcastle Association had an excellent scheme of this kind, in which the six-bell band, ringing Doubles or Minor, had an equal chance with the twelve-bell band ringing Cambridge Maximus.

The suggestion to refer the matter to the committee for report was adopted, and the meeting then terminated.

### A 'REAL' STORY ABOUT RINGERS.

Dorothy L. Sayers' book, 'The Nine Tailors,' is remarkable in the manner in which the practical and technical side of change ringing is woven into an entertaining detective story. The book itself must be read in order to appreciate the care that has been given to this side, as the serial version, now appearing in a daily paper, has been much curtailed in this respect.

Subsequent to criticism published in the daily Press, the following letter, sent by Miss Sayers to a ringer, will be of interest to those who are following the story day by day. It speaks eloquently of the trouble taken in presenting a true perspective of the practice and theory of ringing in the form of a popular novel, which, being widely read, must do much to promote a better understanding of our art. Miss Sayers says :—

' . . . Thank you very much for your letter. It is good of you to be so indulgent to the floundering efforts of a complete ignoramus to deal with the intricacies of change ringing. It was a very rash thing for me to attempt, but I was fascinated by the idea of the book and invented two excuses for myself—(1) that, so far as I knew, nobody had ever tried (except, perhaps, one) to make sympathetic use of this art in a novel and that it would be a novelty to the general reader; and (2) that whatever I did I couldn't possibly write worse nonsense than has been written by others.

' I am sending you a copy of the complete "Nine Tailors" for the amusement (perhaps the derision!) of your local bellringers. You will see that the technical terms are exploited throughout in the chapter-headings, etc., and that there are a lot more bellringing details and no doubt thousands more errors than in the serial version. I will beg you not to be too hard on me, for I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me! I must explain that I started work in almost complete ignorance, except that I did know the difference between ringing and chiming, which is more than most people do. But I bought a copy of old Troyte's little manual, and I toiled over it till I could write out on paper a complete touch of Graudsire Triples or Kent Treble Bob Major from the course-ends and observation calls—I did, indeed!

' I find that the effect of the book on the "man in the street" has been, as a rule, to make him feel that there must, after all, be "something more in" change ringing than the deliberate production of a prolonged and offensive noise—and if I've succeeded in getting that idea over it is perhaps a little bit to the good, especially as one is always seeing ill-tempered grumbles from people who complain that bells are a nuisance. . . . A certain number of "licences" are, as you realise, due to the fact that I was writing a detective story. Lord Peter had to be relieved of his bell for a bit, so that he could walk out and observe the untimely light in a cottage window, and so forth. . . .

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The meeting at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, on Saturday, March 3rd, attracted quite a number of ringers, including several experts who desired to get some six-bell practice. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and until five hardly a minute was wasted. The Rector (the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays) conducted the service and preached a very fine sermon (not about bells). A very nice tea was arranged, about 40 sitting down, with the Rector presiding.

Before the business meeting the Rector had to leave. Prior to doing so he found an opportunity of welcoming to association to Finchley and expressing his pleasure at seeing such a large company of ringers. He added that when at Stanmore he had been able to augment the six bells to eight; he hoped some day that they would have two more bells at Finchley.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) asked members to pass a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector. He said that clergymen who put in new bells at one church had their names written very small on the scroll of fame, but clergymen who added new bells at two churches had their names written very large on the scroll.

There was general laughter at this, in which the Rector joined, and the vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

Subsequently, at the business meeting, four members were elected, including E. A. Barnett, of Crayford, and A. S. Richards, of West Wickham, whose provisional elections prior to ringing the 'boys' peal at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, in December last, was confirmed. The hon. secretary took occasion to congratulate this young band on a fine performance.

It was announced that the annual general meeting would be held at Ealing on April 21st, and that the Bishop of Willesden had promised to attend.

Northaw was chosen for the next district meeting, on May 5th or 12th, it being coincident with the jubilee of the bells.

The business meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all who had helped in making the meeting a pleasant one. Whilst some of the party rang several touches on the handbells, others visited the tower, where ringing in a great variety of methods continued until nearly 9 o'clock.

## WEM BELLS RESTORED.



The 15th century tower at Wem, Salop.

The bells in the 15th century tower at Wem, Shropshire, have just been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The old oak frame has been strengthened with steel girders, which now anchor it to the tower walls. The bells have been rehung on ball bearings, one-eighth turned and provided with new fittings.

The reopening service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. R. Turner) and the sermon preached by the Rev. F. Brighton. Among those who rang on this occasion were Messrs. G. Cowley (captain),

F. A. Barnett (treasurer), J. Ravenscroft, W. J. Simpson, J. Grocott, R. Jones, E. Ralphs, V. Challinor and H. Stephens (Wem), H. Vickers (Moreton Corbet), W. Lycett, T. Price, F. Price, T. Williamson and G. Berry (Hodnett).

The six original bells were cast by Thomas Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1768. They were restored and augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897. The first peal on them was rung on May 7th, 1898.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on February 24th. During the afternoon the bells of St. Giles', St. Mary's and St. Laurence's were kept going, touches in the usual standard methods being rung.

A well-attended service was held at St. Laurence's, conducted by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, of High Wycombe, the Deputy Master of the Guild, who gave an appropriate address. The lesson was read by the Rev. St. G. Edwards, of Checkendon, while the organ was played by Mr. S. Lodge, one of the ringers of St. Laurence's tower. Tea and business meeting followed at St. Mary's Church House, at which 65 members attended, including visitors from Abingdon, Bucklebury, Newbury, Oxford, Slough, Swindon and Yateley.

The chair was taken by Dr. Leonard Joyce (chairman of the branch), supported by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. general secretary), and the hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch (Mr. E. G. Foster).

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Chairman referred to the great loss the Guild and the branch had sustained since the last annual meeting by the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. He also referred to the death of two ringing members, Mr. G. White, of Henley, and Mr. Barnes, of Tilehurst, and the members present stood in silence in respect of their memories.

The balance sheet was read and adopted, and the secretary reported another successful year. The number of towers and members was practically the same, while the balance in hand, although less than last year, was considered satisfactory, the secretary explaining the reason for the reduction. The secretary also reported on the very successful quarterly meetings which had been held at Shiplake, Nettlebed and Tilehurst.

All the officers were unanimously re-elected, viz.: Dr. L. Joyce, chairman; Mr. E. G. Foster, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. A. W. Wiggins and Mr. A. Cullum, auditors; Messrs. Humfrey, Runham and Swain, representatives to the Oxford Guild General Committee.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Checkendon, Mortimer and Henley.

Satisfactory reports were received from most of the towers in the branch, regular attendance and good Sunday ringing having been maintained.

The meeting was then addressed by the chairman, who drew the attention of all present to a new book just published, 'The Nine Tailors,' which he thought was certainly written by someone with a knowledge of bellringing and worth reading.

The meeting was also addressed by the Rev. Wigg, Mr. A. J. Wright and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. Regret was expressed at the absence of Canon Coleridge, and the secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy with a hope for a speedy recovery.

The secretary was also instructed to write to the B.B.C. expressing appreciation of their action in substituting bellringing records in place of the usual 'tick-tock' signals.

Votes of thanks were passed to all those who had helped in various ways in making the meeting the success it was.

## NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A very pleasant quarterly meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, March 3rd, when quite a good number attended, even more than was expected, as this place lies rather wide of the beaten track. A good ringing practice helped to make the meeting a success. A short service had been arranged by the Rev. D. R. James, Rector of Great Brickhill, and the address given by the Rev. J. F. Amies, Vicar of Weston Underwood. The latter is a ringer, and, keeping away from the subject of bells, substituted 'Loyalty'—loyalty to the Church, to the Guild and to the tower.

Tea had been provided at the Village Hotel, where about 40 sat down to tea.

The chairman of the branch (the Rev. H. Adeane Byard, Vicar of Newport Pagnall) presided at the business meeting, at which several discussions took place on matters that were of interest to the branch. The usual votes of thanks concluded a very enjoyable meeting. Ringing ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

## PEALS OF MINOR.

THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Two and a half centuries ago Fabian Stedman, in one of his books, wrote a very profound truth. 'Though,' he said, 'change ringing is a real thing, the notions by which it is reduced to practice are not so.' What he meant was that the real things in change ringing take place in the mind of the ringer, or, in other words, the thing is abstract.

It is, I say, a profound truth; so profound that to most people it is quite unintelligible; for few persons are capable by nature or training of appreciating anything abstract. And small blame to them. For you can go through life and know all you need to know about business and art and science without consciously troubling yourself about anything abstract.

But now and then, at long intervals, you do come across questions which, if you really want to know the truth about, you must be prepared to try and understand abstract things. Such questions will meet you when you are dealing with the fundamentals of change ringing, for unless you understand the real nature of our science and art you are little likely to be able to solve correctly the problems that arise out of it.

We are divided as to whether the individual 720's in the Bankes James Cambridge Minor are true extents or not. There are some people, for whose abilities I have the greatest respect, who argue like this: 'If I start with 123456 and from it write out rows according to the Bankes James composition, when I reach the 720th row I shall have written out the total number of possible rows without any repetition whatever. Does not that prove that the 720 is a true extent? What other proof can you have than that you should have all the possible rows and none twice?'

The argument seems unanswerable, and so it is, so long as you look at the matter in the way these people do. Nothing that can be advanced will shake it. It is only when we view their position with the wide vision of Fabian Stedman that we can see that it is radically unsound. For they are not dealing with the 'real' thing which is change ringing, but with one of 'the notions by which it is reduced to practice,' which is not real. They are assuming that writing out rows of figures on paper is the same thing as change ringing. But it is not. Figures on paper have neither part nor lot in change ringing. They are only symbols which, in a very imperfect way, serve to express some parts of change ringing.

The actual use of rows of figures by the Exercise is very much less than one might at first suppose. The great majority of ringers never use them at all, and of those that do practically all use them, not as rows, but as a means by which they can construct a skeleton course, either actual or mental. It is not the rows that you take with you into the tower when you go to ring, but the skeleton course. Even the proof of peals is done by formulae, by course-ends and Q sets, and scarcely ever by actual rows.

And behind all is the 'real' thing which is change ringing. Change ringing is movement of the bells according to a pre-arranged plan and with the proviso that during the movement the bells shall not fall twice into the same order. That is the idea which actually and historically created our art, which developed it, and which still controls it. From the nature of the case this movement is governed by a rigid mathematical science analogous to geometry. It is movement which necessarily is cyclical; that is, it is always working from a point, round towards that point again and nothing is finished until the bells return to where they started from. It consists of a definite number of steps and these steps are the things that matter. We call them hunting and place making and dodging and snapping and leading and lying and the rest. It is the steps that you must count, not the number of times the bells strike. You could ring a six-score of Grandsire Doubles in whole pulls (as used to be customary)—you have only rung a six-score (and a true one), though the bells may have struck 250 times or more.

Now, with these ideas in our mind, let us look at the first 720 in the Bankes James Cambridge. The bells start from 123456, and the first step brings them to 214365. That is No. 1, for until you reach it you have only done one thing, and till then you have not begun to ring Cambridge. The 719th step brings us to 143265. We have now been in every possible position and only want to take one step more to bring us home and finish our job. But that step we cannot take. We are in sight of home, but between us and it is a deep ditch which we may not jump. If we turn to the right hand or the left we shall tread on ground over which we have already been. And since the last, essential, step cannot be taken we cannot say that we have completed the extent. We cannot say that we have completed anything. We are brought sharply to a full stop with no way to turn unless we have repetition.

The problem is not a new one. It arose and was answered definitely years ago, so far as Grandsire Triples and Bob Major are concerned. The principle on which these 720's are composed is as old as the 18th century. By using bobs only you can write out 5,040 rows of Grandsire Triples, just as these 720 rows of Cambridge are written out. And by using bobs only you can write out 6,720 rows of Bob Major with 7-8 together. You will find the compositions in the standard ringing books. But the Exercise has definitely and finally decided that a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples with

common bobs only is not possible; and that a true and complete 6,720 of Bob Major with 7-8 together with bobs only is not possible.

What is new is the question whether in a peal of Minor we are necessarily tied down to using full extents only. Is it possible to use other units and yet be thoroughly loyal to those principles of truth and completeness which lie at the base of all our peal ringing? I think it is possible and I think the Bankes James Cambridge shows that it is so. But let us be honest in the matter. It is futile to pretend that it consists of seven extents. It does not. It is made up of other units, which together equal seven extents. Here you have a development of Minor ringing which may be of great use. Why not try and investigate its possibilities? In any case the Cambridge cannot stand alone. Its claims are the same, no greater and no less, than the Morris Doubles and the Turner Treble Bob.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

### MR. JOYCE'S CHALLENGE.

Dear Sir,—I can assure my friend Mr. Joyce that it was no wish of mine that caused the principle underlying to be deeply shadowed. It was so much in the 'deep shadow' in his first letter that it was missed altogether by another correspondent, who thus made the mistake of 'putting Mr. Joyce right,' for which he has suffered a quite unmerited rebuke.

However, to get down to the 'principle underlying,' I am not disposed to contradict Mr. Joyce as to what constitutes a lead of a method; as a matter of fact, I have never stated anything different. But surely he must admit that something more is necessary. Mr. Joyce is an expert on Minor methods, but even he would not know Surfleet Surprise from Hexham Surprise, or Primrose from Cambridge, without the back stroke row at the lead-end. There are many other instances where a method cannot be distinguished from its mate without that row. If Mr. Joyce would like a different name put in instead of Norfolk for the method in the twelve-method peal, perhaps he will say so—I do not mind. Whatever the names, there were twelve entirely different methods rung; I wonder if the many multi-method peals of Surprise Minor can show such distinctive differences in the methods said to have been rung. Personally, I very much doubt it.

However, there is a much more important point in Mr. Joyce's argument. I cannot admit that anything said above has any bearing on the 'Minor controversy.' In my opinion, a method consists of so many 'rows,' starting with rounds, but ringing consists of the changes produced by these rows, always one row more than the number of changes. In ringing, we ring two rows to make one change, three rows to make two changes, and so on, thus making it necessary to exclude the first row of the 721 (as a change), and to include the final row (the 720th change). Our first change is, therefore, at hand stroke (when rounds is departed from), and our last change is rounds at the end. As the 720th change of the Bankes James peal is not rounds, the 720 (as such) is not complete, and it contains a repetition. By this I do not imply that the whole peal of 5,040 changes is false, except in so far as all peals of Minor are false. In my opinion, it is as true as any peal of Minor that has ever been rung, but not because of Mr. Joyce's UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE, or because my friends and I did not elect to call some particular lead in our twelve-method peal by the name of 'Timbuctoo' instead of 'Norfolk.'

Before closing, I should like to thank Mr. Joyce for his handsome acknowledgment of the merit attached to ringing the peal he has brought under notice.

C. T. COLES.

Highams Park, E.4.

### 'EXTENTS.'

Dear Sir,—I did not imply, as Mr. Drake contends, that there was any law which necessitated ringing beginning with an even number of rounds. I expressly stated, to the contrary, that a peal would be just as correct if changes commenced at a back stroke.

What I implied was that peals do begin with an even number of rounds, for I, personally, have never heard of one which began with an odd number.

What I wish to emphasise is that two rows of rounds are not necessary at the start and finish of a peal in order to make it complete.

The meaning of the word 'complete' as applied to a composition simply means that it finished at the same point as it began, and it needs only one row of rounds at each end to do so.

Mr. Drake, in his definition No. 1, states that 'an extent is the full number of changes which can be rung on a fixed number of bells.'

No one can possibly quarrel with that, but Mr. Drake now states that if people ring peals of Minor with only one row of rounds between the extents, 'they will have to recognise that they are ringing incomplete extents.' Mr. Drake does not, however, explain how seven 'incomplete' 720's have all these years managed to aggregate 5,040 changes. One would suppose that they would total something less than that number.

I fully appreciate that this is not necessarily Mr. Drake's personal opinion, but a definition which lays down such an erroneous rule cannot possibly be tolerated.

I am afraid that I cannot accept Mr. Drake's invitation to re-frame the definition, as I submit that the completeness of an extent is a mathematical fact which needs no man-made rule to support it.

H. G. CASHMORE.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.****ANNUAL MEETING AT DUDLEY.**

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd, in ideal spring weather, the attendance being between 80 and 90. The ten bells were at the disposal of the members, and were kept going in various methods until the service in the Parish Church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. A. P. Shepherd), who is also president, and gave an interesting address. After the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a bounteous tea was in readiness, provided from funds collected by the secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard) from prominent ladies and gentlemen from St. Thomas' congregation and other friends. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Barry (wives of the churchwardens), Miss A. S. Payne, Miss C. J. Payne and Miss Bessie Sheppard. The ringers' wives and other friends kindly undertook to prepare and serve the tea, to which, it is needless to say, that full justice was done. The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, supported by Messrs. T. W. Watson (Vicar's warden), W. Barry (people's warden), H. Sheppard (secretary), S. J. Hughes (treasurer), and J. Goodman, jun. (Ringing Master). The Chairman welcomed all those present, and said that the large attendance showed a real interest in bellringing all round the district. Mr. T. Watson (churchwarden) also welcomed the company to Dudley on behalf of himself and his co-warden, Mr. Barry. The elections of officers for the ensuing year then took place. Mr. B. Gough (Coseley) proposed the election of the Vicar of Dudley as president, and Mr. S. J. Hughes, in seconding, thanked the Vicar for his kindness and support during the last year.—The motion having been carried by acclamation, the President thanked the members for the honour they had again conferred on him, and said he would do all he possibly could for the benefit of the Guild.

The following vice-presidents were elected en bloc: Rev. E. L. Warren (Vicar of Netherton), Dr. P. S. Blaker, Messrs. W. Shuttleworth, Harry Mason, J. W. Nayler, O. E. Lloyd, A. E. Meredith, Arthur Spittle, A. Winbow, H. W. Watson, with the addition of Mr. W. Barrey. It was also decided to ask the Rev. A. L. Chapman, the new Vicar of Tipton, to become a vice-president. Mr. B. Gough then proposed Mr. John Goodman, jun., as Ringing Master, but the latter rather hesitated to accept the office again, saying that he felt he had not the time to attend to the duties satisfactorily.—Mr. Hughes, who seconded, said he hoped that Mr. Goodman would continue, as he thought that the Ringing Master should come from the Dudley belfry.—Mr. Goodman eventually decided to serve again, and said that this would be his 16th year in that office.

Mr. H. Sheppard was again chosen as secretary. Mr. S. J. Hughes was re-elected hon. treasurer, and the hon. auditors, Messrs. T. Justice (Bilston) and T. A. Townsend (Netherton) were also re-elected and thanked for their services.

Several new members were added to the roll, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wimbourne or Penn if the usual permission can be obtained. The annual peal arrangements were left with the Ringing Master.

Mr. Hughes said that he thought a small presentation should be given to Mr. Goodman for the work he did for the Guild during the time he has been Ringing Master. The secretary spoke in support of the suggestion, adding that Mr. Goodman had not received anything that he was entitled to towards the expenses of carrying out his duties, and he thought he should receive some remuneration.—It was eventually agreed that an honorarium of two guineas be granted.

The balance sheet, showing a good balance, was duly passed.

The Guild still holds its own, the membership, both honorary and performing members, keeping up to the average.

Mr. Gough proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to the Vicar of Dudley for his kindness and interest in giving permission to hold the meeting at Dudley, also for conducting the service, for his address, for the use of the tower and bells and for presiding at this meeting; to the wardens for their presence and support; to the ladies for presiding at the tables, and to those who prepared and served the tea; also to the organist for the musical part of the service. Special thanks were given also to the donors to the tea fund.

The Vicar responded on behalf of all concerned.

Several members again returned to the belfry and kept the bells merrily going until 9 o'clock.

**THE LATE MR. J. N. FROSSELL.**

The funeral of the late Mr. James N. Frossell, of Kingston-on-Thames, took place on Friday morning at the Kingston Cemetery, Norbiton. Mr. and Mrs. Crofts (cousins) were the only family mourners. Others present were Mr. J. Howes, Mr. H. Duffield and Mr. J. H. Howes (members of the Kingston band) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking). The only wreath placed on the coffin was one from his ringing friends.

Mr. Frossell, whose wife predeceased him some years ago, would have been 78 years of age had he lived to the end of this month.

On Friday evening the bells of All Saints' Church, Kingston, were rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. Frossell by the remaining members of the local band, assisted by Mr. F. G. Goddard, of Isleworth. They were also rung half-muffled on Sunday morning for service ringing.

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**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on March 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at St. Mary's House, at 3.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford Rectory.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting at Shere, Saturday, March 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

**BARWELL, LEICS.**—The reopening of the ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will take place on Saturday, Mar. 17th. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., Rector of Stoney Stanton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, March 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (nice peal of six) ready early. You are heartily welcome. Just a card for tea, please, which is at 5 o'clock.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham Parish Church (eight bells) on March 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The first 1934 general meeting will be held at Whittlesea, near Peterborough, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (Taylor's eight, "nuff said") 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The postman wants a rise; make him busy. To our friends who find Whittlesea too far, come to Sutton on March 14th, 5.45 p.m. A real welcome awaits you. We ring and talk; talk and ring; and, say it quietly, we follow Troyte, we adjourn.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), on Saturday, March 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A practice meeting will be held at East Markham to-morrow (Saturday) March 17th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Please look up Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major. Please notify the hon. secretary if you require tea.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowmay, East Markham, Newark.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society).—March-April meetings at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C. Practices: March 19th at 7.30 p.m., April 9th at 7 p.m., April 23rd at 7.30 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Lambeth Palace, March 27th, at 8 p.m. Quarterly meeting, St. Clement's, April 9th, at 8.15 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th and St. Magnus' on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (10) at the Abbey available afternoon and evening. Service in the Abbey at 4 o'clock; preacher, the Vicar. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. J. W. Hall, 9, Westbourne Road, Selby, by March 22nd. Business meeting immediately after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Birkenhead (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 24th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Six bells. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good meeting is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual nomination meeting will be held at Bramley (St. Peter's) on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) will be provided for all who notify Mr. S. Helliwell, 19, Warreis Avenue, Bramley, Leeds, by March 22nd. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on March 24th. Bells (10) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Caxton on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock, price 1s. each.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Come and join the bright young people at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, March 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than March 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The March meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, March 24th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The management committee meeting and the general annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. **THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.**—The dedication of the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies will take place on Saturday, May 19th. The Memorial Chapel and the retuned and augmented peal of bells will be dedicated at the one service. We ask the co-operation of all ringers and friends by their attendance.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 54th annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Committee meeting in All Saints' vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open during the day: All Saints', Maidstone (10), Leeds (10), Linton (8), West Malling (8), Aylesford (8), Barming (6), East Farleigh (6), Boxley (6), and Bearstead (6). Application for luncheon tickets (1s. each to practising members, 3s. to non-members, including moderate refreshment) must be made to the undersigned before first post, Wednesday, March 28th. Remittance must accompany application.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Leicester, on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (10), St. John's (10), St. Saviour's (8) open from 11 a.m. during day (except short intervals for weddings, etc.). Committee meet 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 9d. per head) at Victoria Hotel, near Midland Station. General meeting follows. Convivial evening at Star Hotel, Clock Tower, 7 p.m. onwards. Tea will not be reserved unless notification is sent to Mr. E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester, before Thursday, March 29th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service, Parish Church, at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.10 at the Geisha Cafe. Bells (6) 2.30, also Luppitt (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers are very welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) available from 10.30 a.m.

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(not 10 a.m.). Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. each. It is important that those requiring tea should notify Mrs. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham, by Wednesday, March 28th. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. N. Cawthorne and M. E. Wilson, Dis. Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, March 27th. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bonvilston, near Cardiff, on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., to whom a presentation will be made to celebrate his 25 years as president. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for those who notify me before Wednesday, March 28th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 12.20 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Ringing at Cathedral at 12 noon, St. Peter's 2 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Michael's by arrangement. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Earnshaw Smith, Vicar of Watford. Meat tea in the Abbey Institute after service, followed by the Annual Meeting for the election of officers, etc. Please let me know whether you intend to take tea. This is very important.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Transport can be arranged from either Tiverton or Bampton for visitors if notification is sent to me by Saturday, March 31st (latest date), also for tea. Bampton bells also available.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual General Committee Meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, at 6 p.m. Full details later.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open for ringing

at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**BRIGHTON.**—Ringers visiting Brighton for the Easter Conference of the N.U.T. are asked to communicate with S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

THE ADDRESS of Mr. W. H. Fussell is now 19, Farnham Avenue, Slough.—Mr. R. H. Bullen has removed to 1, Sandpit Road, Braintree, Essex.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

**SHEPPARD.**—Treasured memories of a dearly loved wife and mother, Mary Ann, who passed peacefully on March 18th, 1931. Sadly missed by her husband (Herbert), daughters (Bessie and Mildred), and son and daughter-in-law (Cyril and Muriel, South Africa).

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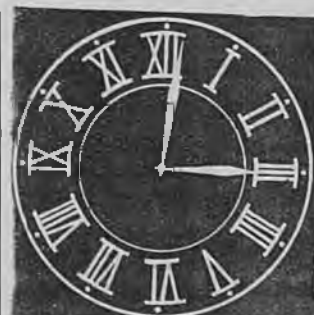
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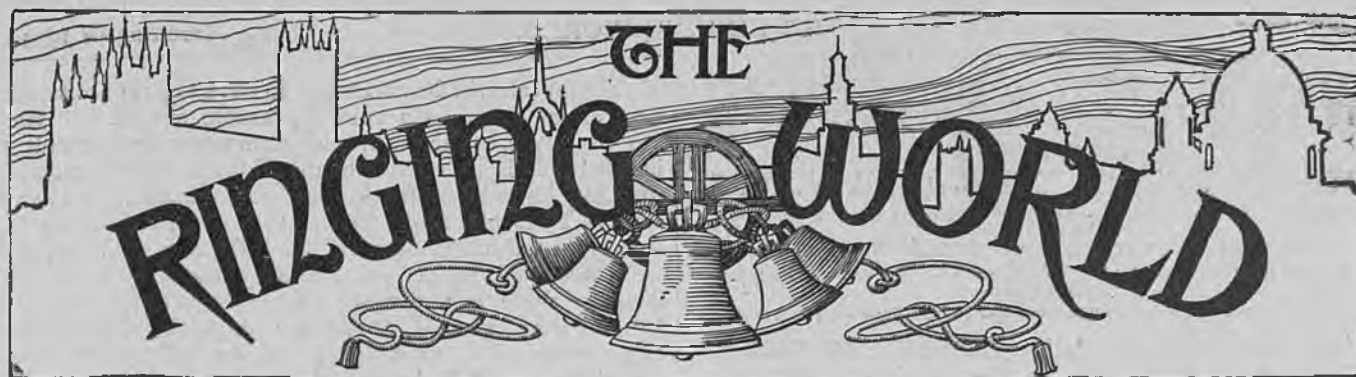
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When the modern ringing organisations were first established, the promoters did not all realise the importance of identifying themselves with the dioceses. Their aims were one with those who adopted a diocesan status, but those who adopted a territorial title missed just that link with the Church which, could it have been generally secured, would have strengthened the position of ringers throughout the country. The art of change ringing is so entirely dependent upon the co-operation of church authorities—the bells and the belfries belong to them—that the closer the association between ringers and the Church the more secure will be the future of the art of ringing. Indeed, in a world where there are people ready to suppress anything and everything which they do not themselves appreciate, it may even be that the influence

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of the Church will be necessary to save the art from practical extinction. As a merely personal pursuit bell ringing in populous areas would sometimes be difficult to justify; it is in its service to the Church that it is possible to claim its real usefulness and maintenance, and while ringers themselves may know that between diocesan and county associations there is no difference of aims, less well informed people, and among them many clergy, imagine there is a distinct difference between the two. In all respects the advantage is with the diocesan organisations. Sooner or later, we believe, territorial associations will find themselves more or less compelled to change their status, and this may probably be at no far distant date when the younger generation of ringers, many of them recruited from the Church, take control, and the older men, who hold a sentimental attachment to the old titles, fade into the background.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRED HAYES... ..	... Treble	EDWARD MARKHAM ... ..	7
RALPH COLES ... ..	2	ROLAND BIGGS ... ..	8
F. DONALD BOREHAM ... ..	3	REV. C. E. WIGG ... ..	9
GEORGE F. HINTON ... ..	4	P.S. CBCL A. SMITH ... ..	10
FRANK BOREHAM ... ..	5	EDWARD R. COLES ... ..	11
FRANK WEST ... ..	6	WILLIAM H. PLUMBRIDGE ...	Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by EDWARD R. COLRS.

First peal as conductor. All the ringers reside in the parish of High Wycombe, and, with the exception of the ringer of the 8th, who kindly obliged at the last moment owing to the indisposition of one of the local band, are Sunday service ringers at the Parish Church.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALBERT WALKER ... ..	... Treble	H. JAMES TURNER ... ..	6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..	2	JOHN E. EATON ... ..	7
*C. HOWARD STANLEY ... ..	3	*HENRY H. FEARN ... ..	8
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... ..	9
*CHARLES WEBB ... ..	5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. Webb and A. S. Downes, of the local band. Mr. Barber was paying a flying visit from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLOSSOP.

THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WHITFIELD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

JAMES BUCKLEY ... ..	... Treble	ELI GARTSIDE ... ..	5
*FRED MARSDEN ... ..	2	*FRED BOOTH ... ..	6
THOMAS JACKSON ... ..	3	BENJAMIN THORP ... ..	7
JOSEPH MARSDEN ... ..	4	*JOSEPH BENTLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

\* First in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells since recasting by Gillett and Johnston.

## THROWLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN  
First peal since the addition of two bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, March 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ADAM DEAS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 6
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 4	JOHN STUART ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This was the conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Triples. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. John Stuart.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

WALTER R. FARROW ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 2	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 6
HENRY TOOK ... 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM J. CLOVER.

\* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

## WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 27 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 6
EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
GEORGE GILBERT ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

A peal in this method (Carter's No. 9) is now rung for the first time. None of the band had previously struck a blow in the method.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, March 15, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT

First attempt for a peal of Stedman as conductor.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 15, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM THORNLEY ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 5
WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 2	TOM CLARKE ... 6
THOMAS STORER ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRETT ... 7
ALFRED B. MOSS ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 15, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

## A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
HENRY TOOK ... 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... 7
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, at the first attempt, and in the county, and longest length in the method by the association. The three-part composition, with extent qualities with 4-5-6 only in 6th's, allows the 1-2-3 to dodge with the tenor only in 5-6. The quickest peal on these bells previously recorded occupied 3 hrs. 15 mins. The thirtieth peal together by Messrs. Smalls and Golden.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

RICHARD E. JONES ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 7
LIONEL CLOUGH ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (175).

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in method away from treble. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES H. HAYWOOD ... Treble	MISS DORICE TURNER ... 5
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 2	JOHN MARSHALL ... 6
JOHN J. R. GILBERT ... 3	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE.

## ABERAVON, GLAM.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	FREDERICK LASBURY ... 5
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	* EDWARD PHILLIPS ... 6
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 7
JOSEPH LOVETT ... 4	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

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Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ERNEST L. SHELTON ... .. Treble	* WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
WALTER PERKINS ... .. 2	ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. 6
HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 3	JAMES T. WARD ... .. 7
AMOS SMART ... .. 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.  
\* First Surprise peal, and hails from Raunds.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.	
* REGINALD MORTON ... .. Treble	† FRANK HADLEY ... .. 5
† MALCOLM MELVILLE ... 2	NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 6
DENIS HOLDEN ... .. 3	FRANK G. BURLINGH ... 7
FREDERICK HANDLEY ... 4	JOHN STANLEY MASON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK G. BURLINGH.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Treble	PERCY GREEN ... .. 5
* MISS AMY WALDOCK ... 2	HAROLD E. PENNACK ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4	FRED CHALK ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.	
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	* EDGAR G. BARBER ... .. 5
* CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 2	† WILLIAM O. GARDNER ... 6
* JOHN WALL ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7
† REGINALD GARDNER ... 4	† FRANCIS HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HENRY TOOKE ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 5
CHARLES W. ROOPE ... .. 2	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 6
* GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. First attempt for a peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor.

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PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.  
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On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JONATHAN PRESTON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
* GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... 2	* CHARLES DAVIS ... .. 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 4	CHARLES H. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

\* First peal in the method away from treble. Arranged and rung for the 86th birthday of Mr. William Cooper, the local towerkeeper, also as a birthday compliment to the daughter of Mr. G. H. Mitchell, the Ringing Master.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.	
* HENRY FRANKS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 5
WALTER FRANKS ... .. 2	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 6
SYDNEY DRIVER ... .. 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... .. 7
JACK SINDEN ... .. 4	GEORGE PRODGER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. A. LEVETT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. C. A. Levett.

TUNSTALL, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB ONE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
GEORGE SPICE ... .. Treble	STANLEY SHELLOCK ... .. 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2	* BENJAMIN BAKER ... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7
EDWARD ALLEN ... .. 4	GEORGE WOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Spice for their kind hospitality before and after the peal.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.	
RALPH COLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. COLLETT ... 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 2	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 6
ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 3	FRANK WEST ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 4	REV. C. E. WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WEST.

\* The quickest peal yet rung on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE & LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. Treble	* MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	* HAROLD J. CASHMORE ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	* FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First in five methods, also first peal in five Major methods for the association. This composition contains 3,072 of London, 576 Bristol, 608 Cambridge, 608 Superlative, and 320 of Lincolnshire. Cambridge and Superlative were rung as far as possible in alternate courses.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT DEVONPORT ... .. Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
MISS ROSE BELL ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 6
STEPHEN PARRY ... .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
FRED DONKERLEY ... .. 4	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
FRED BIGGS ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
PERCY NEWTON ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 5
JOHN A. GREEN ... .. 2	FREDERICK C. CASE ... 6
HARRY RIDGWAY ... .. 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	HARRY O. READ ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

\* First peal of Stedman. This peal is associated with Mr. Challis F. Winney's birthday compliments.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN A. GREEN ... .. Treble	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 3
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 2	*FREDERICK C. CASE ... 4
*ERNEST A. HILLYER ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Also the quickest peal on the bells.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Seven different callings.

*BERTIE CORNELL ... .. Treble	†WILFRED JARVIS ... .. 4
†RONALD C. DAKIN ... .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	†LEONARD PRYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First tower bell peal. † First peal of Minor on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Cornell, who hails from Little Walsingham. The rest are from Lavenham.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

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

DAVID PARRY ... .. Treble	JOHN BROWN ... .. 4
*DAN LEA ... .. 2	†JAMES MCKEE ... .. 5
JAMES MARTIN ... .. 3	JOHN MCKEE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MCKEE.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by local band, all of the above being Sunday service ringers, along with Messrs. L. Corteen and W. Cleator. The bells were rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Williams, who for over 60 years was a ringer at Llandegai, near Bangor, North Wales, and was father of Mr. Taylor, churchwarden at above church. He passed away on March 1st, at the age of 94.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Wednesday, March 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BIRD ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4
*GEORGE TOWNES ... .. 2	†ALBEC GENERY ... .. 5
†FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	†ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. GENERY.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH'S, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven variations.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

DAVID WARD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK LAWS ... .. 4
LLOYD CHAPMAN ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. E. Smalls.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CECIL G. SMITH ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 2	†GEOFFREY W. CLAYFORD ... 5
FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... 3	*OLIVER HINES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CLAYFIELD.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Specially arranged for the 'first pealers.'

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores in 10 callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

*JAMES H. CRIDLAND ... .. Treble	SIDNEY WYBURN ... .. 4
*EDWARD J. WEBBER ... .. 2	ALBERT J. CHUBB ... .. 5
†ARTHUR J. BELLAMY ... 3	JOHN M. COOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. WYBURN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are members of the local band.

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SHIPLEY, YORKS.—At the Parish Church for evening service on March 4th, 720 of Bob Minor: K. Simpson 1, J. Briggs 2, T. B. Kendall 3, F. Seager 4, H. Stott 5, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 6. The treble ringer's first 720. He is 13 years of age and son of the conductor. Also 360 Double Court, Thomas A. King taking part.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 16, 1934, in *Two Hours and twenty-Two Minutes*.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**\*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 1-2 †THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6  
†HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3-4 EDWIN BARNETT ... 7-8Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.  
Umpire—T. Groombridge.

\* 100th peal, age 15½ years, and the youngest ringer to accomplish this. † First peal in the method 'in hand.' ‡ 250th peal. Rung after meeting too late to start for a tower bell peal.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

'KATE' CAUSES A DIVERSION.

An enjoyable and highly successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, March 12th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, where the eight bells were kept going during the afternoon in several methods from call changes upwards.

Tea was served in the church vestry, an innovation greatly appreciated by the less energetic members, as on previous visits to Holloway the tea interval entailed a rather lengthy walk to the nearest place of refreshment.

An unlooked-for diversion occurred during tea, when a 'big gun' from a certain London suburb suddenly distributed the contents of his teacup between the carpet and his world-famous nether garments.

When an explanation was demanded, the person concerned said that somebody had whispered in his ear that that person of mystery, 'Kate,' was present, and the shock had rather upset him. His equilibrium was speedily restored when informed that, even if the lady was in the room, she would not have bothered with him while certain other young men were present.

The business meeting took place immediately after tea, and among other matters the rules of the association's handbell contest for the 'Dawe' cup were discussed, and it was eventually left for the district secretary to bring the matter before the general body.

St. Mathew's, Bethnal Green, was chosen for the next meeting, with St. Dunstan's, Stepney, as an alternative.

Votes of thanks to those responsible for the arrangements concluded the business, and further ringing took place. The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Major.

**STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

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21436587	
12346857	
21438675	
24183657	
42816375	
42183657	
24816375	
28461357	
28643175	
86241357	
68423175	
86243715	
68427351	
64823715	
64287351	
64823751	
46287315	
42683751	
24867315	
42687135	
24861753	
28467135	
82641753	
86214735	
68127453	
68214753	
86127453	
81672435	
18764253	
81674523	
18765432	
18674523	
Bob.	
17864523	

5,056.

23456 B. W. M. H.

52436 —

35426 —

42356 —

32654 —

65324 —

36524 —

53624 —

62534 —

56234 —

25634 —

25346 —

32546 —

Repeated.

The first peal in this method was rung at Lawton, Cheshire, on February 26th, 1934, conducted by J. Worth.

**DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN AUSTRALIAN RINGER.**

HEAVY LOSSES IN MELBOURNE.

Ringers in England and elsewhere who have visited Australia, and particularly Victoria, will regret to hear of the death of Mr. S. J. Hallissy, for 40 years a ringer at St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral, and during most of those years hon. secretary of that society, on December 20th last. Mr. Hallissy was one of the pioneer band who first rang Stedman in Australasia during the early 90's of the last century. The erratic 'go' of the eight bells of that Cathedral have always precluded any attempt at peal ringing, but Thursians' four-part was successfully rung in two sections during the year 1893 or 1894. Mr. Hallissy rang his first and only peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, ringing the treble by special request of his life-long friend, the late Mr. A. E. Bames, the composer and conductor of the first peal on the back eight of that peal of twelve. He was a remarkable striker, whether on a light or heavy bell, and his perfect ringing of the treble on that occasion, with the exact 'open hand stroke' leads, was often referred to by Arthur Bames in after years as one of the chief factors of success of that splendid peal.

Mr. Hallissy was a regular Sunday ringer at St. Patrick's Cathedral and was an occasional visitor at St. Paul's. Of modest and retiring disposition, he was an ideal companion, and when the occasion demanded was the life and soul of a 'convivial' meeting or social gathering of ringers.

The anniversary of Mr. Bames' peal was celebrated for a number of years, and at these gatherings Mr. Hallissy used to cause much mirth when replying to the toast of the ringers by stating in his droll and quaint way: 'I am glad to have rung in that peal for several reasons—one of which is that I won—I got my bell in front by a short head just at the finish and kept it there—as the winning post was passed.'

He was a man with no enemies—and it was often remarked—'to know Hallissy was to love him.' As a youth he joined the Metropolitan Gas Company, and by ability and disposition rose rapidly in the service of that great Corporation. For many years he was inspector of works, and had many responsibilities to shoulder—a faithful servant of the company and as popular with his men as with brother ringers.

The interment took place at Melbourne General Cemetery on December 23rd, the remains being followed by many of his fellow-workers and brother ringers. Mr. Hallissy is the ninth ringer removed by death since the war, and the loss to change ringing in Melbourne is a staggering one.

E. F. B.

**A YOUTHFUL RECORD.**

A BOY'S ONE HUNDRED PEALS.

Edwin A. Barnett, the son of Mr. Edwin Barnett, jun., and grandson of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., has created a number of youthful records, and has now set up another by ringing his one hundredth peal at 15½ years of age. The peals include a large proportion in Surprise methods, as will be seen from the following list:—

Method.	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	5	
Union Triples	1	
Stedman Triples	16	
Bob Major	15*	2
Double Bob Major	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	1	
Double Oxford Major	1	
Northfleet Little Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	4†	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	12	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2	1
Superlative Surprise Major	9	1
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1	1
Pudsey Surprise Major	1	1
London Surprise Major	10	1
Bristol Surprise Major	4	
Spliced Surprise (four methods)	3	
Grandsire Caters	1‡	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	
Total	100	9

\* Including five on handbells. † Including a peal by youngest band to ring a peal of Major. ‡ On handbells. The peals were rung in four counties, for four associations, in 16 towers, with 114 ringers, out of 173 attempts, and including 16 peals rung with three generations of the family.

**A LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY?**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am very interested in the suggestion made in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' concerning the formation of a London University Society. Should the proposition actually materialise, I, for one, would offer my humble services.

D. G. BROWN.

The Homestead, West Wickham, Kent.

**PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. C. W. PLAYER.****BELL RESTORATION SCHEME AT STONE-IN-OXNEY.**

The bells of the late Mr. C. W. Player's own church at Stone-in-Oxney having become unsafe to ring, a fund has been opened to put them in order as a memorial to him, and erect a tablet in the church giving the particulars and date of this restoration. Estimates have been obtained for doing what is considered to be a minimum, in order to make a good job. There had been a suggestion that two trebles might be added as a memorial, but as this is a very small and also a very poor parish, and the cost would be in the region of £300, it was considered an impossible task to raise the necessary amount. It has, therefore, been decided to restore the bells.

The work would include quarter turning all the bells, rehanging the 5th and 6th in ball bearings, making the required alterations to the old clappers to bring them all proportionate to their respective bells, now headstock to the fourth, all new rollers, and new wheel rims. For this a sum of £80 is required, and if a greater amount should be collected it would be used to carry out any other repairs necessary and possible.

If any ringers would like to help with this memorial work, would they please send their donations, however big and however small, to the treasurer of the fund, the Rev. R. C. J. White, The Vicarage, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, Kent.

CARLOS COLEMAN,

Hon. (Tower) Secretary.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN DIVISION OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on March 10th, when between 20 and 30 members attended from Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and Good Shepherd), Battle, Heathfield, Lindfield, Ringmer, Lewes, Mayfield, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), and Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne.

The bells of St. Saviour's were kept going from 2.30 until 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Claude Williams), who also presided at the tea and business meeting which followed.

The whole of the executive officers were re-elected.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his interesting address and for presiding.

The members then went to All Saints' tower from six till seven o'clock and on to St. Mary's until 8.45.

**SOME FIRST QUARTER PEALS.**

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. H. Stevens 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, H. C. Chandler 3, A. Jones 4, F. J. Cattermoul 5, W. Lewis 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, E. R. Gladman 8. First quarter in method as conductor. First quarter in method by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. All are local Sunday service ringers.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On Saturday, March 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*N. Farrant (Sidmouth) 1, C. Turner (Ottery) (conductor) 2, J. H. Godfrey (Ottery) 3, \*R. A. Teed (Sidmouth) 4, P. Davis (Sidmouth) 5, E. Marks (Ottery) 6, \*B. Pike (Sidmouth) 7, J. Arbury (Ottery) 8. \* First quarter in the method.

**ST. ALBANS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on March 17th, after an attempt for a peal of Treble Ten had failed, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: A. J. House 1, Miss M. Pack 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, B. H. Swinson 4, Ben Jarman 5, H. V. Frost (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, F. J. Spicer (first quarter-peal in the method 'inside') 7, G. E. Debenham 8, G. W. Debenham 9, G. Gray 8. Great credit is due to Mr. Swinson, who only returned to England the same week after a four year's spell in Venezuela.

**MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.**—At St. Dunstan's Church, on March 15th, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. Fenner 1, A. R. Miles 2, A. Lewery 3, W. Brown 4, C. Brasier 5, W. A. Kitchenside (conductor) 6, W. Moon 7, C. Ponnygar 8 (7-8 covering). Longest length in the method by the ringers of 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8.

**GORSEINON.**—At St. Catherine's Church, on March 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Williams 1, G. Howells 2, Reg Dobbins 3, H. Dobbins 4, W. Dobbins 5, Will Dobbins 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Hanson 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for all except conductor.

**BARTON-ON-HUMBER.**—On March 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. W. Goddard 1, A. W. Hoodless 2, A. H. Eastoe 3, J. Broughton 4, T. Hall 5, G. Johnson 6, J. Atkinson 7, W. Goddard (conductor) 8. Rung after Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Lincoln. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of treble, 4th, 6th and 7th, also first attempt as conductor on eight bells. All are members of the local band with the exception of the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Elsham.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday, March 4th, for Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of London, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by J. George): R. Colver 1, C. Lord 2, K. Guyler 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, W. Bunco, sen., 5, T. Collins (conductor) 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey 7, J. E. Rootes 8. First quarter-peal 'inside' and in the method for ringer of 4th.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

This is the 1,200th issue of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. F. Sharpe, secretary of the Bicester Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and captain of the towers of Caversfield and Launton, has just been appointed churchwarden of Launton, where, together with two other ringers, he has for many years been a member of the Parochial Church Council. All the ringers at Launton are closely connected with the church. Seven out of ten are choristers, two are altar servers, and, in addition, one of these is also parish clerk and vergers.

Mr. R. Gardner is to be congratulated on ringing at Malvern Link his first peal of Triples at his first attempt. He is 76 years of age, and has been a ringer for 60 years. He has rung a few peals of Doubles, the first being at Churcham, Gloucestershire, in the year 1879.

Mr. J. Corbett, hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, was last week installed as Worshipful Master of the Bagsshot Lodge of Freemasons. Appropriately, a feature of the musical evening that followed the installation banquet was handbell solos, contributed by Mrs. A. A. Hughes.

Mrs. J. Davies (widow of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies) has recently undergone an operation. We are happy to say she is reported to be progressing satisfactorily, and is looking forward to being well enough to attend the dedication of the memorial at Tewkesbury Abbey on the Saturday before Whitsun.

The first peal of Reverse Bob Major was rung at Harrietsham on March 23rd, 1751, conducted by the famous James Barham.

To-day is also the anniversary of another first peal. At Fulham, on March 23rd, 1783, the College Youths rang 5,020 Old Double Casters, 'being the first peal ever rung in that method.'

A hundred and fifty years ago next Monday (March 26th, 1784), the College Youths rang a peal of 5,048 'Real Double Twelve In' at St. Saviour's, Southwark.

On the following day the Royal Cumberland Youths achieved their great performance of 12,000 Treble Royal at Shoreditch, which was the culmination of the competing lengths between the two old London societies, and stood as a record in the method for exactly 130 years.

## NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE.

### CORRESPONDENTS, PLEASE NOTE!

As Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will be published a day earlier than usual. All communications for inclusion in that issue should reach us by Monday morning, and it is particularly requested that all peal reports should be sent in by that time.

## COUNTY OR DIOCESAN?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was a great pleasure to read in your issue of the 16th instant of the meeting of the Surrey Association, more particularly with regard to its boundary and possible change of title. It is to the last aspect that I wish briefly to refer, and quite agree as a ringer and churchman that we should now give full and calm consideration to this matter of diocesan status. In the case of counties or districts where no alteration of boundaries will or may be affected, I as a churchman consider the time is now opportune for adopting a diocesan title. As churchworkers we must progress; there is no standing still. You either go forward or you go back; which is it to be? Wherefore may I cordially appeal to all ringers as churchworkers first and ringers afterwards to give this matter their very fullest and mature consideration, and not let any side issue obscure their view.

Some may say it is of more importance from an historical point to retain the county titles where they exist. With this outlook I cannot agree. Does not history tell us that the Church founded the State, and is it not, therefore, a fact that the Church is by its very nature more historical than the State, which is, in effect, the counties as a whole? I earnestly appeal to all ringers to give a calm and considered judgment to the subject, more particularly those members of the Essex Association who are shortly to vote on this matter by referendum.

INTERESTED.

## FIRST BY ALL.

At Minchinhampton, Glos. for evening service, on Sunday, March 4th, 720 Carlisle Surprise Minor: H. Newman 1, P. Pouting 2, E. Jefferies 3, H. Phelps 4, H. Barratt 5, F. Pouting (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for the whole band.

## TOWER OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL MUNIFICENT GIFT FOR COMPLETION.

### Bells Already Provided For.

Another munificent gift towards the completion of Liverpool Cathedral has just been made.

Lord Vestey and his brother, Sir Edmund Vestey, have promised £220,000 for the erection of the great Central Tower.

The tower, which will be 327 feet above ground level, cannot be built until the walls of the Central Space, on which it will stand, have been finished. To complete the sum asked for to build the Central Space and the Western Transepts, and to permit the consecration of this portion of the building in 1938, the Cathedral Committee will need an additional £97,000 within the next four years. So far the building at this point has reached a height of 148 feet out of a total of about 175 feet to which it was intended to carry it at this stage.

The tower will form the crowning feature of Sir Giles Scott's design, and in Emeritus Professor Reilly's opinion will be a 'thrilling addition to Liverpool's skyline.'

It is thought the tower may be completed by 1940.

The bells are already provided for. A large sum of money was left by the late Mr. Thomas Bartlett, of Liverpool, for this purpose. The bequest is so large that, in addition to providing for a peal of twelve bells, there will be ample funds for a carillon and a large 'Bourdon' bell, although, of course, nothing with regard to the bell scheme is yet definitely settled.

Lord Vestey and his brother are Liverpool men, and have been associated throughout their business lives. They are directors of the Union Cold Storage Company, Limited, and heads of the Blue Star Line. The gift is made in memory of their parents.

### SUFFOLK GUILD.

#### DISAPPOINTMENT OVER ANNUAL MEETING.

A meeting was held at Woodbridge on Saturday, March 17th. It was of especial interest to most of the visitors, as it was the first meeting held at Woodbridge since the bells were opened. About 80 ringers were present, and much favourable comment was heard on the 'go' and tone of the retuned peal. The clapper control, which has been fitted to the tenor bell, was the subject of much discussion and admiration.

The Rector, the Rev. R. B. Dand, had a surprise for the visitors. It was a short service at four o'clock, which was very much appreciated. It was far from being dull. Master F. Trotman, one of the local hand, was at the organ.

Tea was partaken of in St. Mary's House, some local ladies acting as 'Nippys.'

The Rector was voted to the chair for the business meeting, which followed tea.

Ten new members were enrolled, six being from the local band.

The annual general meeting came in for much discussion, it being a great disappointment when it was learnt that the towers at Bury St. Edmunds were not available. Ipswich was ultimately decided upon.

### 'NOT FOUND WANTING.'

In view of past correspondence on the question of apathy shown by the clergy towards that part of God's house known as the belfry, it is very appropriate that, on referring to the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' one observes that at the Parish Church of High Wycombe a peal was rung on Sunday, March 18th.

This, says our correspondent, is a very fitting example of the interest taken by the Vicar of High Wycombe in granting permission for the bells to ring out their message of duty to God on the Sabbath Day.

The band consisted entirely of High Wycombe residents, and eleven of the twelve are Sunday service ringers at the Parish Church.

## COMPETITIONS.

BY A. S. ROBERTS.

The suggestion put forward at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association with regard to competitions startled, and even shocked me. In fact, if ever such a retrograde step is seriously considered, I am convinced that ringers in general will at once begin to lose that prestige which has taken them so many years to acquire. Competitions on church bells—just think of it! By all means compete on handbells in the parish room, or else go to Manchester Town Hall, if you are filled with a desire to receive a premier award at the expense of others—fellow-members—who are less favoured with opportunities, too numerous to mention, and who would receive the humiliation of being at the bottom of the list. All ringers offer the same service—at least, they should do so. Why should some be adjudged better than others?

Perhaps I have been a little severe in my criticism, but one can only condemn or uphold such a suggestion, and I unhesitatingly do the former, as my namesake, 'C. W.', did at the meeting. It is the more distressing that such a suggestion should come from Surrey, and it is to be hoped that this county association will soon be swallowed up by, or reconstituted into, a diocesan or various diocesan guilds, when all thoughts of competitions should receive no episcopal blessing and would thereby die a natural and unlamented death.

Anyone living, as I do, in what can be rightly termed 'the West of England,' can properly claim a fair knowledge of competition ringing—commonly known as 'prize ringing.' There is an organisation called the South-East Cornwall Ringing Association which holds competitions for money prizes, but there are very few priests who appreciate the idea, and as an illustration the following is an extract from a letter from the Rector of Duloe (the Rev. A. E. S. Ward, D.D.) to the secretary of the association when application was made for use of his bells for a competition on Easter Monday next:—

'I write to tell you that there can be no question of Duloe being considered as a centre for any bellringing money competition. If any men enter who reside in the parish, of course they can please themselves, but their entry must not be considered as Duloe Church. I think the association ought to cease giving money prizes and put their ringing festival on the same lines as a Sunday School or choir festival, where no money inducements are offered to people who attend.'

I am not suggesting that Surrey would give money prizes, but am only assuming there would be some trophy.

Again, we have another association in Cornwall—the St. Austell Deanery—which came into being seven or eight years ago when a few towers in that district desired competitive ringing. They have, however, now ruled out all competitive ringing and only award 'class' certificates, and there is a scheme of reunion on foot that they should become affiliated to my own Guild—the Truro Diocesan—and abide by its rules. Even those who wanted competitions have, within a short period, grown tired of the idea.

Can anyone imagine a choir festival with individual choirs proceeding to the chancel, singing an anthem or a little plainsong and marching out again for points? It would mean nothing but ridicule, and I cannot place the reintroduction of competitive ringing other than on the same level.

Our art has been claimed as a definite part of the ritual or ceremony of worship and our service ringing as a part of the service itself. We can compare our offering to music. Our cathedrals and large parish churches set an example of the best that can be offered in church music, and even the humblest village choir, if it has an enthusiastic leader, is ever trying to improve and do something better. Likewise, there are many churches which show the way in method ringing for service, and it is to these that many others look for inspiration; and again, under the enthusiastic leader in their branch of work, they are ever trying to improve and advance in new methods.

Amongst musicians there are those who cannot be content with accompanying psalms, hymns and anthems, but who long to practise and perform Bach, Beethoven or Handel. It cannot be done at service, so special times have to be selected, and with the permission of a Dean or incumbent they are permitted to do so. Such performances have no connection with any service whatsoever. Compare peal ringing to this: a 5,000 has become the traditional length of a performance, and the more enthusiastic, interested and progressive ringers follow the art by performing the works of Holt, Annable, Middleton and a host of others, just as the musician performs the works of his composers. As long as deans and incumbents permit us we can go on making history and ringing what our composers give us. A peal on paper is not worth much, even if it does contain numerous 4-5-6's in 5-6: it is when it has been rung that the composer's intention is fulfilled. Sunday services and the ringing which precedes them, are the natural, and need no permanent records, but great musical performances and peals are the exceptional, in comparison, and therefore need more preparation and at-

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### MEMORIAL TO REV. C. W. O. JENKYN. OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SCHEME.

The committee appointed at the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to carry out the memorial then decided upon are now able to report that the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church have kindly given their consent to the placing of a memorial tablet, similar to that of the first Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), in the Cathedral Cloisters.

Work on this has already begun, and it only remains to ask members of the Guild to make their contributions as soon as possible, not only to ensure that the memorial may be dedicated free from debt, but also to enable the Guild to hand over a substantial sum to the governors of Queen Anne's School towards the new aisle of the chapel built by them in memory of their chaplain—a project which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn had deeply at heart, and which he longed to see accomplished.

Mr. A. J. Wright will act as treasurer, and will acknowledge all contributions through the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

It is expected that most of the subscriptions from towers will be paid to him through the branch secretaries, but any of the committee are ready to receive individual subscriptions if sent to them direct.

G. F. COLERIDGE,

Master.

Committee: Canon Coleridge, Crowthorne Vicarage, Berks; R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading; A. J. Wright, 31, Priest Hill, Caversham, Reading; L. Joyce, 10, Bath Road, Reading, Berks; Rev. C. E. Wigg, Wayside, Hampden Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

### 'BARNETT' MEMORIAL.

Previously acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' (February 2nd, 1934), £27 3s.; J. George, 2s. 6d.; R. Charge, 2s.; C. T. Coles, 2s.; H. E. Audsley, 10s.; J. Hunt, 2s. 6d.; H. Hoskins, 2s. 6d.; total, £28 4s. 6d. This fund is now closed, with thanks to all subscribers.

It is hoped that the committee will decide at Easter what form the memorial will take.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT AT HILLINGDON.

The first monthly meeting of the year of the South and West District was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday, March 10th. It was a good start, for 33 sat down to tea, and the quality of the ringing was encouraging. Methods rung included Bristol and Cambridge Major and some Spliced Surprise Major in three methods. The novices were well looked after with rounds and the simpler methods, and Mr. T. Collins, Ringing Master, was assiduous in his efforts to suit all tastes. Evensong was held at five o'clock, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. Horne. In his address he dealt with the subject of church attendance of ringers in a manner which some other clergy could well copy. The Vicar is keenly interested in the work of his own ringers, and is thus able to appreciate their difficulties and aspirations from experience. He remarked how good it was that they could meet for ringing and a cup of tea together and knit the whole into something worth while with this short service. He asked them to remember always the high purpose of their ringing.

Tea, generously provided by the Vicar, took place in the Church Hall. Mrs. Reason and Mrs. Kemp, wives of the two churchwardens, presided at the tea pots, whilst Charlie made an excellent 'Nippy'. Prior to the business meeting the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) thanked the Vicar for the service and his very helpful address, for the use of the bells and for the splendid tea he had provided.—Mr. Horne replied that the visit of the association gave him great pleasure.

The Vicar was elected an hon. member, as was 'Mrs. Tom,' the popular wife of the Ringing Master. Mr. W. S. Beaumont, of Ruislip, was elected a ringing member.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) gave notice of the annual general meeting of the association which was to be held on Saturday, April 21st, at Ealing. The Bishop of Willesden had consented to preach, and it was hoped that South and West District members would give their hearty support.

It was agreed to accept the invitation of the Vicar of Isleworth to hold a meeting at his tower on Saturday, May 12th. Mr. Corke and the local ringers were thanked for their efforts in the tower. Good use was made of Mr. G. M. Kilby's very fine handbells, and the tower was revisited.

### COMPETITIONS—Continued from previous page.

tention, otherwise lack of appeal or disaster is the result. The one is entirely dependent upon the other.

To reach perfection we must make a plan and carry it out; practices, service ringing, meetings and peals—there is continuity throughout. We have to omit competitions, as such things would spoil the look of the whole thing because they do not edify. Interest and ambition are the foundation of all progress—not competition—at least, in the art of ringing. Our subject may be suitable for greyhounds, rabbits or cage birds, but not for ringers!

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION RINGING MASTER RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 10th, when, despite the wintry conditions, a representative gathering was secured, upwards of 40 members being present. Owing to special services ringing was rather curtailed, but the time available was made full use of, and a variety of methods was rung, viz.: Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major, London and Bristol Surprise, Cambridge Royal, Grandsire Cinques and Forward Maximus being included.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, the vice-president, Mr. G. Lewis, being in the chair, supported by Mr. G. Halksworth (Ringing Master) and members of the committee.

Messrs. E. H. Preston, of Rawmarsh and A. Stamp, of Eastwood, were elected members of the association.

The annual joint meeting with other South Yorkshire associations was fixed for June 16th, and an invitation was accepted from Rawmarsh to hold it at that place, the secretary being requested to notify the respective societies and ask for their support.

The meeting learned with great regret that the retiring Ringing Master, Mr. G. Halksworth, did not seek re-election. In his letter of resignation he stated that, having served the division as Ringing Master since the formation of districts in 1911 (a period of 20 years), he felt he was entitled to a little rest from the cares of that office. He was getting on in years, and while he was giving up his post it did not mean that he was leaving them, for he would endeavour to attend all the meetings he possibly could. He thanked most sincerely his fellow-officers and the members for their loyalty and support during his term of office, and hoped they would give the same to his successor.

In accepting the resignation, the chairman and secretary both voiced their very sincere regret, and spoke of the good feeling which had at all times existed between them, and of the sterling example Mr. Halksworth had set. By his attendance at meetings, his courtesy and ability, he had done great work in making the Yorkshire Association what it was to-day.—The members fully endorsed this, and the secretary was instructed to insert in the minutes their very deep appreciation of his services, not only to the Southern Division and the association, but to the ringing community as a whole.

For the vacant post, Mr. S. F. Palmer, of Sheffield Cathedral, was unanimously elected, and the members considered themselves very fortunate in persuading Mr. Palmer to accept the position, for which office he possesses every qualification.—In returning thanks for the honour accorded to him by his election, Mr. Palmer hoped that with the support of the members he would be able to uphold the high standard which had been set by his predecessor in office.

Messrs. Ryder and Panther were re-elected to the committee for three years, and to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Palmer's promotion, Mr. Halksworth was unanimously elected. He was also elected to the general committee, as it was felt that his years of experience in the work of the association were much too valuable to lose.—Mr. Halksworth thanked the members for the honour and confidence, and promised the same hearty co-operation in the association's work as he had always tried to give in the past.

It was announced that the reopening of the new peal of 10 at Rammoor would take place on March 31st, and a cordial invitation was extended to all members to be present at that function. Further particulars will be found elsewhere in 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Provost, the churchwardens and the local company at the Cathedral for the necessary permission to hold the meeting and for the arrangements made. This was replied to, and brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

### 'THE 4th OF MARCH' AT APPLETON.

It was decided some few years ago to hold the anniversary dinner at Appleton on the first Saturday after March 4th if the fourth did not come on the Saturday. So on Saturday, March 10th, ringers from various parts made their pilgrimage to this 'Mecca' of change ringing. The ten bells were kept going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters from morning until four o'clock, when upwards of 40 ringers gathered round the festive board and did justice to a typical old Berkshire dinner, well cooked and well served.

After the tables had been cleared, the chairman, in a few heartfelt words, referred to the 'vacant chair' caused by the passing of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who had attended that festival for many years, broken only from 1914-18, and who had a great love for Appleton. The company stood in silence for a short time.

Then the time-honoured toast, 'The Appleton Society,' was proposed and duly honoured, and Mr. George Holfield responded with an interesting resume of the doings in Appleton tower since 1918, from the first 120 of Doubles and first 720 of Minor to the 21,000 of Stedman Caters and the 16,000 of Grandsire.

The evening passed pleasantly and quickly with anecdote, song and handbells, and the wish that all may meet again on the 117th 'Fourth of March' next year.

**SLEAFORD BELLS RESTORED.****THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCH.**

The bells of the Parish Church of St. Denys, Sleaford, were heard again, after a silence of three months, on Saturday, March 10th, when a service of thanksgiving for their restoration was held. The chiming apparatus was connected at 12 noon, and the Westminster chimes signalled that all was well once again. The bells were 'opened' at 2 p.m., and the following ringers rang the first touch: R. Waddingham 1, Norman Ed. Snow 2, A. Blackburn 3, W. Townsend 4, F. Dewey 5, H. S. Hinkins 6, R. R. Dixon 7, J. Charity 8.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon until 4 p.m., when a service of thanksgiving was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. Norton Howo). There was a large congregation, and the following clergy were also present: Canon A. Hunt (Kirkby-la-Thorpe), Rev. G. A. Beckett (Helpingham), Rev. J. A. Elwell (Osbourneby), Rev. G. F. Frost (Rauceby), Rev. C. G. Hodge (Aunsby), Rev. R. Olsen (St. Giles, Lincoln), and Rev. C. F. Paget (Aswarby).

Henry Purcell's anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' usually called 'The Bell Anthem,' was beautifully rendered by the choir, and the Vicar, in the course of his address, referred to the excellent response of the inhabitants of Sleaford, and old friends of the town, to the appeal which was made in the new year, and to the fact that the amount required for the restoration of the bells had been readily forthcoming. He said the bells are the voice of the church and truly conveyed the message inscribed on the third bell in the tower, 'Peace and good neighbourhood.'

After the service the Vicar, churchwardens, the secretary of the Church Council and about 75 ringers sat down to a most enjoyable tea kindly given by Mr. F. H. Williams, an old friend of St. Denys, and a willing band of helpers.

Mr. N. Ed. Snow afterwards presided at a meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts of the Northern Branch of the Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild, and welcomed all those who had attended that day. He stated it was the largest and most representative gathering of ringers in Sleaford for 40 or 50 years, and showed that the action taken for the restoration of the bells by those responsible was the right one, and was very much appreciated. He referred to the practical assistance given to the art of change ringing in the past by Mr. T. H. Holdich, now residing at Beckenham, Kent, and to his interest in the work which had been so successfully completed that afternoon. He passed on a message from Mr. Holdich that his thoughts were with the ringers at Sleaford that day.—On hearing of the illness of Mr. Holdich, it was unanimously resolved by the meeting that a letter of sympathy be sent to him, expressing the hope that he will soon be restored to good health.

The Vicar and Mr. W. Spyvee, churchwarden, thanked all those present for their interest in the bells of St. Denys, and hearty votes of thanks were extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the choir for their part in the service, and to Mrs. Williams and her helpers for the excellent fare provided for the ringers.

Reference was made to the easiness of ringing the bells and to the thorough manner in which they had been restored, and a representative of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were responsible for the work of restoration, expressed thanks, on behalf of the firm, for the pleasing remarks as to the manner in which the work had been carried out.

At the conclusion of the meeting the ringers returned to the tower and the bells were kept going during the evening. During the day touches in the following methods were rung, and good striking was evident throughout: Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, London Surprise and Cambridge. In addition to the local band, ringers were present from Benington, Blankney, Boston, Folkington, Gainsborough, Grantham, Great Hale, Reckington, Hough-on-the-Hill, Lincoln, London, Metheringham, Pinchbeck, Rauceby, Ruskington, Spalding, Surfleet and Swineshead.

The bells were lowered at 9 p.m., and thus ended a memorable chapter in the history of the bells of St. Denys, Sleaford.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

The West Tyne Division of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association held a meeting at Hexham on Saturday, March 10th, when the following towers were represented: Newcastle Cathedral, Fenham, Whickham, Chester-le-Street, Benfieldside, Newton Hall and Blaydon.

The wretched weather no doubt prevented many more from visiting this very fine tower with its beautiful peal of eight bells. As there were several new ringers present, advantage was taken of the occasion to give them their first touch, so the afternoon and evening were not wasted.

Fortunately, Mr. Anderson, the energetic president of the association, came along and took the chair at the meeting.—Mr. Storey moved the vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Newton Hall on Saturday, June 9th.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICTS ANNUAL DINNER.****NO STEREOTYPED SPEECHES.**

The annual dinner of the Leicester and Districts ringers, held on March 10th, was a huge success. The bells of St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's Cathedral (10) and St. John's (10) were available throughout the afternoon, and the many visitors made good use of their opportunity by ringing all methods from rounds to Surprise, thereby enabling everyone to get a pull.

Dinner was served at the George Hotel, and a very fine spread was put on at a most reasonable price. Ringing friends were present from all the local towers—Aylestone, Anstey, Billesdon, Burbage, Lutterworth, Loughborough, Syston, Oakham, Welford, Wigston (Old and South), Thrusington, and elsewhere, to the number of 80.

The Chairman (Mr. A. J. Harris) at the outset stated that these Leicester dinners were essentially for social intercourse and entertainment, and no stereotyped speeches would be made, the only toasts being 'The King' and one to 'The Visitors.'

The latter was proposed by Mr. H. G. Jenny, who in a few well-chosen words welcomed the old visitors who had come to the gathering on each occasion in the past, and trusted they would continue to come for many years. He also welcomed many new and younger members, extended to them hearty greetings, and invited them to come again and enjoy the social intercourse afforded by these gatherings.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) and the Rev. Groome-Merriells (Theddington) both replied.

A capital programme of musical items was contributed by Mr. Grimes, who got 'sweet music' out of many and varied weird instruments. Songs were rendered by Mr. Colin Harrison, Mr. J. Morris and Mr. H. J. Poole, interspersed by courses of Stedman Caters and Cinques, the latter being rung by: F. E. Wilson 1-2, G. S. Morris 3-4, P. Harrison 5-6, E. Morris 7-8, H. J. Poole 9-10, J. Morris 11-12. It was regrettable that owing to illness the hon. secretary, Mr. E. H. Bagworth, was unfortunately unable to be present.

The concluding items by the Leicester City Police (Detective) Quartette were the original compositions of Det.-Sergt. H. J. Poole, including 'Good Old Leicester City,' 'The Policeman's Night Shift,' and others, and were most amusing. Thus ended another very enjoyable gathering, after which the 'Sergeant-Major' remarked, 'These annual gatherings ought to be held monthly!'

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****PROGRESS IN NORTH DORSET BRANCH.**

A most successful quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held on Saturday, March 10th, at Zeals, Wilts. Rev. W. G. C. Addison (Rector) conducted the Guild service, and Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild) was at the organ. The lesson was taken from Longfellow's Golden Legend, 'The bells themselves.' The Rector gave a very practical address from the words, 'Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' He said that this was a very popular text, and the words were the greatest expression of success, of satisfaction, of honour, and everything else worth having in life. In the ringing of bells, especially in the higher branch of the art, these words applied.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, Mrs. Addison and a willing band of lady helpers kindly undertaking the catering.

The business meeting was afterwards held in the Parish Room, when fifty-five members were present from the following towers: Weston (Bath), Stourton, Okeford Fitzpaine, Kingston Magna, Mere, Sherborne, Siltan, Bourton, Tisbury, North Cadbury, Gillingham, Cucklington, Stoke Trister, Bradford Abbas, Warminster, Wincanton, Buckland Newton, Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, Longbridge Deverill, Evercreech and the home tower.

Rev. F. L. Edwards presided, supported by Rev. W. G. C. Addison, Rev. E. C. King (Rector of Stourton), and Mr. H. J. Ralph (hon. secretary of the branch).

The following were elected ringing members: Mr. John Hallett (Bradford Abbas), and Mr. F. Deverill (Siltan). Mr. Leslie Ridout (Okeford Fitzpaine) and Rev. E. V. Verdon Roe (Kettering) were elected life members.

The Chairman announced that the Guild Festival would be held on May 12th, at Bradford-on-Avon, at which Canon Clark would be pleased to welcome all ringers and friends.

The thanksgiving service at Milton Abbey would be held on June 9th, when the Bishop will preach.

Mr. Ralph proposed a vote of thanks to all the workers and helpers, and this was carried with acclamation.—The Rector replied.

The bells of Zeals, Mere, Stourton, Bourton and Siltan were available during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung showed an all-round keenness for progress, and included London, Wells and Cambridge Minor. A unique feature was a touch of Kent Treble Bob by Messrs. Frank, Cecil, Bert, Leonard, Tom and Ben Ridout (father, three sons and two nephews), from Okeford Fitzpaine.

A touch of 'Hat Surprise' by an unknown friend and the secretary did not come round, the unknown friend taking the lead, and his departure, before the secretary was aware of the first change.

## PEALS OF MINOR.

THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

By THE EDITOR.

When next the Central Council is called upon to discuss the question of a peal of Minor I hope the members will well weigh the following statement made by Mr. Trollope in his article last week when, having been requested to say specifically in what respect he disagreed with the arguments I set out in my contention that each of the seven 720's in the Bankes James Arrangement are true, he wrote:—

'There are some people for whose abilities I have the greatest respect, who argue like this: "If I start with 123456 and from it write out rows according to the Bankes James composition, when I reach the 720th row I shall have written out the total number of possible rows without any repetition whatever. Does not that prove that the 720 is a true extent? What other proof can you have than that you should have all the possible rows and none twice?"

'The argument seems unanswerable, and so it is, so long as you look at the matter in the way these people do. Nothing that can be advanced will shake it.'

But having said that 'so long as you look at the matter in the way these people do' the argument is unanswerable, Mr. Trollope seeks to divert the reader from this unshakable contention by starting off on another scent and discussing change ringing as an abstract thing. Change ringing in the abstract may be all that he says it is, but it is not with that that we are concerned in proving the truth of the Bankes James Arrangement. The truth in this case is a concrete thing, and no amount of abstract argument can alter it.

It is hardly necessary, therefore, to follow Mr. Trollope through his abstract arguments, in view of his first admission, but it may be well to refer to one or two of his points.

Hampered by the awkward fact that truth can only be assured by recourse to figures, Mr. Trollope says 'figures on paper have neither part nor lot in change ringing.' In the actual processes which the ringer applies to change ringing in the tower it is true figures play little part, but you do not prove peals by ringing them in the tower, and it is proof that we are concerned with. Given a method which he had not seen before and the position of the calls of what purports to be a peal, there is no man living, who could go into the tower and ring it and say with certainty that the peal was true or false, unless the composition contained some glaring fault. All the 'hunting and place making and dodging and snapping and leading and lying and the rest' in the tower, to which Mr. Trollope refers, never proved a peal yet, and it is quite beside the point to pretend that they have any bearing on the truth of a composition.

Then Mr. Trollope tells us that the proof of peals is '... scarcely ever done by actual rows.' Nobody, of course, would write out the 5,000 odd rows of a peal in order to prove their truth, but he is asking ringers to stretch their credulity to breaking point if he wishes them to believe that peals are not proved by committing representative rows to paper.

Mr. Trollope lays great emphasis on the fact that what he calls the 720th step in the first 720 (which is the 721st row) in the Bankes James Arrangement 'does not bring us home and finish our job.' There is no need to finish our job at that point—we don't want to finish it there—but it does not alter the fact that we have had all the possible rows without repetition. The composition is one of seven 720's, and it is not until we get to the end of the seventh 720 that we want 'to finish our job.'

As an analogy Mr. Trollope refers to 'unfinished' peals of Grandsire Triples, containing 5,040 rows, produced by bobs only. Supposing a band set out to ring such a composition and repeated it until at the end of the third 5,040 (if it is the third) the bells came back into rounds. Would that band have rung one peal, or three peals of Grandsire Triples, and would not each 5,040 be true, even if it lacked that 'completeness' on which Mr. Trollope insists?

By the recognised principles of method construction and by the only possible means of proof, which is by figures on paper—the Bankes James Arrangement consists of seven separate and true 720's. Mr. Trollope admits in his last article that the argument which I presented in support of this contention is unanswerable.

If the 720's are true on paper they cannot be false in the tower.

In December, 1928, Mr. Trollope himself said they were true.

If they were true in 1928, they cannot be false in 1934.

### AN OPEN LETTER

TO INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,—Those of you who hold that it is unconstitutional for an individual directly to approach members of the Council are under no obligation to read that which follows. The others are those to whom it may be of interest.

When a prominent official of your body told me that it ought to be a straightforward and easy matter for anyone to obtain the 'car' of the Council, via an association representative, I was inclined to believe him; but my experience in this direction may be summed up

in the following reply from a representative, which was typical of many: 'Mr. Joyce, we are—nearly all of us—heartily sick of the whole question. It has been bandied about for so long, by the few, while the majority are not up to arguing the various points. If opportunity arises I certainly will state your case, but I feel that I shall do very little good.'

My case now is placed publicly before each one of you who cares to read, viz: That the proposed definitions, to be found at the end of this letter, were signed by sixty-five ringers at a few meetings where they were put forward; and, further, that I have had offers from Minor ringers, in various parts of the country, to obtain signatures supporting any reasonable definitions that I could frame. Provided—and these provisions are fairly general—that (a) none is committed to the opinion that rounds is the first 'change,' (b) none to the opinion that extents which do not run round are 'desirable,' and (c) that such definitions shall place, so far as is possible, all peals on the same footing without alteration to prevailing practical conditions.

By far the most emphasised was the last—all peals alike; and, before appending the proposed definitions (which, I submit, comply with the above requirements), I place before you, for your consideration, a plain statement of what is perhaps the most irritating feature of this controversy. People absolutely will not boldly face up to fundamental and indisputable facts; and those facts are these:—

(i.) That there can be no possible question as to the truth of the Bankes James Cambridge, from any point of view whatsoever, without the debatable point of 'rounds first or last' arises. It is no use people putting up other considerations or arguments, for or against. Its truth depends solely upon the question as to which row is to be 'counted,' and it must stand or fall solely on this count.

Anybody who can prove a peal will vouch for the truth of this statement to any who doubts it; or he may write the peal out—and see!

(ii.) That when you go into a tower and ring, no matter to which faction—'first or last'—you belong, that question no longer arises.

Any man would be an utter fool to attempt to disprove that both—first and last—of these rows, changes, permutations, or whatever else you may care to call them, are produced, rung, sounded, or 'something,' in ringing any peal from Singles to Maximus.

(iii.) That no man has a right unnecessarily to separate Minor from Major so far as concerns those laws which can be made equally to apply to both.

Who are we—you and I—that we may say: 'While a Major ringer may do "this," a Minor ringer must do "that"?' When both, Major and Minor, in the tower do, perforce, exactly a same thing.

(iv.) That this Cambridge and its like are judged (by some) to be 'false' only because an existing (and obsolete) definition positively excludes the first rounds. These are the only grounds upon which it can so be judged. And, further, that no 'tenors together' peal of Major can be proved to be true—and this statement I am prepared to substantiate—while that definition remains unaltered.

In substantiating, I ask anybody to publish two rows only (nothing else) with the treble in the same position in each, both + (plus), both - (minus), or one of each (I care not!). And, because the false courses will lie at equal distances from rounds and any handstroke you may care to select, I shall supply, from the given two rows, all of the false course 'ends' which pertain to any four rows of which the given two can be made to be part. Provided that the method is 'regular' and symmetrical in the halves; and, if the rows are of opposite natures, that they shall be of different distances from rounds and the handstroke in the first lead—in short, a fair and proper test.

(v.) That the extent of a Minor method can be produced only by means of the 'reversal' of certain leads; and that it is impossible to 'reverse' those leads while that wretched definition remains in its present form.

If you cannot agree, prick out two extents of Bob Minor; call the tenor W.R.W. in one, and I.L.4th's in the other. Observe a particular lead which in one 720 runs from a backstroke to its handstroke; while, in the other, those same rows faithfully are reproduced in a reverse manner, running (now) from that former 'handstroke' (now the backstroke) down to that former 'backstroke' (now the handstroke).

Moreover, do you think that anybody would have the audacity to assert that, to reverse the first lead of Bob Minor, you must make second's place at the go off?

(vi.) That the 'law of Q sets' argument belongs to the days of Thompson (and of good Queen Anne!), because, to-day, extents can be produced which are 'true and complete,' start from rounds and end with rounds, are satisfactory in every possible way, but in which the Q sets are no more 'complete' than in those of the Cambridge.

I am writing in nineteen (not eighteen) thirty-four, and present-day problems demand present-day vision. Amongst other 'mathematical' (grandmother-in-) laws, this 'Q set law' is Mr. Trollope's 'rock of ages.' Is he, or any of those who think with him, going to refute what I have said, and call my bluff?

The definitions, approved by sixty-five ringers whose signatures were handed to the Master of the Essex Association after collection, were these:—

'... The following are not intended fully to cover the ground. It is understood that a "row" shall mean the order in which bells may sound. That a "change" defines, for the present purpose, the actual means by which "rows" are produced. That a "touch" would mean something less than a peal—otherwise to conform thereto.

'A true and complete peal shall—

'(1) Commence with rounds and return to rounds.

'(2) Consist of differing rows, produced by means of those changes which lie within limits prescribed by the Central Council, and numbering:—

'(a) In Major and upwards, at least 4,999 differing rows, and two rows of rounds.

'(b) In Triples, 5,039 differing rows, and two rows of rounds.

'(c) In Minor, 720 rows all to differ; repeated six times, without interval and in varying forms of successions; and one row of rounds.

'(d) In Doubles, 120 rows all to differ; repeated forty-one times, without interval and in at least ten varying forms of successions; and one row of rounds.

'(3) Be described as "... of (so many) changes ...," the number of which shall be one less than the full number of rows as defined above.

'(4) Embody all existing definitions, which are not in direct opposition to the foregoing.

'We, the undersigned, hereby express approval of any amendment which may be attempted, so long as it lies within the spirit of that which is expressed herein. ...'

I am, gentlemen, yours most respectfully,

GEO. L. JOYCE.

Hornchurch and Leytonstone.

#### A REPLY TO MR. JOYCE.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Joyce's concern over your loss of 14 lines of valuable space is rather amusing, as his latest effusion consists, for the most part, of statements and arguments which any intelligent schoolboy would hesitate to put on paper.

His analysis of the twelve-method peal would create the impression that his study of the subject has been done from the point of view of rope manipulation, rather than as a branch of mathematics, and his answer to Mr. Pulling would appear to strengthen this impression.

Every lead in the peal is complete in itself and conforms in structure with any lead taken from the plain courses of the twelve methods named, and no argument that Mr. Joyce can put forward will alter the fact.

If he is really of the opinion that the back stroke of the treble's whole-pull is the last row of a lead on any number of bells, let him produce an intelligible argument to support his contention, but such argument will have to be something different from criticisms of other people's statements and performances.

H. G. CASHMORE.

#### FOUR 720's FOR ONE SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

St. Mary's company, Fryerning, Essex, rang the following 720's on Sunday, March 4th: Before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Durham Surprise and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 York Surprise and 720 New London Pleasure. The ringers were: L. Camp, C. Harrington, J. Sitch, E. Sitch, H. Wright and A. Bradley, and there were four conductors, viz., L. Camp, E. Sitch, C. Harrington and A. Bradley.

#### LATE NOTICES.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at St. Neots (Hunts). Bells of the Parish Church (8), Eynesbury (6), and Eaton Socon (8) available during afternoon and evening. Short service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Shepherd's Cafe, Market Square, at 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting.—B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Sec.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Wem (8 bells) on Saturday, April 7th, commencing at 3 p.m., with interval for tea, etc., at 5 p.m. All requiring tea should notify me by April 3rd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

#### NOTICES.

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#### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—

The annual district meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (10) at the Abbey available afternoon and evening. Service in the Abbey at 4 o'clock; preacher, the Vicar. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting immediately after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—

A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Birkenhead (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 24th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Six bells. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good meeting is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on March 24th. Bells (10) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Caxton on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock, price 1s. each.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Come and join the bright young people at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, March 24th, at 3 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The March meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, March 24th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hasting's.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Wigston (8) to-morrow (Saturday), March 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please roll up, and make it a big meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch will take place at Ogbourne St. George on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (5, in good condition) ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. A card for tea, please, not later than Wednesday, March 28th.—A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The new peal of ten bells recently installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, of which the two trebles are a memorial to the late Mr. Sam Thomas, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Saturday, March 31st, at 3 p.m. Open ringing afterwards. By the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) a Ringers' Day will take place on Saturday, April 21st. —M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 54th annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Committee meeting in All Saints' vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open during the day: All Saints', Maidstone (10), Leeds (10), Linton (8), West Malling (8), Aylesford (8), Barming (6), East Farleigh (6), Boxley (6), and Bearstead (6). Application for luncheon tickets (1s. each to practising members, 3s. to non-members, including moderate refreshment) must be made to the undersigned before first post, Wednesday, March 28th. Remittance must accompany application.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Leicester, on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (10), St. John's (10), St. Saviour's (8) open from 11 a.m. during day (except short intervals for weddings, etc.). Committee meet 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 9d. per head) at Victoria Hotel, near Midland Station. General meeting follows. Convivial evening at Star Hotel, Clock Tower, 7 p.m. onwards. Tea will not be reserved unless notification is sent to Mr. E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester, before Thursday, March 29th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., to whom a presentation will be made to celebrate his 25 years as president. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for those who notify me before Wednesday, March 28th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 12.20 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Ringing at Cathedral at 12 noon, St. Peter's 2 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Michael's by arrangement. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Earnshaw Smith, Vicar of Watford. Meat tea in the Abbey Institute after service, followed by the Annual Meeting for the election of officers, etc. Please let me know whether you intend to take tea. This is very important.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 2nd. 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. H. W. Benson, M.A., Vicar of Buxton. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Meeting, Cirencester, Gloucester, Easter Monday, April 2nd.—Management Committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. Lunch may be obtained at Viner's Restaurant. General meeting at 3 p.m., followed by tea. Full details next week. Davies' Memorial Dedication will take place at Tewkesbury on Saturday, May 19th. Detailed announcement in this paper in due course. —Edgar Guise, 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Middleham on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at the Commercial Hotel 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, Mar. 28th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**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. St. Peter's later. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m. —A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 109, High St. N., Dunstable.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at South Normanton on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send number requiring tea to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at New Alresford on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Corner House at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming. Five towers available for ringing.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service, Parish Church, at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.10 at the Geisha Cafe. Bells (6) 2.30, also Luppitt (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers are very welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) available from 10.30 a.m. (not 10 a.m.). Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. each. It is important that those requiring tea should notify Mrs. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham, by Wednesday, March 28th. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. N. Cawthorne and M. E. Wilson, Dis. Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ep-

som, on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, March 27th. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bonvilston, near Cardiff, on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual General Committee Meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Transport can be arranged from either Tiverton or Bampton for visitors if notification is sent to me by Saturday, March 31st (latest date), also for tea. Bampton bells also available.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, April 7th. 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 April 4th? Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will only be provided for those who send word not later than March 31st to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than Wednesday, April 4th.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on April 7th. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6). Service: St. Mary-le-Tower at 4. Tea at St. Matthew's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Spead Eagle Hotel, at 6 p.m. Full details later.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., and meeting to follow. Special method London Surprise Major. For tea notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Rd., Liverpool, 16

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**BRIGHTON.**—Ringers visiting Brighton for the Easter Conference of the N.U.T. are asked to communicate with S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

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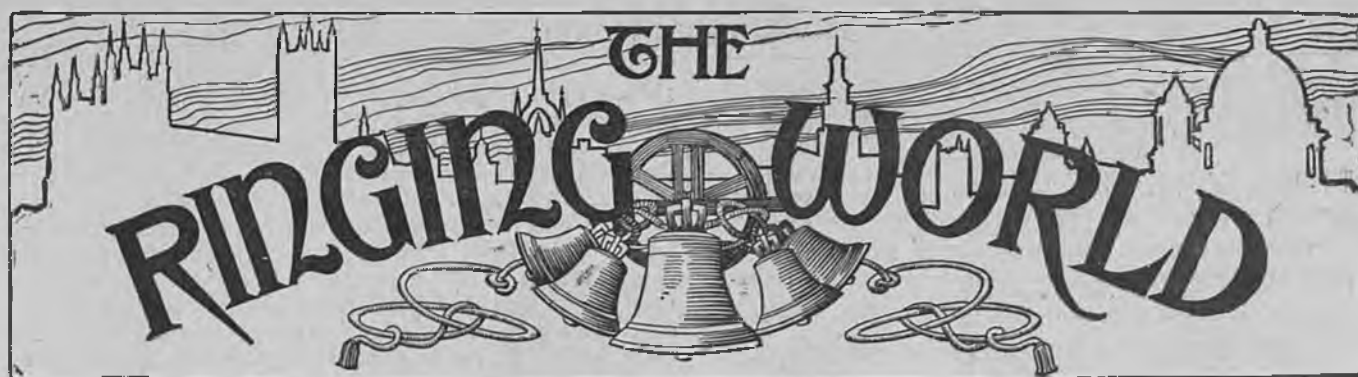
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**FEWER PEALS.**

The most noticeable feature of the Peals Analyses for the year 1933, which we publish to-day, is the falling off in the number of peals compared with the previous year and indeed with several preceding years. The total of 1,833 is the lowest since 1927. Except in Maximus, which showed a slight increase, there was a decline last year in the peals on every number of bells, the only other slightly compensating feature being eight more hand-bell peals than in 1932. It is only possible to speculate as to the causes of the falling off. There may be several reasons; the most likely, perhaps, being fewer peal attempts. In some districts there has been an enforced curtailment of peal ringing through the reluctance of some of the clergy to grant permission for peal ringing. While it is a fact that in a few instances ringers may have themselves to blame for this by overdoing it when there have been no restrictions, it is certainly a great discouragement to ringing when peals are absolutely debarred. As the public are concerned when the bells are rung, because all within earshot are compelled to be listeners, there is some justification for a reasonable restriction, particularly in populous areas, but we believe a great deal too much attention is paid by some clergy to the complaints of a few individuals—usually persistent grumblers—who may dislike bells and lose no opportunity of making the parson's life uncomfortable when the bells are rung for any length of time. As a result the clergyman takes what seems to him the easiest way out and stops peal ringing altogether. We do not think that any ringers would desire to be a nuisance to the neighbours, but they have a legitimate claim to exercise their art in return for the voluntary service which they give to the Church and in order to keep up the standard of that service.

There may be, and probably are, other causes for the drop in the peals last year; one being that in the past an interest in this phase of ringers' activities has not been sufficiently maintained by bringing new blood into peal ringing, as shown in the previous year by the big drop in 'first pealers,' coupled with which it may be that some who previously were among regular peal ringers slackened in their keenness. Were it not such a gigantic task to get out the statistics, it would be interesting to know each year exactly how many ringers there were who took part in peals. This would be the real indication as to whether peals were growing or waning in popularity. The fact that more or less peals are rung in any one year does not in itself indicate that more or fewer ringers are taking part or are interested in this particular side of ringing, but some proof that peal ringing was

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shared by a larger number of ringers would be a very encouraging sign.

Out of the comparisons which are possible from the Analysis tables there is one thing which should be a matter of gratification, and it is that the percentage of peals in one method of Doubles, while still far too high, has dropped from about 65 per cent. in 1932 to 63 per cent. in 1933, and the number of peals of Minor in less than seven methods has fallen from about 73 to 62 per cent. Both in this and other respects the standard of peal ringing is, we believe, on the up-grade, and, if there were not so many different Surprise methods rung last year as the previous year, there were sufficient to indicate that there is still a spirit of enterprise being manifested among the advanced ringers. But, as we have so often urged before, there is plenty of scope for peal ringers of all grades to extend their repertoire. The analysis will be studied with interest by most ringers, and they will find it doubly interesting if they will put that for the previous year alongside of it. The work which is involved in producing the information in the table is prodigious, and the committee, whose labours are constant and exacting throughout the year, deserve the thanks as well as earning the gratitude, of the Exercise.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

HARRY MILES ... .. Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2	*JOHN P. FELLOW ... .. 8
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... .. 3	*GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... .. 9
SAMUEL HOONSLOW ... .. 4	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... .. 10
RICHARD A. POST ... .. 5	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 11
WILLIAM BLAKE ... .. 6	RICHARD WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE  
\* First peal on twelve bells. Rung to celebrate the bi-centenary year of the above society.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*REGINALD THRIFT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 6
*LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. 2	*HERBERT DEVENISH ... .. 7
HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. 3	*JOHN REDGWELL ... .. 8
*HARRY ALLEN ... .. 4	JOHN WOOD ... .. 9
*SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 5	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

\* First peal of Royal. William Lincoln's 250th peal. All ringers in this peal belong to the Sunday service band.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6057 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... .. Treble	†ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. ... .. 6
*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... .. 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 7
JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 3	FRANK G. BURLEIGH ... .. 8
CHARLES W. COOPER ... .. 4	HENRY GOODMAN ... .. 9
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 5	GILBERT CUEST ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

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

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Boniface.  
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,  
5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS... .. 3	ROLAND PARK ... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 4	†PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.  
\* 500th peal. † 50th peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wednesday, March 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY Treble	WALTER LINTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... .. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
ERNEST W. WHITEMAN ... .. 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal by R. C. H. Connolly, for whom it was especially arranged.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS MAGGIE J. JOHNSON Treble	†J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 5
JOHN HALL ... .. 2	†RALPH HARRIS ... .. 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. MASTERS ... .. 4	†MRS. RALPH HARRIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman Triples.  
First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Miss M. J. Johnson on her 21st birthday.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE  
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
MISS MARGARET PACK ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition contains 2,944 of London, 608 of Bristol, and 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, the two latter being rung in alternate courses. The ringer of the 3rd is only 17 years of age and is the youngest lady to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of Immanuel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	FRED HINDLE ... .. 5
NORMAN BROWN ... .. 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 6
ISAAC WHALLEY ... .. 3	FRED READ ... .. 7
GEORGE JACKSON ... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Arranged for Mr. G. JACKSON, of Southport, and was his first attempt for a peal.

EYE, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

DAVID WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. 7
WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This band represents seven towns and villages in Norfolk and Suffolk. This composition in 25 courses, with the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6, is the first to be rung in the county with a bob behind.

GORING-ON-THAMES.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas-A-Becket,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. Treble	GEORGE ESSEX ... .. 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	PERCY J. DYKE ... .. 6
STANLEY C. DAVIS ... .. 3	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 7
GEORGE W. SIMMONDS ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM HIBBERT

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR GILL ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 2	ALBERT NASH ... .. 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 3	JOHN H. SYKES ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by A. NASH.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. Treble	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... .. 6
WILLIAM STIRLAND ... .. 3	THOMAS STORER ... .. 7
FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAWKINS. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.  
\* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Thornley, sen.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

*ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... .. 5
*THOMAS BIRD ... .. 2	†MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... .. 6
*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'  
50th peal together by the 4th and tenor ringers. 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.

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### STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,  
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE ABLITT ... .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY

### WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 2	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 4	BERT HORTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. WALLATER.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to A. D. Collins, and his first peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to Father A. Dru. Drury, C.R., of Mirfield, Yorks, who is conducting the Lenten services during Holy Week.

### SIX BELL PEALS.

FORD END, ESSEX.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

#### **A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven true extents called differently.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

HENRY BOWELL ... .. Treble	*OLIVER J. LONGLEY ... .. 4
*LESLIE AINGER ... .. 2	*HENRY WAIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3	HENRY BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells. The conductor has now called peals of Surprise on the lightest and heaviest peals of six bells in the county.

### OVER, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

#### **A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK OLLIER ... .. Treble	ARTHUR JERVIS ... .. 4
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 5
KENNETH E. BIRTLES ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

### BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

#### **A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

J. GEOFFREY GBARY ... .. Treble	†HENRY FAULKNER ... .. 4
*GEORGE WALKER ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
A. NORMAN GBARY ... .. 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First of Minor.

### BEENHAM, BERKS.

#### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

#### **A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Treble	HERBERT W. BISHOP ... .. 4
*JOHN BUTLER ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 5
†EDWARD W. RICHARDSON ... 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Arranged to enable the conductor to score a peal in his 'native' tower, and rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. Richardson.

### HANDBELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 29, BELLE VIEW ROAD,

#### **A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 1-2	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM DENT ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor. This is the first peal on handbells to be rung by a Colchester hand.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

In St. Margaret's Belfry,

#### **A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5-6
PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 3-4	*FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

\* First peal on 'inside' pair

### LONDON.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Friday, March 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

At FRODINGHAM, 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM,

#### **A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's ORIGINAL.

HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire—J. S. HAWKINS.

This peal was arranged by Mr. W. T. Cockerill to enable Mr. C. F. Winney, with a 'correct band,' to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the latter calling the same composition on March 21st, 1884, when Messrs. Cox and Tucker were umpires. Both the peals were rung at the second attempt.

### THE PEAL AT DUDLEY.

The peal at Dudley on Saturday, recorded elsewhere in this issue, was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. W. Green, also as a compliment to Mr. B. Gough and Miss M. Sheppard, daughter of the ringer of 5th. and to the Vicar of Dudley on his appointment as Archdeacon of Dudley. Mr. Green has now 'circled' this tower, and the conductor has 'circled' it six times.

### BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENTS.

At the Church of St. George, Wrotham, Kent, on Saturday, Feb. 24th, in an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, the bells were brought round at half-way (2,528 changes) owing to a shift course: \*H. Blackett 1, J. E. Lyddiard 2, F. Woolway 3, \*R. Vigor 4, A. S. Richards 5, G. Butcher 6, E. J. Beer 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. \* Longest length. First touch of Major by ringer of 3rd, to whom credit is due. Rung as a birthday compliment to the local captain, Mr. R. G. Rayfield, with many thanks to him and the Vicar for the use of the bells.

On Sunday, February 25th, for evensong at Kingston Seymour, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings), 1,260 changes: E. C. S. Baker 1, Miss E. K. Matthews 2, E. R. Norton 3, H. A. Price (conductor) 4, Albert Harris (first quarter-peal) 5, H. W. Price 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Norton to celebrate the birth of their son on the previous Sunday.

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**BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL.**

BY GEORGE BAKER.

A peal of Bristol Surprise Royal being now an accomplished fact—it was rung at Beddington on February 19th—it will no doubt interest many of the present-day ringers to learn that the late Mr. Arthur Craven was the first to publish the method in 'The Ringing World' on March 3rd, 1922.

The method was challenged the same year by Mr. York Bramble and by the Rev. E. B. James, the author of Bristol Surprise Major, because the lead-head was different from the Major, but it is safe to say that neither of these gentlemen at that time realised that a method when extended to the higher numbers does not necessarily have the same lead-head.

Mr. Arthur Craven was one of the first to realise this, and his method 'Ipswich Surprise,' with the fifth the pivot throughout, is a good illustration of this fact.

I, myself, during 1922 canvassed all the well-known composers of that time as to whether a certain plain single method of Royal and Maximus were one and the same method, pointing out, if they agreed, that there was no doubt about the Major because 9-0 were the only bells left out of the placemaking, and I wound up by asking, 'Is there a Minor to this method?'

Of the 23 composers written to 15 agreed with me that there was a Minor method, and that the Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus were all one method.

Two agreed as to Major, Royal and Maximus being the same method, but were doubtful about the Minor.

One called them Oxford extensions.

One said they were all different methods!

One preferred not to give an opinion.

Three did not reply to my letters.

The plain single method which was the object of the canvass had the following lead-heads:—

Minor	135264
Major	17856342
Royal	1089674523
Maximus	108t6e492735

The plain single method can be doubled, and the lead-heads then are:—

Minor	156342
Major	14263857
Royal	1352749608
Maximus	1795e3t20486

To this double method, if the Treble Bob hunt is applied and the same essential moves used as in the plain method, together with the subsidiary moves necessary because of the Treble Bob hunt, we obtain a Surprise method that will extend to Infinity with a different lead-head for every pair of bells added, and, seeing that the Major

of this method is 'Bristol Surprise,' there can be no possible doubt that the method is one and the same from Minor to Infinity.

Following is a lead of the method together with the peal composition rung at Beddington:—

**'BRISTOL' SURPRISE ROYAL.**

1234567890  
2143658709  
1234685079  
2143860597  
2413885079  
4231658709  
2413567890  
4231578980  
2435179808  
2345716980  
3254179608  
2345718068  
3254791086  
3527490168  
5372941086  
5739240168  
7593420618  
5739246081  
5372940618  
3527496081  
3254769801  
2345678910  
2436579801  
4263758910  
2436578190  
2345671809  
3254768190  
3527481809  
5372416890  
3527146980  
5372419608  
5732146980  
7531249608  
5713294068  
7531920486  
5713902846  
5173098264  
1537902846  
5173920486  
1537294068

1352749608  
8th's place Bob.

**THE PEAL.**

5,040 BY F. E. DARBY.  
23456 3 4 5  
35264 — —  
52364 — —  
23564 — —  
56234 — —  
62534 — —  
25634 — —  
52436 — —  
24536 — —  
53246 — —  
32546 — —  
25346 — —  
34256 — —  
42356 — —  
23456 — —

**YOXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR.**

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

12345678

21354768	23456	W. M. H.
12537486	42356	—
21357846	35426	—
23158764	43528	—
32517846	52436	—
32158764	42635	—
23517846	56234	—
32571486	25634	—
35274168	63254	—
53721486	26354	—
57324168	32654	—
75342618	63425	—
57436281	54326	—
54763218	32546	—
45672381	65324	—
54783281	36524	—
45672318	53624	—
46527381	62534	—
64253718	45236	—
46235178	24536	—
42631587	53246	—
24365178	25346	—
23461587	34256	—
32418857	23456	—
23148675		
23416857		
32148675		

This composition (5,152) has the 4th and 5th the extent in 6th's place. The first peal in this method was rung at Helmingham on February 9th, 1934, conducted by L. G. Brett.

Bob.

12357486

**PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The interesting peal of Treble Bob Royal, by Mr. Nolan Golden, published in your issue of March 16th, may be the first exact 5,000 rung with these qualities. I composed the two following peals containing the same qualities in 1918. The 5,080 was rung at Sheffield Cathedral on December 26th, 1927, conducted by the author:—

5,080. (No. 275.)	5,000. (No. 276.)
23456 M. W. H.	23456 M. W. H.
54326 2 2	54326 2 2
53246 1 2	42356 2
36245 1 2	26354 2 * 1 2
32465 1 2	23564 1 2
23564 2 2	26435 2 1 1
25634 1 2	24365 1 2
52436 2 2	23645 1 2
26435 1 2	32546 2 2
32654 2 2	45236 2 2
23456 2 2	23456 1 1

\* In and 5ths.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Chesterfield.

**A DERBYSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.****PARISHIONERS' READY RESPONSE AT SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL.**

The six bells at St. Michael's Church, Sutton-on-the-Hill, Derbyshire, have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who cast the bells over forty years ago.

A thanksgiving service was held on Wednesday evening, March 21st, when the preacher was the Rev. W. S. Penley, R.D., Rector of Boyestown.

After the service the local ringers, assisted by visiting ringers from Tutbury and Mr. R. H. Dove, representative of the bell founders, tried the bells, which are now a very smooth-running peal.

The bell frame has been secured and the Eliacombe chiming apparatus overhauled, and the parishioners of this small village deserve congratulations on having subscribed by 'straight giving' the whole amount required within two months.

## PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—One sentence in your article on page 188 this week stresses a point I have on more than one occasion endeavoured to make, especially so at the last Council meeting. I refer to the sentence, 'If they were true in 1928, they cannot be false in 1934.' Exactly so, and if they are false in 1934 they cannot have been true in 1928, or at any other time. Therefore, whatever we say or do in this matter of falseness must have a retrospective effect. The president stated at the last Council meeting that members were legislating for the future. I respectfully submit that in this matter of falseness of certain compositions there can be no such course—if they are now false they were never otherwise. I am very glad to know you support me in this contention.

What do we do when we find a peal composition to be false? We at once withdraw it from records when it has already been rung, and we also do our best to ensure that it is not rung again. This is done without hesitation with false compositions of Triples, Major, etc., and why a different course should be adopted with Doubles and Minor I am at a loss to understand.

Now it is obvious that truth, in the sense that each of the 5,040 rows in a peal of Minor must be different, is an impossibility. (The same applies to Doubles.) The truth of this class of peal has, at any rate up to recent years, been decided by the truth of each of the several units of 720 that go to make up the whole. Thus a '5,040' of Minor, where each '720' has been 'true and complete' in itself, has been recognised as a true peal.

For the purposes of the case I now put forward I do not propose to go into any of the reasons why this practice has in some instances been departed from. The fact remains that peals of Minor have been rung, and are still being rung, which do not contain seven true and complete extents, but contain the 720 rows each the same number of times, in the whole peal. In other words, truth in the sense of there being no repetition of rows in the whole peal being an impossibility, it is claimed that any way of producing the exact equivalent in rows to the rows contained in seven true and complete extents is admissible as a peal. (This also applies to Doubles.) There are, unfortunately for the prospects of a settlement of this controversy, many different schools of thought on the question. I will divide them into groups, as follows:—

1. Those who insist that peals of Minor should contain at least seven true and complete 720's, any departure from this being considered as falseness.
2. Those who say that the initial row of rounds is admissible as a change, and that therefore the Bankes James Cambridge and similar compositions contain seven true blocks of 720 rows each, any departure from this (or No. 1) being considered as falseness.
3. Those who say that any combination of 5,040 rows would constitute a true peal, provided that each of the 720 rows appeared seven times.
4. Those who object to any departure from the 'seven true and complete' principle (No. 1), but who admit that compositions as in Nos. 2 and 3 are not necessarily false. (This group might be subdivided, some ringers only objecting to No. 3.)
5. Those who object to 5,040 rows of Minor or Doubles being claimed as a peal under any circumstances, on the ground that repetition must occur.

To show the difficulties in the way of a settlement I will instance my own troubles in putting forward the claims of Group 3. I not only find Groups 1 and 2 against me, but Group 4 as well. Generally, too, a ringer in Group 5 ranges himself on the side of Group 1, and thus I find myself in a minority, although the opposition is by no means unanimous on anything except that it does not want what I am prepared to accept as a peal.

I therefore suggest that, as the first step towards a settlement, the Council should decide definitely whether, in its opinion, any departure from the 'seven true and complete' rule in peals of Minor or '42 true and complete' in peals of Doubles, necessarily violates truth.

If the Council decides that any departure must under any circumstances mean falseness, the Exercise should face up to the consequences of having some hundreds of peals already rung being condemned as false. There is no virtue in denouncing certain compositions as false, as so many members of the Council have done, when at the same time they vote for the adoption of the peals analysis containing numbers of those peals. Nor is there any virtue in members asking the Council to declare peals to be false when numbers of these peals remain in records of the societies those members represent.

Let the Council therefore clear up this matter of truth and falseness in peals of Minor and Doubles, and I, as a Council representative, am quite prepared to agree to any definition which will exclude such compositions as six and five-bell ringers show they do not want. But I strongly object to a peal being condemned as false when it contains exactly the same rows, exactly the same number of times, as a peal rung under the existing definitions. It has never been explained why rounds should be singled out as the only row in a 5,040 of Minor which must be 720 rows apart. To be logical, those who make that claim should insist on all the rows being an equal number of rows apart, and thus make it impossible to ring a true peal of Minor unless each 'extent' is called alike.

C. T. COLES.

## A BELLRINGING NOVEL.

TREBLE BOB AS CLUE TO MYSTERY.

'The Nine Tailors,' a novel by Miss Dorothy L. Sayers, to which we have previously referred in these columns, continues to be one of this season's 'best sellers.' It is a detective story which grips the reader from beginning to end, and is especially interesting to ringers from the fact that bellringing plays no small part in the mystery.

As those who read Miss Sayers' letter in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' will know, she made a patient study of 'Troyte' in order to get a first hand knowledge of the art, and she has adopted the novel plan of using ringing expressions for her chapter headings. Moreover, each part of the story has a ringing title. For instance, Part I. is called 'A short touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (two courses),' and this is followed by a 704 in the method copied from 'Troyte,' thus:—

704  
By the Course Ends  
64352  
23456

8th the Observation.

Call her in the middle with a double,  
before, wrong and home.

Repeat once.

Then comes 'The First Course,' 'The Bells are Rung Up,' 'The Second Course,' and 'The Bells in their Courses.' And thus the story is carried on. The second part is 'A full peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part Peal),' dealt with in similar fashion with such unusual chapters as 'Mr. Gotobed is called Wrong with a Double,' 'Lord Peter is called into the Hunt,' 'Lord Peter is taken from lead and makes third's place,' and so on.

The third part of the story is 'A short touch of Stedman Triples (five parts),' including 'The Quick Work,' 'The Slow Work,' 'The Dodging,' etc. 'A full peal of Kent Treble Bob Major,' in the introduction to which J. Wilde's 5,376 is given, brings the story to a close, and 'The Bells are Rung Down' on the elucidation of the mystery by Lord Peter Wimsey.

Miss Sayers had a dual aim in writing this book—to produce a good detective story, which she has done with the touch of a master, and to make more widely known to the general public some of the fascinations of change ringing. 'From time to time,' she says in her 'Foreword,' 'complaints are made about the ringing of church bells. It seems strange that a generation which tolerates the uproar of the internal combustion engine and the wailing of the jazz band should be so sensitive to the one loud noise that is made to the glory of God. England, alone in the world, has perfected the art of change ringing and the true ringing of bells by rope and wheel, and will not lightly surrender her unique heritage.'

Of the ringer she says, in describing his earnestness and enthusiasm in one part of the story, 'His passion—and it is a passion—finds its satisfaction in mathematical completeness and mechanical perfection, and as his bell weaves her way rhythmically up from lead to hinder place and down again, he is filled with the solemn intoxication that comes of intricate ritual faultlessly performed.'

The character sketches of the old country ringers will recall to readers many such specimens of their type in the course of their experiences, and except for the incident of the beer-drinking in the belfry—which has long been a thing of the past—ringers owe a debt of gratitude to Miss Sayers for introducing their art to the public in a new way.

The mystery of the story surrounds the theft of an emerald necklace and the discovery of an unidentifiable body in a newly opened grave. How one of the ringers was suspected of murder, how a cryptic message constructed in a diagram of Treble Bob led to the discovery of the jewels, and how the cause of the unknown's death was elucidated and his identification established, we leave our readers to find for themselves from the story.

'The Nine Tailors' is published at 7s. 6d. by Messrs. Victor Gollancz, Ltd.

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN 720.

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on March 15th, 720 London Surprise: Miss D. I. Leatham 1, Miss E. M. Cooke 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, F. T. Parry 4, W. H. Parry 4, A. K. Leatham (conductor) 6. The band consisted of two sisters, two brothers and brother and sister, whose aver-

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****STEP TO ENCOURAGE 'FIRST PEALERS.'**

'None of our band have rung a peal, and none of them want to.' This was the reply from one tower to a letter from the hon. secretary of Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, inquiring whether there were any members of the band who had not rung a peal but who wished to do so.

A report was made to the district meeting at Sherborne on Saturday week of the results of the district secretary's canvass of the towers to ascertain if there were any ringers in the district who, not having yet rung a peal, had ambitions in that direction. It was found that where there was sufficient interest to desire to ring a peal it was chiefly in those bands who were anxious to achieve the laudable ambition of scoring a 'local peal.' Others who expressed a desire for a peal found a ready response among the members to accommodate them, and in due time it is hoped to add a number of 'first pealers' to the Guild's records.

The meeting was a very successful one, and was attended by about 40 members of the district and neighbouring towers. The Rector (Rev. Sir Paget Bowman) conducted the Guild's service and gave an address, but having only recently recovered from an illness was unable to be present at the tea. He was cordially thanked by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), who presided, for his kindness.

Sherborne has a numerous band of ringers. Two of them were elected members of the Guild, and others, who had lapsed, rejoined. The ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise, and was chiefly, as it should be, in the interests of those who wished to practise a higher method.

**A LADY'S 200 PEALS.**

Mrs. Harry Baker, of Frittenden, Kent, recently rang her 200th peal, and shortly afterwards she and her husband rang their 200th peal together. She is the first Kent lady to reach this total, and is heartily to be congratulated upon her achievement. Always a safe ringer and good striker, she is a real enthusiast. Most of her journeys have been made by bicycle, and, wet or fine, she can always be relied upon. The following is the list of her first 200 peals:—

Grandsire Doubles 2, Bob Minor 1, four Minor methods 1, seven Minor methods 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 2, Grandsire Triples 47, Stedman Triples 29, Bob Major 20, Kent Treble Bob Major 39, Oxford Treble Bob Major 6, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 31, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Spliced Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Major 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Spliced Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 1, Grandsire Caters 3, Erin Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 7, Canterbury Pleasure Royal 1, Bob Royal 1; total, 200.

**FIRST QUARTER PEALS.**

**BASINGSTOKE.**—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung for evening service on Sunday, March 11th: H. Munday (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Wilson 2, F. A. Munday 3, G. W. Munday 4, H. Balaam 5, E. Austin 6, H. Wooding (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8.

**WINDSOR.**—On Sunday evening, March 11th, at the Parish Church, 1,248 Painswick Surprise Major: \*W. Birmingham 1, \*G. H. Gutteridge 2, A. R. Pink 3, W. Welling 4, J. S. Goldsmith 5, G. Gilbert 6, \*H. Wingrove 7, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 8. \* First touch in the method.

**LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.**—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Harry Adams 1, W. Baggett 2, Herbert Adams 3, F. W. Britchett (conductor) 4, G. Cuss 5, F. Darvill 6. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor, and first 'inside' the ringer of the third.

**BENEDDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. George's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Ballard 1, W. H. Lambert 2, A. Stevenson (conductor) 3, H. Pope 4, A. Avery 5, G. Simms 6. First quarter for ringers of treble, 4th and 5th.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church for evensong on March 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): R. H. Moore 1, B. D. Elliott 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, H. Furlonger 4, G. Ayliffe 5, H. Smithers 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, J. H. B. Hesse 8. R. H. Moore's first quarter-peal, and first quarter-peal of Bob Major recorded by the local band.

**PULBOROUGH.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. D. W. Atfield (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Ryman 2, C. S. Greenfield 3, F. Paige 4, H. O. Greenfield 5, A. Holden 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, F. J. Killick 8. Arranged for F. Paige, late of Sevenoaks, Kent.

**HARLOW COMMON.**—On Sunday, Mar. 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise (1,280 changes): B. Copping 1, G. Dent 2, L. Cordell 3, W. Wedlock 4, W. Morris 5, J. Cavill 6, H. Smale 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1 and 4.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**—On Wednesday, Feb. 28th, for a Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by the Oxhey Society: \*F. Steward 1, \*P. Bishop 2, E. Bowley 3, J. Bowley 4, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 5, R. Goldsney 6. \* First quarter-peal in the method.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On Feb. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Badger 1, T. Ferris 2, T. Brice 3, \* Ferris 4, H. W. Knight 5, L. Derrick (first quarter-peal) 6, N. Coombs (conductor) 7, T. Gunning 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

There seems to be little liking for 'odd-bell' methods in Norfolk. Last year there was not, out of the 73 peals recorded, a single peal of Doubles, Triples, Caters or Cinques rung by the Norwich Diocesan Association, and we believe it is some years since a peal of Triples, Caters or Cinques was rung in the county.

Peal-ringing history in Norfolk since the association was formed fifty-seven years ago seems to have been mainly in 'even bell' methods. Out of a total of 4,566 peals rung by the association, all but 702, or about 85 per cent., have consisted of Minor, Major, Royal or Maximus. And many of the 'odd-bell' peals were not rung in Norfolk but in Suffolk when that county was in the Norwich diocese.

The comparison between the 'even' and 'odd-bell' peals is not uninteresting. On 12 bells, Maximus 90, Cinques 47; on 10 bells, Royal 140, Caters 88; on eight bells, Major 2,608, Triples 399; on six bells, Minor 1,026, Doubles 163.

At a meeting held near Leeds, on Saturday last, various questions were asked with regard to 'Tom.' Now Tom is a mighty Smith from the Bradford area, and he has been missing from these meetings for some time without leave. He is now asked to attend the next meeting and explain his conduct.

Fifty years ago, on March 21st, 1884, Mr. C. F. Winney called Holt's Original 'double-handed.' He celebrated the jubilee last Friday by repeating the performance. For any other 'youth' of 76 this would be no mean achievement, but Mr. Winney just takes these things in his stride. There are many of us who hope we shall have memories as good and brains as alert when we have passed the three-quarter century mark.

The oldest active member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, if not the oldest active ringer in the country, Mr. Henry Coombes, of 25, Swanmore Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, celebrated his 91st birthday on Wednesday. He will have the good wishes of every member of the Exercise.

Mr. Coombes has been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Ryde, since 1886, when the bells were dedicated, and still rings for service.

The peal list of Edwin A. Barnett, published last week, should have shown ten peals of Double Norwich, instead of one as printed.

The composition of the peal of Bob Major rung at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on March 15th, has been found to be by the late Rev. J. Holme-Pilkington and not by the conductor.

## WOODBIDGE BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—While these bells were being rehung, I was asked by some of the church authorities to write a letter to the 'Woodbridge Reporter' about them. I did so, and the letter was approved by everyone. The 'East Anglian Daily Times,' however, copied it, but one sentence was not printed as it appeared in the 'Woodbridge Reporter.' This sentence, in its wrong form, misled you, as well as your anonymous correspondent. I wrote a second letter to the 'East Anglian Daily Times' giving the correct explanation of what I had actually written. Your correspondent says that he knew of this, but was quite satisfied with what was wrong. He seems to think also that he is reliable. Fortunately a letter appears just under his, explaining that a ring which he had twice assured us has never been recast, was recast in 1913.

If 'Old Ringer' had been at the enthusiastic meeting at Woodbridge on March 17th, perhaps his unreasoning jealousy of Woodbridge's good fortune would have been wiped out.

So far the only eight-bell rings, all the bells cast at one time and none recast since, earlier than 1799, appear to be at Thetford, Norfolk, and the unringable peal at Merton College.

Woodbridge.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## L.C.A. AND SURREY.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the London County Association, statements that have appeared in 'The Ringing World' with regard to the difficulties of the Surrey Association are naturally causing a certain amount of interest to me. It is a pity that a member of the Surrey Association should make such a rash statement of his opinions without first securing any sound evidence.

Of course it is a common experience in these days of soaking fresh fields even if such advances may crush one's neighbours, but such actions seem to me hardly in keeping with principles that should be maintained in church work. Here again comes the question, Are we working in brotherly harmony for the causes of the Church, or are we simply out for our own personal pleasures?

Our name in connection with the Southwark Diocese was conferred upon us by the late Bishop of Southwark, whilst the present Bishop of Southwark has also stated that it is his pleasure to be our patron.

Finally, I would add that the 'L.C.A.' is an extremely happy one, and does not seek fresh fields at the expense of others, but whilst quite willing to work in conjunction with other societies will undoubtedly strenuously defend its own interests.

CHAS. O. MOORE.

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**MR. GEORGE HUGHES.****A ONE ARMED RINGER.**

One of the most notable figures in Midland ringing circles for many years has been Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who has triumphed over the handicap of having only one arm—the left.

For nearly 30 years he has been ringing master at Wednesbury, and while advancing years—he is now 72—and failing health have lately restricted his activities, he is not only an excellent ringer, but a capable conductor and a composer of no mean ability. He has rung peals in a great variety of methods from Minor to Maximum and from Plain Bob to London Surprise, his disability



MR. GEORGE HUGHES,  
of Wednesbury.

being no bar to his accurate striking. He used regularly to ring the eighth at Wednesbury, a bell which, as many who have visited the tower know, is no easy job even for those with both arms.

Among his peals have been the first peal of Double Oxford Royal and the first peal of Erin Cinques ever rung. His peals are as follow:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Bob Minor ... ..	1	
Minor in five methods ... ..	1	
Minor in seven methods ... ..	1	
Darlaston Bob Triples ... ..	1	1
Oxford Bob Triples ... ..	1	1
Grandsire Triples ... ..	17	6
Grandsire Caters ... ..	11	7
Stedman Triples ... ..	23	7
Stedman Caters ... ..	22	9
Stedman Cinques ... ..	3	
Erin Cinques ... ..	1	
Double Norwich Caters ... ..	1	
Erin Caters ... ..	1	1
Bob Triples ... ..	2	
Bob Major ... ..	18	10
Bob Royal ... ..	3	2
Bob Maximus ... ..	2	
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	3	

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**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.****NOMINATION MEETING.**

On Saturday last the tower at Bramley was soon filled to capacity by the members at the monthly meeting, which was brought forward from the usual (last) Saturday in order to be clear of Holy Week. The bells were rung to various methods until teatime, when the assembled company crossed the road to the church schools, where the local company and ladies had prepared a splendid tea.

The business meeting was held in the same room, the president being chairman. Mr. W. H. Senior proposed, and Mr. T. W. Strangeway seconded, that the best thanks of the society be accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Bramley for the use of the bells and to the local company for the arrangements.—Mr. S. Helliwell replied for the local company.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for their services at the tea tables was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. H. Marsden.

Nominations for the officers to serve the next 12 months were received, and these will be confirmed at the general meeting which it is hoped to hold on April 28th at Leeds Parish Church.

Suggestions as to the list of towers to be visited were asked for, and it was finally decided to request the secretary to arrange and bring forward a list at the general meeting.

A notice of motion, under Rule 9, was given by the treasurer, and as this affects all members a full attendance at the next meeting is requested.

**RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.****CHRISTCHURCH SOCIETY LOSES TWO MEMBERS.**

December 23rd saw the commencement of a very successful 10 days' ringing at Christchurch, New Zealand. In the evening 14 ringers met in the belfry and indulged in extensive ringing on the 10 bells until nine o'clock, when all repaired to the 'Dixieland' tea-rooms, where a much appreciated supper was made to 'look small.' The Master (Mr. G. H. Claydon) welcomed Dean Julius and outside ringers present. He referred to the loss to the society of the hon. secretary (Mr. J. R. de Lambert) and a keen member (Mr. G. A. Lightband), who had both been transferred, temporarily at least, to other parts of the country. In spite of this loss the prospects for 1934 were bright, and all looked forward to a successful year's ringing.

The Dean endorsed Mr. Claydon's remarks, and was sure the ringing would be carried on as well as ever. It would mean more work for those left, but as Christchurch was the only ringing centre in the Dominion they must uphold their status.

Messrs. Lightband and de Lambert each replied, recalling many happy and profitable hours spent in the ringing room, and thanking members for good wishes. Both expressed the intention of returning to Christchurch when the opportunity offered.

The Dean then took the chair at an informal general meeting. Mr. T. R. E. Witte was elected assistant hon. secretary, and a new member, Mr. J. Grimes, was elected and welcomed to the society. With the disposal of general business and the exchange of season's greetings, the meeting closed.

After ringing for evening service on Christmas Eve, nine ringers accompanied the ringers' cake to St. Saviour's Orphanage, and in the various dormitories rendered plain courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

Christmas was ushered in with ringing on eight bells at 6 a.m., and there was ringing again at 10 a.m. for the morning service.

The next 'special' ringing was on New Year's Eve to ring the old year out and usher in 1934. After an hour's various ringing at midnight the tenor was struck 12 times, and after the twelfth blow the ten bells joined in a joyful welcome to the new year. The ringing was broadcast, and those who took part thought of fellow-ringers at home similarly engaged, and wished them a happy and prosperous year.

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Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	2	
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	2	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ... ..	2	
Double Oxford Major ... ..	2	
Double Oxford Royal ... ..	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major ... ..	1	
Double Norwich Major ... ..	13	2
Forward Major ... ..	1	
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	3	1
Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	4	
New Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	1	
Norfolk Surprise Major ... ..	1	
Bristol Surprise Major ... ..	3	
London Surprise Major ... ..	3	
Total ... ..	151	47

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****CHELTEMHAM BRANCH'S PROPOSED OUTING.**

A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Badgeworth on Saturday week, about 30 members from the various towers in the district attending. Many methods were practised before the service, which was held in the pretty little church.

Taking for his text, 'I am the Vine, ye are the branches,' the Vicar (the Rev. W. Downes) gave a very interesting and inspiring address, which struck the members as being something quite different from the usual sermon at these services. His words were very much appreciated.

The chief item of the business meeting was the discussion on the forthcoming outing, it being eventually decided to tour the Thames Valley on June 9th, tower masters being asked to notify the secretary not later than April 1st as to numbers from their respective towers.

In voicing the thanks of the company to all who had helped towards such a successful meeting, Mr. W. Deveroux especially thanked Mr. W. Oakey for providing the tea, and the choir, whose presence gave so much pleasure at these services.

The tower was again visited, and ringing indulged in until nine o'clock.

**MR. R. SPERRING'S 500 PEALS.**

Mr. Robert Sperring rang his 500th peal on March 17th at Bunbury, Cheshire. All of the peals have been rung on church bells, and, as will be seen in the list below, he has conducted a large proportion of them:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Doubles ... ..	1	1
Doubles in three methods ... ..	1	1
Bob Minor ... ..	3	2
Minor in three methods ... ..	6	2
Minor in four methods ... ..	7	2
Cambridge Surprise Minor ... ..	1	
Grandsire Triples ... ..	111	69
Double Grandsire Triples ... ..	1	
Grandsire and New Grandsire Spliced ... ..	1	
Union Triples ... ..	2	
Double Oxford Bob Triples ... ..	2	
Stedman Triples ... ..	46	20
Oxford Bob Triples ... ..	3	1
Bob Major ... ..	41	21
Double Bob Major ... ..	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	88	70
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major Spliced ... ..	5	4
Duffield Major ... ..	1	
Albion Treble Bob Major ... ..	2	
St. Clement's Treble Bob Major ... ..	1	
Single Oxford Bob Major ... ..	1	
Double Oxford Bob Major ... ..	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ... ..	77	51
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	9	8
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	13	3
Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	17	6
New Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	1	
Yorkshire Surprise Major ... ..	1	
Belgrave Surprise Major ... ..	1	
Bristol Surprise Major ... ..	4	3
London Surprise Major ... ..	9	6
Grandsire Caters ... ..	3	3
Stedman Caters ... ..	10	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..	13	9
Bob Royal ... ..	3	1
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal Spliced ... ..	1	1
Cambridge Surprise Royal ... ..	3	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal ... ..	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ... ..	2	1
Grandsire Cinques ... ..	1	1
Bob Maximus ... ..	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ... ..	1	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus ... ..	1	
Total ... ..	500	290

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Simons 1, R. Hayward 2, G. T. White 3, L. J. Noakes 4, W. A. Groves 5, J. Squire 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, J. W. Smith 8. Arranged for the conductor, who was paying a flying visit to the county town.

**EXETER, DEVON.**—On Sunday, March 4th, for evening service at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins.: C. Hosgood 1, R. Rundle 2, J. Hosgood 3, W. Willis 4, L. Willis 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, A. H. Goad 8. Quickest quarter-peal on the bells.

**NOTICES.**

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The meeting at Ogbourne St. George on March 31st has been postponed until April.—A. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The new peal of ten bells recently installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, of which the two trebles are a memorial to the late Mr. Sam Thomas, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Saturday, March 31st, at 3 p.m. Open ringing afterwards. By the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) a Ringers' Day will take place on Saturday, April 21st.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—April meetings at St. Clement Danes, Strand: Easter Sunday, morning service ringing, 10 a.m. Practices April 9th at 7 p.m., April 23rd at 7.30 p.m. Quarterly meeting, April 9th, at 8.15 p.m. All ringer visitors welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 67, Canonbie Road, Honor Oak.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 54th annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Committee meeting in All Saints' vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open during the day: All Saints', Maidstone (10), Leeds (10), Linton (8), West Malling (8), Aylesford (8), Barming (6), East Farleigh (6), Boxley (6), and Bearstead (6).—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Leicester, on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (10), St. John's (10), St. Saviour's (8) open from 11 a.m. during day (except short intervals for weddings, etc.). Committee meet 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 9d. per head) at Victoria Hotel, near Midland Station. General meeting follows. Convivial evening at Star Hotel, Clock Tower, 7 p.m. onwards.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 2nd. 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. H. W. Benson, M.A., Vicar of Buxton. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., to whom a presentation will be made to celebrate his 25 years as president. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 12.20 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Ringing at Cathedral at 12 noon, St. Peter's 2 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Michael's by arrangement. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Earnshaw Smith, Vicar of Watford. Meat tea in the Abbey Institute after service, followed by the Annual Meeting for the election of officers, etc. Please let me know whether you intend to take tea. This is very important.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Middleham on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at the Commercial Hotel 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.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Meeting, Cirencester, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Management Committee meeting in Schoolroom at 11.30 a.m. Lunch at Viner's Restaurant (own arrangements) 2s. per head. Service at Watermoor 2.30 p.m. General meeting in Schoolroom at 3 p.m. Tea to follow, 1s. per head, at Viner's. Watermoor bells (8) available all day. Parish Church (12) after meeting.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**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. St. Peter's later. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting on Easter Monday at St. Neots (Hunts). Bells of the Parish Church (8), Eynesbury (6), and Eaton Socon (8) available during afternoon and evening. Short service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Shepherd's Cafe, Market Square, at 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting.—B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at New Alresford on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Corner

House at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming. Five towers available for ringing.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) available from 10.30 a.m. (not 10 a.m.). Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. each. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. N. Cawthorne and M. E. Wilson, Dis. Hon. Secs.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at South Normanton on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send number requiring tea to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service, Parish Church, at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.10 at the Geisha Cafe. Bells (6) 2.30, also Luppitt (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers are very welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bonvilston, near Cardiff, on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).**—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on April 3rd, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 17th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual General Committee Meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Transport can be arranged from either Tiverton or Bampton for visitors if notification is sent to me by Saturday, March 31st (latest date), also for tea. Bampton bells also available.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, April 7th. 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 April 4th? Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will only be provided for those who send word not later than March 31st to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on April 7th. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6). Service: St. Mary-le-Tower at 4. Tea at St. Matthew's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Wem (8 bells) on Saturday, April 7th, commencing at 3 p.m., with interval for tea, etc., at 5 p.m. All requiring tea should notify me by April 3rd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than Wednesday, April 4th.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at St. John's Church, Crossens. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the School at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. W. H. Rimmer, 1, Manx Janis Lane, Marshside, Crossens, not later than Wednesday, April 4th. There is an excellent bus service to Crossens from Lord Street, Southport. Please make an effort to attend this seldom visited tower. The May meeting has been arranged for Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 5th.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, April 7th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday, April 3rd, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Parish Room at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch. —A combined meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincoln Ladies' Guild will be held at Elsham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the School at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. Business meetings to follow. Please note.—Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Elsom, Elsham, Brigg, by the Wednesday previous. Please roll up.—H. Mingay and Mrs. R. Richardson, Secs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting (quarterly) will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, Bristol. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, April 4th.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Sawley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Subscriptions for the above are now due. Reports are ready.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch. —A meeting of the Stockport Branch will be held at Mossley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Arthur Whiting, Branch Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — West Norfolk Branch. — The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. and Lynn St. Margaret's for short time in evening.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** —A meeting will be held at Hanley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch. —A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, April 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Will those requiring tea kindly advise me before Thursday, April 5th? All ringers welcome. — Harry Parker, Branch Sec., 3, London Road, Davenham, near Northwich.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at St. Mary's Church. Bells available 5 p.m.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at East Crompton (6 bells) on Saturday, April 7th. 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, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea, 5, at White Hart Hotel. Service 6. Please let me know for tea by April 3rd.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Sec., 33, Chesterton Road, Cirencester.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bradden on April 7th. Service 3 p.m. Send number for tea, before April 4th, to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brewwood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. Knights-

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Sidecup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Preston, Blackburn, Fylde and Wigan Branches. — The annual joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting following. Please send number for tea no later than Thursday, April 12th, to Mr. John Roskell, 7, Prospect Place, Penwortham, Preston. Next combined branch practice at Whittle, Tuesday, April 10th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Preston.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.** — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 7th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Apply Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds, 12, not later than April 11th. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The sixth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m., Councillor T. Hanam Clark (Mayor) presiding. Tickets 3s. (ladies invited, same price). Ringing facilities: Barnwood 2 p.m. if required, St. Mary-de-Lode (6) 2.45 to 3.45, St. Mary-de-Crypt (8) 3.45 to 4.45, St. Michael's (8) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. You may go east and you may go west, but come to Gloucester and have the best. Tickets obtainable, with remittance, from W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., and meeting to follow. Special method London Surprise Major. For tea notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Rd., Liverpool, 16

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — The next meeting will be held at Royston on Sat., April 14th. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/- each). For those who apply before April 11th, a discount of 50% will be allowed. Ringers, come early to Royston and view a symphony in stone (the Church).—Write C. D. Potter, Prospect Villa, High Street, Royston, near Barnsley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central and Hunts Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Over, Cambs, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. We extend a hearty welcome to ringing friends.—H. Parker and F. Warrington, Dis. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Ealing on Saturday, April 21st. Service at St. Mary's Church at 4.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Willesden. Further particulars later.—C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Miss E. E. Hardcastle is now residing at 23, Dafforne Road, Upper Tooting, S.W.17.

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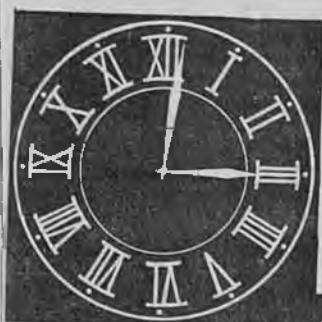
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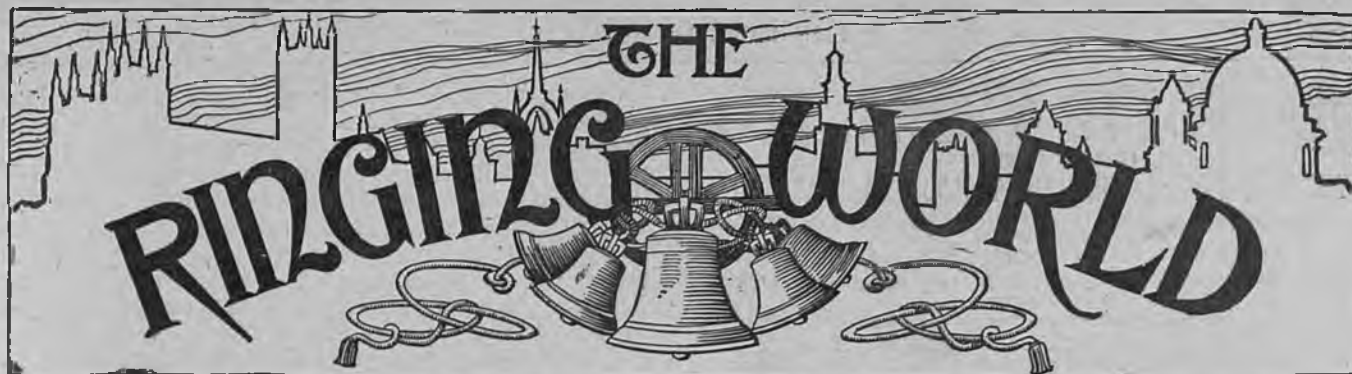
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## 'DEFAULTERS'

There are probably quite a number of ringers to whom the remarks made in the annual report of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and quoted in our last issue, apply. And they do not all reside in Norfolk. 'Those tiresome people who do not pay their subscriptions until the very last moment' are to be found, we are afraid, in every association and guild. Some, indeed, do not even pay at the very last moment and consequently let their membership lapse. It cannot always be put down to forgetfulness, because these people usually receive reminders of their indebtedness. The reason of it is, in the main, thoughtlessness and lack of consideration for others, and no end of trouble would be saved to officials if all members of ringing organisations would pay their contributions promptly. It is not that the amount demanded is onerous. Two shillings a year, which is the outside subscription, is not a burdensome fee, but unless the amount is forthcoming within a reasonable period after it becomes due, it may easily run away with much more than the equivalent of that sum in time and incidental expenses in the collection of it. But apart from the trouble and cost, there is the anxiety of those responsible to maintain the financial position of the association, and defaulters should ask themselves—if they ever ask themselves anything—where would the association be if all the members acted as they do? It should be a matter of honour among ringers that their subscriptions should be paid promptly. The people who collect their contributions are people who do the work for nothing, and it is not fair to put them to unnecessary trouble.

Besides this question of 'defaulters,' there were other points in the report of the South Norfolk Branch Secretary, which not only his own members, but many others might well take to heart. They are matters, indeed, which deserve the earnest attention of every ringer, particularly those which urge regular and punctual attendance for service ringing, better attendance at meetings and greater effort in securing new members. These things are the very essence of loyalty to a ringing association and if acted upon fully would vastly increase the usefulness and influence of our ringing organisations. In what percentage of towers, we wonder, does the service ringing always start with strict punctuality; what percentage of members attend their association meetings, and what percentage of individual ringers stir a finger to bring new blood into a tower? We believe the figures, if they could be ascertained, would be low. In any case, we are certain they could be greatly improved upon if ringers would take their task more seriously and realise their responsibilities to their towers and their associa-

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tions more fully. Is it not just as correct to say that those who fail in these matters are as much 'defaulters' as those who fail to pay their subscriptions when they become due? There is probably no other service or pursuit requiring team work which suffers so badly from unpunctuality as ringing, and in no other sphere, we think, would it be tolerated to such an extent. It is within the ringer's own power to alter it, and the 'defaulter' on punctuality should be the first to mend his ways. He forgets that his being late is not only wasting the time of the other members of the band, but holding them up to equal blame in the eyes of the public when, through his default, the bells fail to play fully their expected part.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 8
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 10
GEORGE R. PYE ... 5	ALBERT W. COLES ... 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Maximus on the bells.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp

FRED HAYES ... Treble	WILLIAM E. REDDIP ... 7
JAMES W. WILKINS ... 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... 8
FRANK WEST ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 9
RALPH COLES ... 4	P.S. CECIL A. SMITH ... 10
GEORGE WHITE ... 5	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 6	EDWARD R. CROXFORD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal of Stedman and on 12 bells. Rung in honour of the marriage of F. Donald Boreham, a member of the local band, to Miss Winifred Kendall at the above church, and of Mr. E. Bernard Saunders, a member of the choir, and late headmaster of All Saints' C. of E. School, to Miss Cartwright, of Norfolk, both on the above date. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Daisy Wilkins, Perth, Australia, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KRITH HART ... Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 6
ALBERT W. WARD ... 2	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 8
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. REID ... .. Treble	S. YATES ... .. 5
* E. BROWN ... .. 2	T. METCALFE ... .. 6
MRS. WARRIOR ... .. 3	† J. C. POLLARD ... .. 7
T. LANCASTER ... .. 4	W. ELLERINGTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSLOW.

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter to the Vicar (Rev. J. McN. Smith, B.A.). This is the first child born in the parish to the Vicar of the parish.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT THOMAS ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. SLACK ... .. 5
G. WILFRED SLACK ... .. 2	WILLIAM O. TALBOT ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD ... .. 3	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late David Yorke, who was a ringer at the neighbouring tower of Holbeck for many years, and was interred the previous day. The peal was also rung in affectionate remembrance of the late Mr. Henry Lindsay, who was a ringer at Headingley for nearly forty years, and who passed away on March 19th. R.I.P.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Treble	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7
* FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and 7th.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

CYRIL HOUSE ... .. Treble	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 6
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WILLIAM K. NORTH ... .. 4	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. AYNABLE.

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First peal in the method by all the band.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5
GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 2	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	LEONARD H. BAYBUTT ... .. 7
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4	HENRY E. AUDSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

BARNES, SURREY.—For evening service, on Sunday, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: A. Cutmore 1, W. Wood 2, R. Mackrill 3, F. Skevington (conductor) 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, A. Harding 7, P. Stratton 8.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS ... .. Treble	JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 5
* ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTHRSLEY.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

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On Wednesday, March 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Tenor 13½ cwt.

P.C. GEORGE PYE ... .. Treble	P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5
P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 2	P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... .. 6
* EX. P.C. BURLEY WALSHAW ... .. 3	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 7
P.C. DONALD BROWN ... .. 4	P.C. JAMES TURNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. C. FREDERICK PAGE.

\* First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL ... .. Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	JOHN P. PELLOB ... .. 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 3	* RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... .. 7
* CHARLES STEPHENS ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOB.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 8½ cwt.

* MISS MARJORIE C. FIELD ... .. Treble	MARK ROSIER ... .. 5
MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 6
ROBERT W. WARWICK ... .. 3	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... .. 4	† GILBERT J. TOWNSEND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	GEORGE KING ... .. 5
JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... .. 7
* WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

\* 25th peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Walter Elliot, Minister of Agriculture.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes): Miss D. Wacey 1, H. Bull 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. A. Wacey 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Wilton,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. Treble	S. PERCY MERSON ... .. 5
*DUDLEY F. SEELDON ... .. 2	*WM. A. SIVIER ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 7
S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 4	JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED J. WYATT.

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

## SIX BELL PEALS.

PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At DOUGLAS PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

NORMAN BROWN ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... .. 4
BENJAMIN T. ALLRED ... .. 2	GEORGE T. JENKS ... .. 5
ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 3	†ROBERT CORRIGAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN BROWN.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN Treble	MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... .. 4
†RONALD SMITH ... .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung for the Easter festival.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

A. NORMAN GEARY ... .. Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 4
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM ROOT ... .. 5
J. GIFFORD GEARY ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* 100th M.C.A. peal. First peal of Kent Minor by all except the conductor, and first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Specially rung half-muffled in sacred memory of 'I. N. R. I.'

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WALLACE COUSINS ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. BUNTING ... .. 4
THOMAS F. BUNTING ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in more than one method by ringers of 2nd and 4th. Quickest peal on the bells.

WOODBIDGE.—For confirmation service, on March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, C. E. Fisher 2, S. Woodward 3, F. L. Fisher 4, F. G. Woodruffe 5, G. N. Blake 6, C. J. Trotman (conductor) 7, J. Sawyer 8.

ABBOTS LEIGH.—On February 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Bennet 1, L. Moore (conductor) 2, F. Neate (first 720) 3, G. Chamberlain 4, Eric Frampton 5, E. Frampton 6.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 27, 1934, in Two Hours,

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

100th peal together by ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT, EDGELEY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3-4	*A. ERNEST JONES ... .. 7-8

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

\* First peal of Stedman.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Royal Masonic School,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 3-4	CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Umpire—Walter Ayre.

MALDON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

In St. Mary's School,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MISS AMY WALDOCK ... .. 1-2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3-4	FRED CHALK ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal on handbells. First handbell peal in the borough of Maldon and first in the county in which a lady has taken part. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 56th birthday. The band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Waldo at the conclusion of the peal.

## A NEW PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE.

QUALITIES NOT EASILY OBTAINED.

Peals of 5,024 of Superlative Surprise Major with the 4th and 6th the extent in 6th's place without the second in that position are very scarce. The following, composed by Mr. Frederick Dench, of Saffron Walden, was conducted by him at Ickleton, Cambs, on December 30th last:—

23456 M. B. W. H.

42356	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—
63125	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
62453	—	—	—
82534	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
45623	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

## THOMAS THURSTANS.

### CHEQUERED CAREER OF A GREAT COMPOSER.

#### Buried as an 'Unknown.'

Among those whose names will ever live in the art of ringing is Thomas Thurstans, of Birmingham, whose fame is made secure by his celebrated peal of Stedman Triples, the first ever composed on the twin bob system with two singles only. There are many worthies of a past age about whom ringers of to-day would like to learn something, but we have a picture of Thurstans from the pen of John Day; another Birmingham ringer, who was a contemporary. John Day has been dead for many years, but we are able to give his recollections of Thurstans by the kindness of Mr. Theodore Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, who sends us a copy of an article which was published about 40 years ago. It will, we are sure, be read with interest by all our readers and particularly by those who get so much enjoyment from ringing Thurstans' famous composition.

#### COMPOSER WHO LACKED PATIENCE.

Next to my uncle, Thomas, the first man I ever knew as a ringer, wrote John Day, was the celebrated Thomas Thurstans. About the year 1830 my father kept a public house, the Bell, in Smallbrook Street, Birmingham, and a frequent visitor to the house was a man whom I used to hear spoken of as 'Tommy Thurstans.'

He was looked upon by my parents as somewhat of a nuisance, being generally noisy and intoxicated. Possibly that was the reason I noticed him at so early an age.

At the commencement of my ringing career in the year 1842, one of the first names I heard mentioned in the Belfry was Thurstans, and I soon learned that it was the man I had known in childhood, and it was not long before I saw him. He was a bachelor, and lived with his sister in a small house in Church Street very near St. Philip's Church.

After Sunday morning practice, Chattel and I generally passed the house on our way home, and often Thurstans would be standing at his door in shirt sleeves, pipe in mouth, waiting to have a chat with Chattel. He would ask about the young band, give his opinion as to their progress, and generally work his way round to 'Lates and Stedman Triples,' since Lates and he were both hard at work at that time trying to improve the peal.

I only remember ringing with him once, when I was a very young hand, and he made a not very complimentary remark about my striking, but it did me no harm.

Thurstans' name will last probably as long as the 'art of ringing' is practised as the composer of the peal of Stedman Triples bearing his name. He must have begun to study composing when very young in the art, as he would be about twenty-four years of age when he called his peal of 6,600 Stedman Cinques, while there were also peals of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal of his composition rung even prior to that.

No doubt there would be a little rivalry between Thurstans and Cooper, as the latter had made a name before the former came on the scene. Being so good a man at the heavy end would enable Thurstans to assert himself and claim priority as conductor.

I have heard both my uncle and the late Henry Johnson say that Thurstans' great fault as a composer was his lack of patience to prove his work, and I have had many opportunities of knowing such to be the case. His later peals of Stedman were submitted to Mr. Johnson, and his peals of Treble Bob Major to Mr. T. Day to look over as to their truth.

#### FALSE PEALS—AND A RECORD.

When he was working at Treble Bob Major with the tenors parted, which resulted in his peal of 15,840, he sent a great number of peals to Mr. Day, the late Amos Cresser being the messenger, as he lived in Church Street very near Thurstans. Mr. Day used to look them over and then put them into an old hat, which he kept for the purpose in a recess over the stairs door, and the hat was nearly full before Thurstans produced a true peal. On one Sunday afternoon, on my way to see my uncle, as I usually did once a fortnight, I met Cresser coming away from his house. He told me he had taken another peal to be looked over, and when I arrived I found my uncle very interested in the figures. Knowing that it was of no use to speak to him while he was so occupied, I sat down and waited quietly for him to break the silence, and he did so presently with his usual, 'Yes! Yes! This will do, if he alters these three courses. I believe it will run true,' at the same time showing the papers with the 7th in 5th's. The alteration was made, and as is now well known the peal is true.

Thurstans was very pleased with his success, and went to see Mr. Day, thinking he had superseded the others' peals, but this was not

so, as Mr. Day had a peal of the same number of which he had said nothing, not even mentioning it to me. Thurstans was rather annoyed when he learned this, and could not help showing his pique, so that when he was leaving Mr. Day told him that if he sent any more peals to be looked at he hoped he would send him something of his own, 'for,' he said, 'what you have sent is nearly all my work.'

On one occasion a band met at Aston for a peal of Treble Bob Major, Mr. Day intending to ring the tenor and call one of his own peals. Thurstans was in the band, and almost at the last moment asked Mr. Day to call a peal of his (Thurstans'). Being willing to oblige, he did so, and an apparently excellent peal was rung. Among those who heard it was Lates, who had just begun to show his skill as a composer and as a listener. In due course he asked to see the figures, and pronounced it to be false. False it was, and Mr. Day was so much annoyed at the occurrence I believe he never rang another peal of Major.

When Mr. Henry Johnson began to compose Stedman, thinking he had a good peal of Caters, he asked Thurstans to look over it for him. This he did, pronouncing it true. It was rung at Aston, Thurstans being in the band, and on its publication a Mr. Cross, of Liverpool, sent for the figures and discovered them to be false. Of course, Johnson never trusted Thurstans again in this way.

About the year 1846 (the year that Thurstans composed his peal of Stedman) there was a great stir about Treble Bob Triples. Day had produced a peal, and Lates had by some means got one, while Day and Cooper had produced touches also. At that time the large bells at St. Martin's were seldom rung owing to the eleventh going so badly. Stedman and Treble Bob Triples were practised on the first eight, and some beautiful ringing used to be heard. The Treble Bob Triples was quite a feature, and Thurstans, on hearing a touch rung, tried his hand in that direction and submitted a number of touches to Johnson, not one of which was true. He made a final effort, and said if that was not true it was 'impossible' to get a true touch, and Day's and Cooper's must be false. But, like all the rest, his final effort was false.

Apart from all this, I have heard Mr. Johnson, my uncle, and others say that no man of his time understood the theory of composition more than he did, but that he jumped at conclusions that were often erroneous.

#### A WRECKED LIFE

In appearance Thurstans was a very broad-set man, about 5ft. 8in. in height, although not looking so tall, and in later years he had a stooping and waddling gait. It was very plain to see he had been a very strong man, as he was very wide from shoulder to hip. By trade he was a brass finisher, and up to 1825 or thereabouts was a quiet and respectable man. About that time there was a trade dispute, resulting in a strike, and through leaving his work in an unfinished state he was summoned before the magistrates, who, in the then existing state of the law, had power to send him to prison. This they did for a month's hard labour at Warwick gaol.

The first time I heard of this I was in conversation with Lates, about the time Thurstans had been having one of his 'break outs.' 'Ah!' said Lates, 'Tom has never done any good since they made him grind his own corn.'

There can be no doubt that this disgrace totally upset him and, although steady and right enough at times, on others he would break out and act more like a madman than anything else. We also used to think he had been jilted in a love affair, for when he had a fit on, if anyone said anything to him relating to women it would make him ten times worse (and this was sometimes done on purpose, I am sorry to say). In fact, I and one or two others always avoided him at these times as they generally lasted for weeks until he became dirty and ragged, and a fit of illness put an end to it.

The last time I remember seeing him he was respectably dressed in black—I think in mourning for his sister, with whom he had lived for many years. He was carrying a basket of soil, which he had been getting for his window plants. He told me he was unwell and could not work. That was in the spring of 1858, and in the autumn of that year Mr. T. Cole, a former member of St. Martin's Youths, went to Johnson and told him 'poor Tom' was dead. From what Mr. Cole said we were led to suppose that he had had a break out and was taken ill in the street, it was said with English cholera. He was taken to the 'General Hospital' and there died.

No one knew who he was, and no one enquired about him, so it came to pass that the parish authorities buried him, no friends or relatives being near. We used to think it was mainly through the influence of his brother Charles that he was employed for some years as a filer at Messrs. Ellingtons, the manager overlooking his transgressions as to loss of time, etc.

#### DONCASTER VICAR'S APPOINTMENTS.

The Doncaster Parish Church bellringers rang two quarter-peals of Stedman Triples for the Sunday morning and evening services in 47½ minutes to mark the election of their Vicar (Canon Brooks) as president of the Doncaster and District Association and his installation as Rural Dean of Doncaster by the Bishop of Sheffield at the evening service. The following took part in the ringing: M. G. Halksworth (conductor), E. Stacey, J. Holmes, H. Wagstaff, A. Stavelly, W. E. Lloyd, R. Thompson and H. Baldwin.

## PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For very shame I hesitate to bother you in the matter of Mr. Cashmore's letter of March 23rd. You have been so patient with us all—especially myself. But when there is persistent barking at the monkey which ain't up your tree, you would do something about it, wouldn't you?

In 1928 I tried to show that, not only did I view a theoretical lead in the light described so clearly and concisely (and not for the first time lately) by Mr. Cashmore, but—and far more importantly to the 'man in the belfry'—that, at Leytonstone, we rang our methods in precisely the same way. I have been trying to get Mr. Coles, and others, to admit this very fact for the past two years; and when a fresh correspondent entered, with the 'structure-of-leads' bee apparently so very fresh in his bonnet, to inform the world that . . . Mr. Joyce has . . . lost sight of the fact . . . my outburst was not (as Mr. Coles, of all people, had the nerve to state!) 'quite unmerited.'

If ever it dawns upon Mr. Cashmore—as eventually, perhaps, it might do—that he has been barking up the 'Joyce,' instead of the 'Coles,' tree, he might perhaps be inclined to proffer to you an apology for those '14 lines to the bad.' I have written 'might perhaps' in both instances quite advisedly.

One tires of 'turning the other cheek' to the statements of a personal nature which are slightly wide of fact. (There are debit accounts in the names of Messrs. Coles and Severn!) But Mr. Cashmore makes one which affects argument. He states that I '... create the impression that I have studied the 12-method peal . . . not as a branch of mathematics.' Now my particular bêtes noires are the terms 'mathematics' and 'mathematical laws,' when introduced in the hope of blinding the ordinary ringer to fundamental and easily explainable fact; but I am quite prepared, when occasion arises, to justify my statements from that point of view. And here goes!

Here is my 'hand,' face up on the table! Three names of gentlemen who have inspected (not 'examined' let it freely be admitted) my figures dealing with the proof of that 12-method peal—Messrs. Prior (Leytonstone, and District Master of Essex Association), Cross (some time of Watford district), and Macdougall (of Hornchurch). One who may be inclined, if necessary, to testify to the probable authenticity of those figures—Mr. Driver (of Belvedere). A letter from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who examined the system which Mr. Driver will presume was used on the job—'. . . I have pondered . . . your system . . . and should not hesitate to use it myself. . . '

Now, to justify his references to 'intelligent schoolboys' and 'rope manipulation,' it is Mr. Cashmore's turn to 'face his hand' in this 12-method deal, and show, with names whose testimony is unimpeachable, that he has travelled so far in this particular 'branch of mathematics.'

Finally, Mr. Cashmore asserts that every lead in that peal of Major is 'complete in itself and conforms with any plain course lead.' He calls for intelligent argument to prove the contrary. I offer none, nor have I ever tried so to do. But here are two jobs well worthy of Mr. Cashmore's 'mathematical' hire:—

(i.) To try to convince Messrs. Coles, Trollope and Company that every one of the 30 leads which comprise each extent of the peal of Cambridge is 'complete in itself and conforms, etc., . . . '

(ii.) And then 'intelligently to argue'—without bolsters of 'mathematical' generalities—that the extents of that peal are not 'complete,' while each and every lead which goes to make those extents is 'complete and conforms, etc., etc., . . . ' and not by standards of 'rope manipulation,' but by the standards of 'a branch of mathematics' so strenuously advocated by Mr. Cashmore himself.

'Mathematics'—in this particular direction—bah!

GEO. L. JOYCE.

### WILL ASSOCIATIONS ADJUST THEIR RULES?

Dear Sir,—As the Bankes James Cambridge is again likely to be the subject of much discussion at the Central Council meeting, it would be interesting to know what would be the attitude of those associations who have already reached a decision on the matter. Will they adjust their rules to conform with the C.C. decision, or shall we still have (as at present) some associations who allow this composition and some who do not?

I feel that, whatever the outcome of this controversy, all affiliated bodies should agree to the ruling of the C.C., or otherwise it will be best to leave it out of the C.C. agenda altogether.

A. E. ROWLEY.

Higham-on-the-Hill.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Feb. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. M. Hope 1, L. Smith 2, S. J. Worsfold 3, W. A. Law 4, H. R. Acoc 5, E. Cooper 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, S. R. Stevens 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6. First quarter-peal in the method ever rung in Fairfield by a resident band, also first as conductor by J. Hope.

## DEATH OF MR. H. LINDSAY.

A LOSS TO YORKSHIRE RINGING.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death, after a long and painful illness, of Mr. Henry Lindsay, of Holbeck, Leeds, which took place on March 19th in the Leeds General Infirmary. Of Scottish descent, Mr. Lindsay first became acquainted with change ringing at the six-bell tower of Ackworth, near Pontefract, but his work as a gardener brought him to Headingley, some forty years ago. At that time there was a band at Headingley who could ring meticulously five Surprise methods for Sunday service, and whose aims differed widely from the modern idea of huge peal totals. They concentrated on a standard of striking for Sunday service ringing which the writer has never heard excelled, and woe betide the unwary peal snatcher who visited the tower, if his striking did not compare in proportion to his peal performances.

Mr. Lindsay was somewhat unusual, for he did not take up change ringing seriously until he was nearly forty years of age. Once he had turned his attention to the art he made rapid strides and soon assimilated any complicated method with the best of ringers, and he was a splendid striker.

The deceased had rung twenty-seven peals for the Yorkshire Association, among them being the first peal of London Surprise for the association in 1904. Possessed of a rare fund of anecdote, and of a delightful and genial disposition, he was a welcome visitor to all ringing meetings until advancing years made his visits less frequent. Some three years ago internal trouble asserted itself, and was borne with great patience until, after a series of operations, he passed away somewhat unexpectedly on March 19th.

A peal which had been intended to be rung at Headingley in honour of the attaining his majority by the junior member of the band, was rung half-muffled at Headingley on March 21st, the method being Double Norwich, the favourite method of the deceased, composed by his old friend the late Mr. Arthur Craven.

The interment took place in the neighbouring churchyard of Kirkstall on March 22nd, several ringers being present from local towers, besides Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by his old friends: Mrs. J. Cotterell 1-2, W. O. Talbot 3-4, P. J. Johnson 5-6, J. Cotterell 7-8.

A devoted husband, a beloved father, the deceased will be greatly missed by his wife, son and daughter, and though at the age of 75 his end could not be unexpected, his passing will form a gap hard to fill.

## A FAMILY OF RINGERS.

THE EIGHTH TO RING A PEAL.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Hinton on March 21st (and recorded last week) was originally arranged for February 21st, exactly a month earlier, and the actual date of Miss M. J. Johnson's 21st birthday. It was postponed on account of the death of Mr. F. J. Johnson, her father, and father of the ringers of the 3rd and 7th, which occurred the day previous. Despite the serious state of his health at the time, Mr. Johnson would not hear of it being put off, but was looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to listening to the ringing. His last conscious thoughts were of the peal, and his last words were to his daughter 'not to get excited to-morrow.'

Permission was readily given, under the peculiar circumstances, for the attempt a month later and so near Holy Week, and was duly rung with the feeling of certainty that the departed parent was listening just the same.

Miss M. J. Johnson is the eighth member of the family of nine brothers and sisters to take part in a peal.

## 'CAMBRIDGE' CHIMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Not so very long ago Mr. Filson Young, writing in 'The Radio Times,' tried to tell its readers something about the chimes heard daily over the ether from Westminster, commonly called Big Ben. He did not say definitely what the words are, and wrote only on hearsay.

The late Henry W. Haley, great ringer and composer, spent a great number of years with the now defunct firm of Warner and Sons as their bell tuner. His son, W. Haley, followed in his father's footsteps as a bell tuner, and a clever tuner he was. Haley, sen., passed on to his son a lot of manuscript connected with ringing, and when I was engaged at Messrs. Warners and met Haley, jun., he handed on to me some of his father's MS. Haley, sen., handed on to his son MS. dealing with what is known as the 'Westminster chimes.' These chimes are struck on the bells 2, 3, 4 and 7 of an octave, and for the hour they strike 16 notes. Here are the words:—

'Lord, thro' this hour  
Be Thou my Guide,  
And by Thy power  
No foot shall slide.'

Anyone listening to wireless can hear for themselves the bells used. The chimes at St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, are the same, but played on bells an octave higher, viz., 1, 2, 3, 6 of the back 10.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**TRING.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Arnold 1, H. Brackley 2, C. Badrick 3, H. Bull 4, F. C. Reeve 5, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 6, N. Brackley 7 (cover bell). First 720 by Miss Arnold, who only learned to handle a bell last year, and first 'inside' by the ringer of 2nd.

**MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—On Sunday, March 18th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 720 Rossendale Surprise: E. A. Sneath 1, H. M. Day 2, W. H. Waldron 3, T. A. Cooper 4, J. O. Landau 5, W. A. Day 6. First 720 in the method by all except ringers of 2 and 3.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,280 changes): A. Brunton 1, R. G. Bell 2, A. Dix 3, H. L. Long 4, S. H. Hoare 5, C. N. Leman 6, G. E. Howchin 7, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 8. First quarter of Bristol on the bells and by ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): H. Ridgway 1, J. A. Green 2, A. N. Wood 3, W. G. Whitehead 4, E. C. Lamber 5, F. Case 6, T. Roberts 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—For evensong, on Sunday, March 11th, by the All Saints' service band, 1,306 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, F. D. Boreham 3, F. Boreham 4, G. White 5, F. West 6, C. A. Smith 7, G. F. Hinton 8, Rev. C. E. Wigg 9, S. T. Goodchild 10, E. R. Coles 11, E. Croxford 12.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 49 mins.: E. Ansell 1, H. M. White 2, R. Hayden 3, H. A. Wacey 4, F. Springham 5, F. Bird (conductor) 6, H. Bull 7, W. W. Tucker 8, W. T. Prior 9, W. Wilkinson 10. All are local Sunday service ringers.

**HERTS COUNTY MEETING AT WARE.**

A meeting was held at Ware on March 10th, and proved very enjoyable. The bells, which are quite a fair peal, with a tenor of 22 cwt., were kept busy all the time, except for the interval for tea and meeting. Ringers were present from many places, including Broxbourne, Baldock, Braughing, Benington, Enfield, London, Forest Gate, Welwyn Garden City, Royston, Waltham Abbey, Great and Little Munden, also Exning, Sawston and Fulbourne, Cambs.

The Vicar, Rev. Lloyd Phillips, conducted the service and gave a very helpful address from the words, 'Magnify your office.' He extended a very warm welcome to all to his tower.

**FIRST QUARTER PEALS.**

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for confirmation service: E. R. Weller (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Stevenson 2, F. Relf 3, W. Reynolds 4, O. Waghorn 5, W. Gorringe (conductor) 6, J. G. Powell 7, F. Chapman 8. For evening service 1,080 changes of Grandsire Doubles: J. Powell 1, A. Goldsmith 2, R. Richards 3, E. R. Weller (longest length 'inside') 4, O. Waghorn 5, F. Relf (longest length as conductor) 6, W. Gorringe 7, F. Chapman 8. Rung with treble and 3rd in 'front.'

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for children's service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. Fields 1, Phyllis Hind 2, Ellis Clarke 3, E. Barnes 4, M. Ginn 5, F. W. Lack 6, H. Parker 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal for 2nd and 3rd ringers.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Palm Sunday, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): G. Whybrow 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, M. Ginn 3, F. C. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, R. Smith 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th.

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday evening, March 25th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): W. White 1, \*W. Millard 2, \*W. H. Farr 3, P. Merson 4, J. Fowler 5, E. Wyatt 6, W. H. Lloyd 7, F. Sadd 8, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 9, \*P. Pengally 10. \* First quarter-peal on ten bells. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Forest Hill, London.

**WREXHAM.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for men's afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Milington (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Clutton 2, F. Mitchell 3, F. Evans (conductor) 4, P. Cross 5, J. Capper 6, A. Lea, jun., 7, A. Hodges 8.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: R. Fenn 1, C. E. Faulkner (first in the method) 2, S. J. Holgate 3, W. Beard 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, E. G. Moore 6, E. G. Cottis 7, E. H. Lucas 8.

**OXFORD.**—On March 4th, for evensong, at SS. Martin and All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. F. Judge 1, A. Howes 2, Miss M. E. Reynolds 3, H. Miles 4, H. Badder 5, J. P. Pelloe 6, R. Green (conductor) 7, L. Plumley (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter as conductor and first attempt.

**WIMBORNE, DORSET.**—At the Minster, on February 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Townsend 1, Rev. E. V. Cox 2, Rev. C. A. Phillips 3, L. J. Lockyer (first quarter in the method) 4, E. T. Griffen 5, C. F. Turner (conductor) 6, R. F. Price (first quarter 'inside') 7, F. C. Hart 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is interesting to note that Mr. E. P. Debenham has been elected president of the Herts County Association for the jubilee year of the organisation. Mr. Debenham was present at the first meeting of the association in 1884.

With the peal at Countesthorpe (reported elsewhere) Mr. Ernest Morris has now rung peals of 5,000 and over at 120 towers in the Leicester diocese, 119 of which are actually in the county. This is a record far ahead of any other individual ringer in one county.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on March 19th, was rung by the Oxford Society to celebrate its bicentenary. The peal was recorded in error last week as by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The next meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was to have been held at Odiham, but as the bell frame there is in need of overhaul the meeting is to be held at Yateley, as announced in our notice columns.

The peal at Christchurch Priory Church, on Monday, was in some respects a commemoration, for it was on Easter Monday, 1888, that the first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung on the bells.

The meeting of the Sherwood Youths, which was to have been held to-morrow at St. Mary's, Nottingham, has been postponed to April 14th.

The pre-arranged toast was well and truly drunk in Hampshire on the 31st at 9 p.m. Th' clack stoock oop. How did Sheffield, Croydon and Edinburgh fare?

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

### ANNUAL REPORT REVEALS SATISFACTORY POSITION.

A report covering four years' work of the Ladies' Guild has just been issued. During that time—from July 1st, 1929, to June 30th, 1933—59 ringing members were elected, the total being now 273 ringing members and 57 honorary members. There are, however, ringers in various parts of the country who have not yet joined the Guild. 'The reports from the district secretaries,' it is stated, 'show that most meetings are well attended, but still there is room for improvement, and we would urge members to do their utmost to support the district secretaries. They work very hard for the Guild, and we cannot show our thankfulness and appreciation for their work better than by being regular in our attendances at meetings. Four peals have been rung. The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Hands-worth was the first in the method for the Guild. An attempt for London Surprise Major was made at Crayford, but failed after two hours. The district secretaries still find difficulty in collecting the annual subscriptions, and in some cases have to make several written applications for them. It would be a great help if members would send their subscriptions when they become due on July 1st, or as soon after as possible.'

The income showed an excess over expenditure of £7 7s. 6d. during the period.

## A HINT TO THE LADIES?

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—When a guild or association has been formed for a number of years, how important it is not to keep up old and worn-out ideas for the sake of tradition.

One might mention the exclusion of the 'gentlemen' from the 'ladies' business meetings. How enjoyable it is to have to 'get out,' after an appetising tea, from a nice warm room into the cold and wet, and find something to amuse yourselves. Especially when there are no handbells, not enough to ring the tower bells, and, when you discover a billiard table, to find cues but no 'ivories.' Of course, they (the gents) are useful at times, when a bell is treated unkindly (by a strong man) and the stay has to be disentangled, and even the sermon has to be preached by a mere man. It is the practice in quite a number of ringing societies nowadays to allow non-members to remain for the business meeting, with the permission of the chairman.

A. C. OLDBACK.

## MERTON COLLEGE BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Mr. Drake is mistaken in supposing that the bells of Merton College are unringable. They are rung regularly on certain specified occasions each year, although the number of such occasions is strictly limited by the college authorities. If only permission could be obtained, a peal would certainly be rung on them. There is nothing in the 'go' of the bells to prevent this being accomplished.

JOHN P. PELLOE.

## TENORS RECENTLY REHUNG.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Drake's letter in the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' may I, through your columns, ask in what sense he applies the term 'unringable' to Merton College bells? I have personally rung many times in that tower during the last four years, and hope to do so many times in the future. The seventh and tenor have recently been rehung in ball bearings, and the 'go' of all the bells is quite satisfactory.—Yours faithfully,

C. E. WIGG.

## THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

### REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

There has been a big drop in the number of peals rung in 1933 as compared with 1932. The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1933.		1932.	
	Tower.	Handbells.	Tower.	Handbells.
Maximus ...	26	1	22	—
Cinques ...	28	8	40	2
Royal ...	53	3	80	9
Caters ...	68	11	98	9
Major ...	789	49	879	49
Triples ...	345	16	418	13
Minor ...	303	5	408	8
Doubles ...	122	6	166	1
	1,734	99	2,111	91

**TOWER BELLS.**—Peals of Maximus have increased by four. There was a drop of three in Surprise methods and an increase of seven in other methods. Cinques have decreased by 12. Royal have decreased by 27; Surprise Royal have decreased by 19; and other methods by eight. Caters have decreased by 30, Stedman by 18, and Grandsire by 11. In Major, Surprise methods have decreased by 17, Double Norwich by 10, Treble Bob by 87, and Plain Bob by 30. Stedman Triples have decreased by 40 and Grandsire by 32. Minor show a decrease of 105 and Doubles 44.

**HANDBELLS.**—There is a slight increase in handbell peals. Maximus, Cinques, Caters, Triples and Doubles have increased, whilst Royal and Minor have decreased. Major remain the same.

**ASSOCIATIONS.**—The Kent County Association head the list with 153 peals, an increase of seven over their last year's total. The Lancashire Association come next with 133, a decrease of nine; the Essex Association 131, an increase of 13; the Oxford Diocesan Guild 120, a decrease of 26; the Midland Counties 111, a decrease of 30. Seven societies show a small increase, and the rest a decrease, the most noticeable being the Yorkshire Association with 40 less.

### PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

18,144 (longest length) Bob Major by the Hertford County Association at Bennington on June 5th.

### NEW METHODS.

- 5,120 Daventry Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, January 19th.
- 5,104 Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus by the Suffolk Guild, February 11th.
- 5,040 Northfleet Little Bob Major by the Kent County Association, March 8th.
- 5,024 Woodbridge Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, April 10th.
- 5,056 Painswick Surprise Major by the Oxford Guild, May 10th.
- 5,088 Wigston Surprise Major by the Midland Counties Association, June 24th.
- 5,152 Hinton Surprise Major by the Worcester and Districts Association, July 15th.
- 5,152 Bosmere Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, September 14th.
- 5,056 Windsor Surprise Major by the Oxford Guild, October 18th.
- 5,088 Aldenham Surprise Major by the Hertford County Association, October 21st.
- 5,088 Waveney Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild, November 11th.
- 5,024 Bushey Surprise Major by the Hertford County Association, November 23rd.
- 5,152 York Surprise Major by the Warwick Guild, December 16th.

### HANDBELLS.

5,056 Cambridge Surprise Major by the Hertford County Association, March 22nd.

The only long length rung in addition to the Bob Major was 10,432 Kent Treble Bob Major at Warnham by the Sussex County Association.

The outstanding performances of the year were the record peal of Bob Major at Bennington; the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major 'in hand' by the Hertford County Association; the non-conducted peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and the 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; and a peal of Minor in 38 methods by the Chester Guild.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1933 and 1932:—

	1933.	1932.		1933.	1932.
January ...	119	184	July ...	115	131
February ...	167	155	August ...	150	175
March ...	146	154	September ...	155	181
April ...	178	211	October ...	146	210
May ...	156	183	November ...	168	208
June ...	127	143	December ...	206	267

### FOOTNOTES:

It is pleasing to note an increase in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. The total is 523, an increase of 43 over (Continued in next column.)

## PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### ENGLISH RINGERS TO VISIT THE COMMONWEALTH.

Mr. W. H. Fussell is organising a ringing tour to Australia, which is to take place in the coming autumn in connection with the Melbourne Centenary celebrations.

A cordial invitation to visit the Commonwealth has been received from the ringers of Melbourne, who are backed by the local Centenary Committee, in offering hospitality.

Already a number of ringers have promised to join the party, and it is hoped to make up a full band.

The excursion will be unique in the annals of ringing, and offers a great opportunity of encouraging the art in Australia.

The itinerary has not yet been mapped out in detail, but it is expected that in addition to Melbourne (where the central event of the centenary celebrations is to be the opening of a Hall of Remembrance on Armistice Day by Prince George), Ballarat, Hobart, and other places will be visited.

## COMPETITIONS.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the article on ringing 'competitions.' There is no doubt that festivals or competitions amongst bands of ringers create great interest, but where there is competition between team and team the true spirit of emulation is often marred by a team including a good ringer who takes the place of one who attends the regular Sunday service ringing. Rightly, the omitted member objects, and there arises dissatisfaction and disagreement within the tower concerned.

'Though I like festivals and good striking,' said a ringer of 40 years' service, 'I don't care for competitions of any sort.'

Yet there is good in it all, and the festival should be encouraged, and, if possible, the striking judged by competent ringers. Would it be ultra vires to suggest that a certificate be issued to a band who successfully ring, say, 360 Grandsire Doubles or Triples, Stedman, Kent, or what not, so that each band be judged on its own achievement?

FREDERICK C. SMALE.

Lindfield, Sussex.

(Continued from previous column.)

last year. The number who have rung their first peals in a new method or method on a different number of bells is 1,162, a decrease of 384. It must be remembered, however, that it is impossible to judge progress or otherwise by these figures, as this total includes every footnote recording a first peal in the method, and in some cases peals in the simplest methods have been rung by ringers of wide experience and ability and are recorded as 'first peal in the method.' Again, ringers of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Royal ring a peal of Cambridge Minor, which is duly recorded as 'First peal of Minor in the method,' and is included in the above total.

Ringers of their first peal 'inside' number 72, away from the tenor eight, in the method 'inside' 71, Maximus 13, Cinques 14, Royal 14, Caters 15, Major 65, Triples 21, Minor 52, Doubles 28, on twelve bells 34, on ten 51, on eight 42, on six 3, Surprise 53, 'in hand' 27, in method 'in hand' 37. New conductors number 62, a decrease of 28, and conductors in new methods 98, a decrease of 19.

Other footnotes show that 55 peals were the first on the bells, 21 since restoration or augmentation, and 179 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 74, birthday peals 283, Royal birthdays 23, weddings (including golden and silver) 97, church festivals and dedications 43, anniversaries 64, Armistice Day 34, welcome and farewell 33, Empire Day 6.

In conclusion we give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 63,337:—

1881 ...	156	1919 ...	1,048
1898 ...	1,002	1921 ...	1,632
1905 ...	1,519	1930 ...	2,014
1913 ...	2,358	1932 ...	2,202
1917 (war year) 130		1933 ...	1,833

EDITH K. FLETCHER.  
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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The second session of the fifteenth Council (42nd annual meeting) will be held in the Court House, Warwick, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 22nd, at 11 o'clock precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 p.m., and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30 p.m.

### AGENDA.

1. Report of the hon. secretary as to membership, and payment of subscriptions.
2. Election of honorary members.  
The following retire, and are eligible for re-election: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. A. A. Hughes and S. H. Wood. One vacancy was left last year by the resolution of the Council.
3. Presentation of new members to the president. (Rule 11.)
4. Apologies for absence.
5. Loss of members through death.
6. Minutes of the last meeting.
7. Report of the honorary librarian.
8. Statement of Accounts.
9. Election of honorary auditors. (Rule 8.)
10. Report of the trustees of the Carter ringing machine.  
Trustees: Messrs. E. Alex. Young and A. A. Hughes.
11. 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 alter the constitution of the committees if considered desirable.
  - (a) Standing Committee.
  - (b) Peal Collection.
  - (c) Methods.
  - (d) Peal Analysis and Records.
  - (e) Towers and Belfries.
  - (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.

### MOTIONS.

12. That no decision of the Council relating to the ringing of peals shall be binding unless passed by a two-third majority of the meeting. (Proposed by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope and seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.)
13. That, notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, peals in any recognised Minor method or methods containing compositions in what is known as the 'Bankes James Arrangement' are, in the opinion of this Council, permissible. (Proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and seconded by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope.)
14. That this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren. (Proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins and seconded by Mr. J. Parker.)

### AGENDA.

15. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
16. Other business, if any.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER,  
Hon. Secretary.

45, Walsingham Road,  
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### ARRANGEMENTS.

Headquarters: Ye Woolpack Hotel, Warwick. Accommodation at reduced prices. Bed and breakfast 8s. Apply to the manager. All members are advised to book accommodation at once, as Warwick is usually very full at Whitsuntide.

Peal attempts: Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Coventry, has kindly offered to arrange peal attempts (six and eight bells) for Saturday, Monday and Wednesday, but names must be sent in to him at once.

Tewkesbury: By special arrangement the dedication of the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies is fixed for Whit Saturday, and all members who can do so are asked to attend.

### ANCIENT BELL WELDED.

An ancient church bell belonging to Blythburgh Church, Suffolk, has just been successfully repaired by modern welding methods. This bell was cast in 1608 by James Edbere, whose name appears in the inscription, and is an excellent example of the bell founder's art. It stands 3ft. 6in. high, and weighs about 8 cwt. Although in a perfect state of preservation, it was badly cracked in the crown and on the canons, the cracks being due to the development of rust around the iron clapper staple.

The repairs were carried out by Barimar, Ltd., who also cut out the iron staple and welded up the cavity, and thus removed the cause of future trouble. The condition that the repairs were to be carried out without removing the canons was faithfully observed.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DISTRICT AT SELBY.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Selby on Saturday, March 24th, and was attended by about 45 ringers from Beverley (Minster and St. Mary's), Easingwold, Hemingbrough, Hull, Howden, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract (All Saints' and St. Giles'), Leeds, Sutton-on-Hull, Withernsea, York, and the local company. Choral evensong was attended in the Abbey, the address being given by the Vicar, Rev. Canon Solloway.

Tea in the Hawdon Institute was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, supported by Rev. N. Breene (curate) and the district officers.

Mr. H. C. Walters, Ringing Master, and Messrs. H. N. Imeson, W. Pearson and D. England, committeemen, were all re-elected for a further period of three years, Mr. Imeson having a seat on the general committee.

Eserick was chosen as the next place of meeting in June.

Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. D. M. Sharp, of Sutton-on-Hull, and W. Woosam, of Hull.

On the motion of Mr. F. W. Dale, the secretary was requested to write to the B.B.C. expressing appreciation of the broadcasting of church bells rung for services, and also of the record of Bow bells broadcast at various intervals, and hoping these will be continued as a permanent feature in the programmes.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his presence, was proposed by Mr. W. Middleton, seconded by Mr. A. E. West, and replied to by the Vicar, who heartily welcomed the association in his usual humorous manner. He said he was always pleased to grant the use of the bells for meetings or peal attempts, but owing to business premises being near the Abbey peals could not be rung on Saturdays or Mondays (market days).

A vote of thanks to the local company, the organist and choir, and to the ladies for serving the tea was responded to by Mr. F. Cryer.

Further ringing concluded a very happy meeting, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Royal and Major.

## PUDSEY RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.

### FIVE SURPRISE PEALS RECORDED.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Laurence's Church, Pudsey, on Sunday, March 25th, prior to evensong, when the Vicar (the Rev. C. Tremayne) dedicated a peal board erected in the ringing chamber to commemorate the first peals rung on the bells in five different Surprise Major methods, viz., Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol and Pudsey.

The board was unveiled by Mr. Pratt Cordingley, president of the local company, to whose unflinching interest and enthusiasm much of the success of the Pudsey company is due. Significant of his zeal and that of his brother ringers is the fact that, apart from the late Mr. George Bolland, who rang in the first peal (Cambridge), all whose names appear on the board have been taught to ring in the tower, and each peal, except the last, shows one or two names of ringers who had to be taught after the previous peal had been rung.

After the dedication service the bells were rung for evensong to a touch in each of the five methods mentioned on the board.

## 5,024 SPLICED DOUBLE NORWICH AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR

BY. WM. BARTON.

A peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major was rung on handbells at 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, Yorks, on March 27th, composed and conducted by Wm. Barton. The following is the composition:—

Start Bob Major.

23456 W. B. M. H.

23645 2 — —

26345 3 S

Change to Double Norwich at the Single.

1 4 5 6

32564 — — —

25364 — — —

54362 — — —

35246 — — —

52348 — — —

62543 — — \*

23546 — — —

Change to Bob Major at the Bob at 5.

W. B. M. H.

43265 S — —

24536 — — 3

Twice repeated, adding three bobs at 6 at \* in one part.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE.

Mr. E. P. Debenham Elected President.

The 48th annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held on Easter Monday at the Abbey Institute, St. Albans, under the chairmanship of the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson).

In the course of a brief welcome to the members, the Dean said he did not know of a better band of people who gave their services to the church than ringers. Ringing, he thought, was really of the greatest value, and he wished they were able to get the principles of ringing into the scheme of national education. What was needed was accuracy, and if they could get accuracy into the boys and girls when they were young it would be the best thing possible. Bell-ringers must be absolutely accurate; they must have intelligence; and the amount of intelligence that people brought to that work made him marvel. It also required a quick intelligence, and he could not think of a finer training than ringing. It was not merely the ringing of the bells, but the spirit of the belfry that made all the difference in the music they sent out to the people all round.

The following ringing members were elected on the motion of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre: F. Giddings and O. Hickling (St. Michael's, St. Albans), W. J. Arnold, E. J. Payne, J. F. Whyte, J. R. L. Challey and P. W. Lewis (St. Albans Cathedral), Miss Arnold and Miss Young (Tring), R. Williams and J. Culver (Little Munden), R. Thomas, R. Kerr and T. Kerr (St. Peter's, St. Albans).

### DISLOCATION OF CHANGED FINANCIAL YEAR.

The financial statement, presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham), who moved its adoption, showed a balance in hand at the end of December, 1933, of £8 7s. 10d., and the cash statement to March 28th, 1934, showed a balance of £14 6s. 1d. On the benevolent fund account there was a balance of £12 15s. 8d., an increase during the year of £4 7s. 10d., the largest increase since the fund was started.

The secretary's (Mr. G. C. Cartmel) report included the following: The passing of the resolution at our last Easter meeting that the financial year should end at December 31st, instead of at Easter, has limited our activities to nine months, and has caused dislocation in most districts in the collection of subscriptions. When a rule which has been in operation for nearly fifty years is suddenly changed, it is natural to expect that some difficulties would arise. However, this is only a temporary disorganisation, and the present year, I trust, will bring us into our stride once again, provided subscriptions are paid up early. I know of no reason why they should not, and if this suggestion is acted upon I am sure our treasurer will thank you.

During the nine months under review, twenty-eight peals have been rung upon tower bells and six on handbells. The outstanding feature of the year has been the ringing of the record length of Bob Major, consisting of 13,144 changes, rung at Bennington on Whit Monday, June 5th, in ten hours and fifty-two minutes. You will acknowledge, I am sure, that it is evidence of great skill, and we heartily congratulate the conductor, Mr. Sidney Carter, and the band on ringing a peal which is not only a record in the annals of change ringing, but also has only been surpassed in length by the Stedman Caters peal at Appleton. I am glad to hear that a board has been erected in the belfry to commemorate the achievement. It is interesting to notice that all the ringers are resident in the Eastern District. Other records calling for notice are the first peals of Duffield Major rung at Bushey Heath, conducted by Mr. F. W. Brinklow, and Aldenham and Bushey Surprise Major, both conducted by Mr. H. G. Cashmore, and rung at the respective towers. This being the first time that the methods of Aldenham and Bushey Surprise have been rung to a peal gave the conductor the privilege of naming the methods, and he has very appropriately chosen two names (Aldenham and Bushey), places where so much has been done to further the cause of change ringing. Another creditable performance has been the ringing of a peal of Minor, in ten methods, at Apsley End, conducted by Mr. W. Ayre. Advance also has been made at Redbourn, where the first local peal has been rung of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. G. Dauells. The Hitchin band have also succeeded in ringing a peal of Double Norwich, the first peal by an entirely local band since 1782. Mr. H. V. Frost, whose enthusiasm for ringing is commendable, has succeeded in calling his first two peals, Bob Major and Bob Royal.

The peal list shows a good variety of methods, rung in every district of the county, with seventeen conductors, the highest number of peals called by any one person being eight. Only one peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung during the year, which shows advance in the ringing of higher methods.

### CLERGY AND RINGERS.

It has been stated in 'The Ringing World' that 'the clergy, as a whole, do not evince that interest in the ringers they have the right to expect.' This is, to my mind, a somewhat ambiguous statement, capable of wide interpretation, and one that will do no good to our cause. A careful perusal of accounts of meetings and the peals which are recorded weekly in 'The Ringing World' do not agree with what has been stated. Nor does it agree with my experience of the Hertfordshire clergy. The district secretaries report that the most cordial

sympathy exists between them, and that there is always a readiness to help in the arrangements of meetings, even to hospitality. Let us remember that when ringers have rung a peal (and perhaps many of the band have come from another district or even county) and go away pleased with their success, very often the parson who has so graciously granted the use of the bells, without any charge for wear and tear, has to bear the aftermath of complaints. Frequent visits of the clergy to the belfry is not the only way of expressing interest in our services, you all know very well. I think ringers are too humane to expect it in some belfries. The statement having been given such wide publicity, I feel it is my duty to express the opinion that it does not apply to our Hertfordshire clergy.

I am glad to report that the benevolent fund is steadily improving, support being forthcoming from several new districts during the year. Although the rules of the fund have been sent to every tower, there has been a failure to grip essentials. This position is now changing, and as a further help it has been suggested that the rules should be printed in the annual report.

### THE ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

The jubilee is claiming, and rightly, the thought and attention of our members throughout the county. Our fiftieth birthday is on October 29th, and the Committee selected October 27th as the nearest and most acceptable date for celebrating the event. It has since been found that this date was unsuitable for our Bishop, and as it is most important that we should secure his presence on such an auspicious occasion, he has kindly set apart Saturday, November 3rd, to be with us. The Dean has been asked to arrange a choral service at the Cathedral in the afternoon, and there will be ringing at the various churches, by permission of the incumbents. A dinner, with music and with community singing, will be held in the evening, probably in the Town Hall, when it is hoped the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will preside, supported by a record attendance of members and other clerical and county officials. A small committee will soon be meeting, and progress will be reported through the various district secretaries and 'The Ringing World.' There are still living several original members of the association whom we would like to join us in our jubilee festivities, and I should be very grateful if any such are known to our members they would put me in communication with them. I also hope that we shall be able to report a record number of peals having been rung to commemorate our fiftieth birthday. Is it possible for a peal to be rung in every tower in the county during our jubilee year? I leave the suggestion with you.

The district secretaries have again carried out loyally their responsible and exacting work in arranging meetings in their respective areas, and it is always a pleasant duty to acknowledge the association's indebtedness to these officers for their useful work.

In conclusion, adds the Hon. Secretary, let us acknowledge the good hand of God in vouchsafing to us the strength of mind and body and the will to carry on our church work, with the hope that by the music of the bells on the Sabbath day many may respond to their call and 'come and worship.' We would also extend our gratitude to our honorary members for their financial support, and to those clergy who have so kindly given permission for peal ringing, for district meetings and assistance in arrangement of services. To the 'live wires' of our association, who by their enthusiasm and ringing abilities have assisted so greatly the progress of change ringing in the county, and to the rank and file of our membership for their continued loyal support. And we also thank those who, in every tower, by taking care of the bells, make our pleasures more pleasant. Let us all endeavour to be loyal to the conductors of the band, willing to bear and forbear, not unreasonable or snappy, when advice is given as to bad striking or mistakes, but always ready to further the aims of our association by fellowship and goodwill.

The report was adopted on the motion of the Dean, seconded by Mr. W. H. Lawrence.

### THE NEW PRESIDENT.

On the motion of Mr. Cartmel, Mr. E. P. Debenham was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year. Mr. Cartmel mentioned that Mr. Debenham was present at the first meeting of the association in 1884.

Returning thanks, Mr. Debenham said he had followed the affairs of the association from the beginning with a good deal of interest. He became secretary and treasurer in 1883, and he had been in office ever since.

Mr. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer on the motion of Mr. F. J. Reeve, seconded by Mr. B. Jarman.

Mr. W. Gilks proposed, and Mr. H. Goodenough seconded, the re-election of Mr. Cartmel as hon. secretary; Mr. George Debenham was elected hon. librarian; and Mr. W. Mercer hon. auditor. The following district secretaries were re-elected: Messrs. D. C. Mears, W. H. Lawrence, W. Nash, C. H. Norton and W. Ayre.

Previous to the annual meeting a service for ringers was held in St. Albans Cathedral, and was conducted by Canon J. L. Barkway. The lessons were read by Canon H. A. Skelton and the Dean, and the preacher was the Rev. H. E. Earnshaw-Smith, Vicar of Watford. He said the great use and purpose of the bells was to summon people to church. They were used for invitation, to sound out the great word, 'Come.' That was their privilege in the service they rendered. They should always remember that they were calling men and women to the house of God.

## FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

**EDINBURGH.**—At the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert, on March 20th (St. Cuthbert's Day), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by members of the Scottish Association: \*D. Holland 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss M. S. Holland 3, Miss A. I. Whitson 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, \*C. Raine 6, H. Mann (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, \*J. Lindsay Fraser 8. \* First quarter-peal in the method.

**SHEFFIELD.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 1,321 Stedman Cinques: R. S. Long 1, J. H. Bower 2, J. Thorpe (conductor) 3, H. Naylor 4, Hezekiah Thorpe 5, A. P. Knights 6, M. E. Wilson 7, L. Charlesworth 8, E. Thorpe 9, S. F. Palmer 10, Haydn Thorpe 11, W. G. Dyer 12. First quarter-peal by Ernest Thorpe and William G. Dyer.

**NEWPORT PAGNELL.**—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Mapley 1, R. Abrahams 2, R. Howson (first quarter-peal) 3, H. C. Beard (conductor) 4, E. Lathall 5, R. Hall 6, W. F. Smith 7, W. Childs 8.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On Sunday, March 4th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Bowden (first quarter-peal) 1, B. D. Elliott 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, H. R. Furlonger 4, G. Ayliffe 5, H. Smithers 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, F. Wicks 8. First quarter-peal by local ringers for several years.

## EASTER TOUCHES.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Easter Sunday, April 1st, for evening service at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. W. Stemp 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, F. A. Burnett (conductor) 3, P. W. Burnett 4, E. R. Warner 5, C. H. Shepherd 6, L. P. Cook 7, S. A. Bamford, R.M., H.M.S. 'Hood,' 8.

**FRENSHAM, SURREY.**—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Miss D. Aslett 1, G. Ackerman (first quarter-peal) 2, W. G. Chandler 3, W. H. Chandler 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

**DEAL, KENT.**—On Easter Sunday evening, at the Church of St. Leonard, 720 Bob Minor: L. Amos 1, A. P. Cannon 2, J. Arthur 3, W. Terry 4, E. Verrier 5, L. Ladd (conductor) 6. Arranged by the ringer of the 2nd, home for the Easter holidays, and rung within two days of St. Richard's Day, the latest black-letter saint in the calendar and the first Vicar of this church in 1243.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Easter Sunday, April 1st, for the evening service at St. Mary's Church, the St. Mary's Society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks' Variation): H. Whitehead 1, R. T. Clark 2, H. J. Sanders 3, C. George 4, E. J. Walker 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—On Easter Sunday, at the Priory Church, for morning service, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: F. Stonestreet (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, E. V. Hinton 2, Miss M. Hodges 3, S. White 4, F. E. Pitman 5, H. C. Edwards 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Gillard 10.

**EDMONTON.**—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Norman Bagworth 1, Miss L. Wheeler 2, Miss E. Greenall 3, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher 4, George Collins 5, George Fletcher 6, James Parker (conductor) 7, Percy Pearce 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2, 3 and tenor.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. G. Biggs 1, P. Newton 2, R. Blaby 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. James 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, Miss O. Biggs 2, A. G. James 3, F. G. Biggs 4, P. Newton (conductor) 5, A. Newton 6, R. Blaby 7, Jos. Evans 8.

**LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.**—At St. Laurence's Church for morning service, on Easter Sunday, 120 each of St. Clement's, St. Simon's, Old and New Doubles, Grandsire and Plain by: B. Cornell 1, L. Poulson 2, V. Cornell (conductor) 3, W. Head 4, J. Andrews 5. For the evening service a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 360 each of St. Clement's and St. Simon's, and 240 each of Old and Plain Doubles, and 60 of Grandsire: B. Cornell 1, H. Day 2, V. Cornell (conductor) 3, W. Head 4, J. Andrews 5.

**FLIXTON, LANCS.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) by the local band: Miss E. Collier 1, H. Chadderton 2, D. Vincent (conductor) 3, S. Rickard 4, G. Mason 5, J. H. Collier 6, H. Collier 7, R. Thomas 8.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Kynaston 1, J. Hughes 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8.

## VICAR'S 80th BIRTHDAY.

At Thorne, Yorks, on Saturday, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the Vicar (Canon J. J. Littlewood): J. Thorley 1, A. Woods 2, A. Ensor 3, D. England 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, R. Ward (first quarter-peal) 8.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 17th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual General Committee Meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bampton bells also available.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on April 7th. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6). Service: St. Mary-le-Tower at 4. Tea at St. Matthew's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Wem (8 bells) on Saturday, April 7th, commencing at 3 p.m., with interval for tea, etc., at 5 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, business meeting to follow.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A combined meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincoln Ladies' Guild will be held at Elsham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the School at 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. Business meetings to follow.—H. Mingay and Mrs. R. Richardson, Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at St. John's Church, Crossens. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the School at 6.30 p.m. There is an excellent bus service to Crossens from Lord Street, Southport. Please make an effort to attend this seldom visited tower. The May meeting has been arranged for Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 5th. —William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, April 7th. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Sawley on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Subscriptions for the above are now due. Reports are ready.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — West Norfolk Branch. — The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gaywood on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. and Lynn St. Margaret's for short time in evening.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at East Crompton (6 bells) on Saturday, April 7th. 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, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, Nail Street, Milnrow.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5, at White Hart Hotel. Service 6.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Sec., 33, Chesterton Road, Cirencester.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bradden on April 7th. Service 3 p.m. Send number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.**—Bells not available April 7th. Annual meeting postponed to April 14th at St. Mary's Church, 5 p.m.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Parish Church, New Radnor. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector. — F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. Knights-Smith). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 10th. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Preston, Blackburn, Fylde and Wigan Branches. — The annual joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m., meeting following. Please send number for tea not later than Thursday, April 12th, to Mr. John Roskell, 7, Prospect Place, Penwortham, Preston. Next combined branch practice at Whittle, Tuesday, April 10th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Preston.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.** — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 7th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Apply Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds, 12, not later than April 11th. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The sixth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m., Councillor T. Hanam Clark (Mayor) presiding. Tickets 3s. (ladies invited, same price). Ringing facilities: Barnwood 2 p.m. if required, St. Mary-de-Lode (6) 2.45 to 3.45, St. Mary-de-Crypt (8) 3.45 to 4.45, St. Michael's (8) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. You may go east and you may go west, but come to Gloucester and have the best. Tickets obtainable, with remittance, from W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., and meeting to follow. Special method London Surprise Major. For tea notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Rd., Liverpool, 16

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Bradfield Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Englefield on Saturday, April 14th. Englefield tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea.—Please notify T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, number for tea.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — The next meeting will be held at Royston on Sat., April 14th. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/- each). For those who apply before April 11th, a discount of 50% will be allowed. Ringers, come early to Royston and view a symphony in stone (the Church).—Write C. D. Potter, Prospect Villa, High Street, Royston, near Barnsley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central and Hunts Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Over, Cambs, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. We extend a hearty welcome to ringing friends.—H. Parker and F. Warrington, Dis. Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Duston on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 10th.—F. Browning, The Bungalow, Cold Higham, Towcester.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Peterborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, April 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 11th? All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough. — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Kirton on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—W. E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at South Shields on Saturday, April 14th. Bells of St. Hilda's available from 2.30. Please advise Mr. W. Robson, 28, Charlotte Street, South Shields, by April 12th if you require tea. Hearty welcome to all ringers. — F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at the Sun Inn. All welcome. — E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. —Revival of district meetings.—A meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, April 14th. Service in the Parish Church, tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea to Mr. R. L. Scarth, 26, Haligarth, Pickering. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—E. Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Sidcup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Tea, 1s. per head, to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, April 10th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. Please come. Good bus and train service. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at Lockerley on April 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers by April 12th. Tytherley and Mottisfont bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — Central District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Miss Kathleen Bradford, 19, Radnor Gardens, Twickenham, not later than Tuesday, April 10th. —M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery. — The quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, April 14th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Saturday, April 14th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service, tea and meeting. Tea close by. Kindly notify for tea Mr. A. J. House, Rochdale, Unity Road, Waltham Cross, Herts. All heartily welcomed. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, April 14th. Those who require tea must notify me not later than Tuesday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 14th. Bells: East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) open from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members cordially invited.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Ealing on Saturday, April 21st. Service at St. Mary's Church at 4.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Willesden. Further particulars later.—C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Please notify for tea Tuesday, 17th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Rounds to London Surprise. Everybody welcome, especially friends from over the border. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided. Those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify if requiring tea by 17th. — E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, 18th inst.? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley (not Odiham) on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. All requiring tea please notify by April 17th to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon C. Thomas, a by-meeting will be held at Northbourne on Saturday, April 21st. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me before Thursday, April 19th?—P. W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service, if possible, 4.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea to be sent to me not later than Monday, April 16th.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gelstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

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BLAYDON.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 11th, 720 Plain Bob: J. Cliff 1, J. Leighton 2, A. V. Mothersill 3, R. W. Leighton 4, R. McFarlane 5, H. P. Cliff (conductor) 6. This was the 2nd ringer's first 720. He is only 13 years of age.

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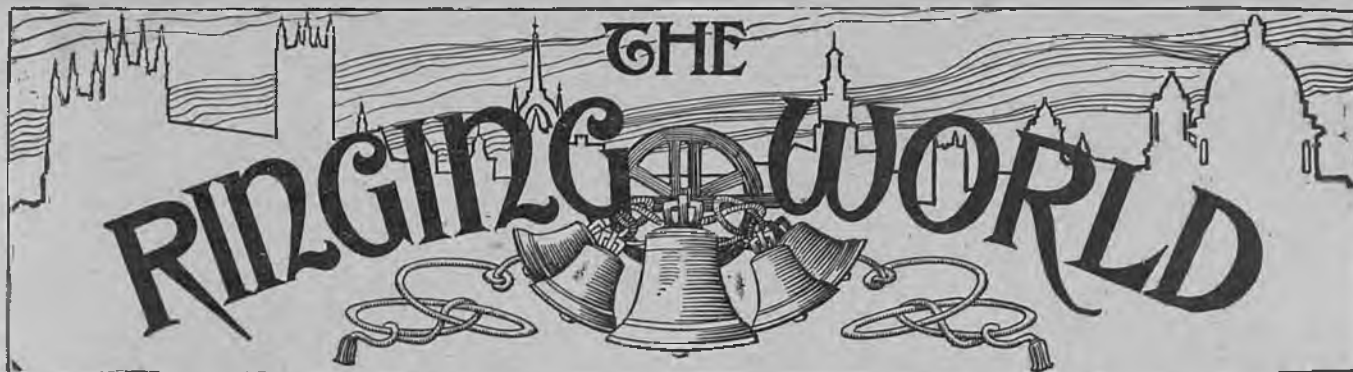
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## THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

The agenda for the Central Council meeting, which is to be held at Warwick at Whitsun, appeared too late this year to give the associations which meet at Easter the usual opportunity of discussing any of its details, but that was unavoidable. Ringers, however, are interested in what the Council propose to talk about, and it may be that on one subject, at any rate, some of them would have desired to express an opinion, as the Midland Counties Association did last year when their official amendment to a motion was put forward and carried in the Council, although, lacking the requisite majority on that occasion, it became inoperative.

There is always much routine work to be got through in the early part of the proceedings of the Council, and the committee's reports have a tendency to create unexpected discussion. At the same time, it is through the committees that the Council does most of its important work—work that goes on throughout the year and only comes under public notice when the Council meets. At the moment, however, it is the motions of which notice have been given on which interest will centre. All these relate to peal ringing. It is, we think, a wise proposal—which forms the first motion—that decisions relating to peal ringing shall not be binding unless carried by a two-thirds majority of the Council. It was a proviso of this description in the old rules which last year, in effect, defeated the amendment on the Minor question that had actually been carried. In the new rules, under which the next meeting will be conducted, this condition relating to matters outside the domestic affairs of the Council does not appear, but it is well that matters which affect the whole Exercise in the intimate way that peal ringing does should not be subject to just bare majorities. When any drastic change is made or an alteration in accepted principles is introduced, it should be the clear demand of the Exercise and not a doubtful opinion. The motion to provide for a two-thirds majority is a needful safeguard, which formerly existed and which, we believe, the Council will do well to reintroduce, especially in view of the fact that while, to some extent, the representation of associations rests on numerical strength, it would be possible, by a bare majority of the Council, to impose the views of a minority of the Exercise, because several of the associations which send the limit of four representatives have two or three or even four times the members of an association sending two or three representatives.

The motion that is likely to cause most discussion is that relating to peals of Minor. The controversy on the subject drags on from year to year, and up to the pre-

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sent it has not been possible to settle the question at one bite. Perhaps the attempt to settle the most discussed part of the problem will lead to a final decision of all the points at issue. If the Council accepts the motion on the Bankes James Arrangement, they can, at a later meeting, discuss the other phases of the Minor question, with the issues then less involved. If, in their wisdom, the Council decide against the Bankes James Arrangement, it will be a clear declaration that they will accept no departure from the old standard of peals of Minor. That is the real issue which is raised, and the defeat of the motion on the agenda will as a consequence impose on the Council the necessity of rescinding their Hereford resolution and substituting something else in its place.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

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Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

C. FRANK COTTRELL ... ..Treble	BERTRAM HEAD... .. 5
BERTRAM H. HEAD ... .. 2	WILFRED OVERTON ... .. 6
JOHN ELCOCK ... .. 3	HORACE W. OVERTON ... .. 7
*WILLIAM G. HEAD ... .. 4	†GEORGE H. CHILDS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

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Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

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*ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
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WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 2	†FRANK CORKE ... .. 6
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HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
PERCY GREEN ... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

# WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

PERCY GREEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

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## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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MISS ELSIE ROBINSON ... Treble	HENRY WILLIAMS ... .. 5
*CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 6
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WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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EDWARD E. GRIMES ... .. 2	HENRY G. WELHAM ... .. 6
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 3	GEORGE MORE ... .. 7
CHARLES SHERMING ... .. 4	JOHN W. EUSTON ... Tenor

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE.

Conducted by JAMES ROSE.

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(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

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*ALEC GAMMON ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 5
ARTHUR C. HAWES ... .. 2	JOHN NOBES ... .. 6
FRANCIS E. MAY ... .. 3	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

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## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 5
*A. WILLIAM T. GINN ... .. 2	*RUPERT THODAY ... .. 6
*ROBERT SMITH ... .. 3	*ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 7
*FRED C. GINN ... .. 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal of Superlative by an all-local company of Cambridge residents of the association. A birthday compliment to Cecil F. Gleaves, son of the 5th ringers.

# CHURCH, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR ... .. Treble	*WALTER RILEY ... .. 5
FRED READ ... .. 2	SYDNEY BROWN ... .. 6
RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 3	LEONARD SCHOLES ... .. 7
*LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. Both these ringers are 15 years of age.

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## ERTH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 6
JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on the 35th anniversary of the 15,072 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which was rung at the above church on April 3rd, 1893, the ringers of the 2nd, 6th and tenor ringing the same bells as in the Double Norwich.

## GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	HERBERT C. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First blow in the method on the bells and by all the band except the tenor ringer.

## AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER Treble	†HANBURY F. CARTER ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 6
†ERIC DURRANT ... .. 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7
HERBERT E. READ ... .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal, and rung at the first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'  
† First peal of Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. J. Fairhead, a colleague of the conductor's at the Mile Cross Senior Boys' School, Norwich, and Miss M. Keymer, who were married at the church in the afternoon.

## ROCHESTER, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Katharine,

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

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

WALTER PERKINS ... .. Treble	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 2	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6
AMOS SMART ... .. 3	JACK STUBBS ... .. 7
FRANCIS BALL ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JACK STUBBS.

First peal as a conductor. Rung on the 46th anniversary of Mr. W. Perkins' wedding day, and was a birthday peal for the wife of the ringer of the fifth.

## GRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

FRANCES HUMPHREY ... .. Treble	*MARGARET PACK ... .. 5
*ARTHUR W. JONES ... .. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
FRANCIS E. DAVE ... .. 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7
*WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal in the method.

## HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE  
SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. Treble	*THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
*MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 4	*FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor and on the bells. This composition contains 2,560 London, 1,248 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, and has now been rung for the first time.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. BORTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
PERCY GREEN ... .. 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.  
First peal in the method on the bells. The monthly peal for the division.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	*STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 5
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method.

## DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
TONY PRICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	MARGRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.  
First Surprise peal on the bells.

## HUNGERFORD, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).	Tenor 13½ cwt.
*HENRY LAWRENSEN ... .. Treble	HENRY GARRETT ... .. 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 2	MARK ROSIER ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 7
JAMES BERRY ... .. 4	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to C. J. Gardiner.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

CHARLES WEBB ... .. Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 5
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lb.

ARTHUR HINGLEY ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
THOMAS CATTELL ... .. 3	CYRIL WINWOOD ... .. 7
GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 4	BERT HORTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. WALLATER. Conducted by BERT HORTON.  
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the society. Believed to be the first in the county.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN S. MASON ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK H. OLDNALL ... 5
DOUGLAS W. TURNER ... .. 2	*JOSEPH WARR ... .. 6
KENNETH I. PARDOE ... .. 3	LOUIS W. TURNER ... .. 7
NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 4	*ARTHUR D. FELLOWS ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

\* First peal of Triples. All the above band are under 21 years of age. The ringers tender their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. F. Molineux for having everything in readiness.

OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... Treble	STANLEY ROBINSON ... .. 5
JAMES M. NICKERSON ... 2	GEORGE W. JEFFS ... .. 6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3	CYRIL WILSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4	LESLIE GROOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.  
\* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and first peal of Major on the bells.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
*FRED BIGGS ... .. 2	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 6
*GEORGE GUTTERIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

\* First peal in the method. This peal contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 8th's place.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on February 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Child 1, F. Townsend 2, H. Bennett 3, Miss M. White 4, B. Hampton 5, F. Frampton 6, H. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the son of the Vicar (Rev. R. Rockett).

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

FREDERICK G. COLE ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
JAMES TOPP ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Bristol rung in the tower. C. Ernest Smith's 200th peal.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

*G. DENNIS DRIGHTON ... Treble	CYRIL PRINDEVILLE ... .. 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2	*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
†HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † 220th peal.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNESLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Felkirk Delight, Wragby Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN COPLEY ... .. Treble	FRANK ATKINSON ... .. 4
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 5
ARTHUR GILL ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Leslie and Roslyn, son and daughter of the Rev. H. R. H. Coney, Vicar of this church, aged eight and four years respectively, both birthdays being on this date.

SOUTH KIRKBY, NEAR PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven fourth's place Delight extents in the following order: Southwark, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Crowland, Combermere, St. Werburgh and Vale Royal. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK ATKINSON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

A. Gill, A. Panther and W. Green belong to Wath, D. Smith and H. Chant to Felkirk, F. Atkinson to York Minster. First peal on these bells since rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

*HENRY E. COMPTON ... Treble	†ALBERT RALPH CURTIS ... 4
*JAMES E. CUBBERLEY ... 2	ERNEST J. CUBBERLEY ... 5
*WILLIAM COMPTON ... .. 3	*WALTER CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM COMPTON.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The peal was rung by three fathers and three sons, and all are local Sunday service ringers at the above church.

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

*GEORGE L. TALBOT ... .. Treble	WALTER LAGO ... .. 4
†ALBERT E. BUTTERY ... .. 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 5
CHARLES H. WATTS ... .. 3	RICHARD INSTONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

PASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising 12 extents of Plain Bob (four variations) and 30 extents of Grandsire (10 variations). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

DAVID YAKLEY ... .. Treble	ROBERT FRANCIS ... .. 3
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	CLIFFORD BURTON ... .. 4
THOMAS FRANCIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells since restoration in February. First peal by ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th at the first attempt.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 3½ cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR D. FELLOWS ... .. 1 reble	JOSEPH WARR ... .. 4
†LOUIS W. TURNER ... .. 2	ERNEST A. TURNER ... .. 5
NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 3	DOUGLAS W. TURNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal. Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Grantham, a former churchwarden at St. Thomas', Stourbridge.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 3, 1934, in Three Hours and 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.

EDWARD MAUND ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLY ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Ernest Gibbs, who was interred at St. Gabriel's, Hanley Castle, the same day.

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MEPPERSHALL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Union and Grandsire Doubles and twelve of Bob Doubles. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... .. 1 reble	JOHN CHURCH ... .. 3
FRANCIS BEAUMONT ... .. 2	PERCY TOMPKINS ... .. 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

At the Residence of Mr. J. ATKINSON,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 24 120's of Grandsire and 18 of Plain Bob.

JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 1-2	WALTER M. GODDARD ... .. 3-4
JOSEPH ATKINSON ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by W. GODDARD.

Witness—J. D. ATKINSON.

Rung in honour of the election of Mr. A. W. Hoodless as churchwarden at Barton-on-Humber. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1-2, and to J. D. Atkinson, son of the ringer of 5-6.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very happy meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Easter Monday, when some 45 members and friends attended to enjoy a ring on this fine light ring of eight bells. Ringers were present from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Brockley, Carshalton, Chelsea, Croydon, Epsom, Esher, Leatherhead, Merton, Merstham, Reigate, Staines, Streatham, Willesden and Woodford. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short and interesting address (not on the history of bells but on matters mainly parochial).

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, a company of over 40 sitting down to a very enjoyable repast.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the District Master, Mr. E. Talbot. Four new members were elected, and a very hearty vote of thanks passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. J. Crawford for making all arrangements.

The tower was again open for ringing after the meeting, and the bells were kept going in a variety of methods—including four Surprise methods, plain and spliced—until 9 p.m., when a very enjoyable meeting came to a close.

**GAINSBOROUGH RINGERS' TRIBUTE TO COLLEAGUES.**

On April 5th eight of the ringers at All Saints', Gainsborough, met to show their esteem and respect for two former members of the company, Messrs. John Thomas Ladd and William Whelpton, who have just recently passed away.

Mr. Ladd was a member from 1891 to 1926. For a number of years during that period he held the office of Deputy Master of the company, and was also on the committee of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He was greatly interested in the art of ringing, and had taken part in thirteen peals.

Mr. Whelpton was a member from 1906 to 1912, and had one peal to his credit.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by: Miss E. Marshall 1, F. S. W. Butler 2, E. Dalingwater 3, J. Dixon 4, H. Morgan 5, C. H. Baker 6, G. W. Creasey (conductor) 7, H. Harper 8.

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## PEALS OF MINOR.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—There is not much in Mr. Joyce's letter that I wish to comment upon; most of it is directed against Mr. Cashmore, who has committed the heinous crime of overlooking what Mr. Joyce wrote six years ago. I have already tried to satisfy Mr. Joyce that I agree with him about the constitution of a lead of a method, but I require something more than the lead. I cannot learn a method without knowing what to do at the back stroke lead of the treble, nor can the Leytonstone company or Mr. Joyce. With all his knowledge, he would not be able to distinguish between a lead of Cambridge Minor and a lead of Primrose if only the first 24 rows of each method were written down, from and including rounds. He would require the 25th row—the back stroke row of the treble lead. It is for this reason, and because this 25th row is the 24th change, that I fail to see how Mr. Joyce can prove anything by forcing this point into the 'Minor' controversy. The 'lead' is not enough, any more than the first 720 rows of an 'extent' of the Bankes James peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor is enough to prove its truth. Another row—a very vital row—is required to produce the 720th change, and this row makes the extent neither true nor complete. (If any of your readers are apt to interpret this as an argument that the Bankes James peal is false, I would refer them to my letter published March 16th.)

I am sorry that I cannot remember when I contracted a 'debit account' with Mr. Joyce, but I sympathise with him. I have been a fellow-sufferer—mostly from clever people who enjoy having their 'dig' over a non de plume.

C. T. COLES.

## IN THE TOWER.

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Coles' letter replying to Mr. Joyce he says, 'Even Mr. Joyce cannot tell the difference between Hexham and Surfleet until the treble leads.' Neither can anyone else, but to the ordinary ringer there is a lot of difference, for nine out of every ten learn the whole of the diagram for each method. It is not sufficient to go into the tower and say, 'Now we'll ring Hexham; all you have to do is to ring Surfleet until treble leads, then step on two blows and again ring Surfleet,' for several do not even know when the treble is leading. The same applies to Primrose Major, but how many Cambridge Major ringers, who have not seen Primrose, could go straight into the tower and ring it with that simple explanation? Therefore, in multi-method peals the majority of ringers (in their own mind) ring entirely different methods and deserve more credit than the more gifted ringers.

H. M. DAY.

Other letters on this subject are unavoidably held over.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BELLS FOR NEATH.

The quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Bonvilston, near Cardiff, on Easter Monday. There was a good attendance from the Llandaff Diocese, but few from the Monmouth. The bells, a ring of six by Rudhall, were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Gilbert Thomas), whose address was most interesting. He gave the history of how the bells were obtained. Tea was very kindly provided by the workers of the church in the Church Institute, a company of forty-two sitting down.

Following tea the business meeting proceeded, with the Vicar in the chair. Instructors' reports were received, and in regard to proposed restorations and augmentations it was announced that the bells of Neath Parish Church (a ring of six) had been removed to the Loughborough Foundry, and that a frame for eight was being provided, so that two bells could be added later. After several members had expressed the wish that the two bells could be added now, it was unanimously resolved that the Vicar of Neath be communicated with and that an offer of five pounds from the association funds be made towards the two bells if put in hand forthwith.

Several new members were elected, including the local band, which rejoined after a lapse of a few years. The result of the meeting is that without doubt these bells will again be rung for the Sunday services.

After the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed, and the bells were rung in various methods until late in the evening.

## MERTON COLLEGE BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The bells of Merton College are not unringable. They are rung regularly, four times a year, by the Oxford Society. I believe that the four days are the King's birthday, the Queen's birthday, the Prince of Wales' birthday, and the anniversary of the King's accession, and that the Oxford Society originated through the need of the four colleges, Christ Church, New College, Magdalen and Merton, for ringers to do this 'paid ringing.'

The Merton bells were overhauled by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, about four years ago, and the seventh and tenor rehung on ball bearings. Personally, I think the difficulty lies not so much in handling the bells themselves as in the nervous strain of standing in the ringing gallery, which is famous, or infamous, among those who have rung there.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations and good wishes in which all ringers will join are extended to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the general hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who is 75 to-day.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, the Essex veteran, rang two Surprise peals on Easter Monday. He has passed his 78th 'milestone.' He must be nearly, if not quite, the oldest ringer to ring two peals in one day.

Work has commenced on raising the tower of Buckfast Abbey another 40ft., four of the monks being engaged on the task. It is expected that the structure will take two years to complete. The bells, a ring of twelve, will then be raised, and ringing take place from the floor, where the bells now are, instead of from the narrow stone gallery at present used by the ringers.

Three of the band who rang in the then record length of 15,072 Double Norwich Major at Erith, on April 3rd, 1899, took part in a 35th anniversary peal last week, when Cambridge Surprise was rung on the same bells. The three ringers were Messrs. W. Pye (the conductor), G. R. Pye and J. H. Cheesman.

This record peal was exceeded in length at Kidlington on May 22nd in the same year, when a 17,024 of Double Norwich, which gave rise to a great deal of controversy at the time, was rung, conducted by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

The peal which the Erith record superseded was the 13,440 rung at Romford 40 years ago next Wednesday, by a band of Cumberland Youths who, three weeks earlier, had lost the peal after ringing 13,072 changes in 8 hrs. 15 mins. at Brentwood through the breaking of a rope.

In connection with Double Norwich records, it is interesting to recall that on April 14th, 1928, an attempt for 22,096 was made at Heptonstall and lost after 10 hours 31 mins.' ringing!

The anniversaries of several peal records occur about this time. On April 12th, 1909, 18,027 Stedman Caters was rung at Loughborough in 12 hrs. 18 mins., a record beaten in length at Appleton on April 22nd, 1922, by the 21,363 rung in 12 hrs. 25 mins.

Twenty years ago to-day the 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, and in the same tower on April 17th, 1911, the 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus. On April 18th, 1927, 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Heptonstall.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Brighton on March 24th was Alfred W. Bond, not Ward as printed. The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Hinton on March 21st was Arthur J. Martin, not Masters as published.

Mr. G. H. Roberts, after allowing forty years to elapse between his first and second peals, has since rung several peals, and has now scored his first on eight bells in his 70th year. This was Kent Treble Bob Major at Oundle on Saturday, and he stood in at short notice. The Rector visited the belfry and congratulated the band after the peal.

On Easter Monday, as a compliment to the Minister of Agriculture on the occasion of his wedding, the five bells of Kington Magna Church, Dorset, were rung by a dairy proprietor (in holy orders) and four farm workers.

The band that scored the first peal of Berkshire Surprise at Wokingham recently are all residents of the county of Horks. They must have been in the 'pink' of condition to have rung it straight off the reel.

In the last course of the peal of London Surprise at Uxbridge, on Easter Monday, the electric light was switched off for nearly half a treble lead. In the darkness someone said, 'Stick it!' and when the light was put on again there was no need for correction amongst the ringers.

The peal of Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob) rung at Paston, Norfolk, on Tuesday week, was the first peal by all except the conductor, and it was rung at the first attempt. The 'first pealers' belong to the local band, and were elected members of the Norwich Diocesan Association on the previous day. The conductor, Mr. Nolan Golden, called the only peal rung on the original five in this tower.

The Rev. R. E. V. Prichard restored the two rings of bells under his care (in adjoining parishes) within twelve months, the work at Paston having been completed in February. He entertained the ringers to supper after the peal, which, incidentally was Mr. Nolan Golden's 200th for the association.

One thousand peals have been rung by the Hereford Diocesan Guild, which was founded in March, 1886.

In the table of the peals analyses, published in our issue of March 30th, the footnote (e) under Surprise Major should have been '1 Bushey, 1 Aldenham.'

Can any of our readers supply a correspondent with the notes of 'St. Michael's' quarter chimes?

The dedication of the new ring of ten bells at Ranmoor, Sheffield, took place on Saturday week. The two trebles have been added as a memorial to the late Mr. Sam Thomas. A report of the opening will appear in our next issue.

The report of a peal at Rhyl has been sent without the date.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

### REVISED RULES ADOPTED.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Easter Monday, and, following the usual rotation, this year it was at Leicester. From an early hour and throughout the day the bells of St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's Cathedral (10), St. John's (10) and St. Saviour's (eight) were rung to various standard and Surprise methods (some very surprising!). The committee met in the afternoon and carried through the usual routine business. The annual report and balance sheet for 1933 had been printed and was in circulation.

Discussion on the proposed new rules was left to the general meeting, but it was pointed out that as one section regarding the standard and conditions for peals was subject to the Central Council's ruling, it was decided to leave over the final printing until after that body's meeting at Warwick.

Tea was served at the Victoria Hotel, when well over 100 ringers and friends sat down (more than a third of whom had, as usual, failed to send in notification of intention to be present). All the eight districts of the association were represented, viz.: Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Loughborough, Leicester, Nottingham and the Peak. Many distinguished friends were welcomed from as far apart as London (Inspector W. Bottrill), Leeds (Mr. Leslie Morris, 'now famous for his Doubles'), Coventry (Mr. F. Pervin), Rugby (Mr. J. B. Fenton), Kettering (Mr. R. G. Black, Mr. C. Bird and others), Nuneaton (Mr. T. W. Chapman and Mr. J. F. Clarke), and many others too numerous to mention.

At the general meeting which followed tea, the chair was taken by the president (Mr. E. Denison Taylor), supported by the vice-president (Mr. W. Willson), hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White) and hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris), also the Rev. W. Groome-Merrilees (Theddingworth) and Rev. R. P. Farrow (St.oney Stanton).

### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The general officers of the association were re-elected 'en bloc,' there being no other nominations put forward.

The president, treasurer and secretary each spoke a few words of thanks for the honour conferred upon and the trust displayed in them, and assured the members of their continued efforts to maintain the association's reputation and high standard.

The President, in his review of the past quarter's work and peals rung, said how pleased he was to be once again with them after his sojourn abroad. He spoke of the loss the association had sustained in the passing of Mr. W. Hyde Inglesant, who in his prime was a first-class ringer and composer. He mentioned also that their old friend, Mr. J. Griffin, had returned to Burton, and in view of the tragic circumstances of the death of his daughter, the hon. secretary was instructed to send him a letter of condolence from that meeting.

The balance sheet for 1933 was formally proposed by Mr. J. H. Dean (one of the auditors), seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield and passed. Places for the next three general meetings were finally selected as follows: Matlock (June), Duffield (September), and Hinckley (January, 1935).

New members proposed since the last meeting: Seventeen ringing, four rejoining, one life and one honorary were duly elected.

The proposed new rules were read by the president, and various amendments noted.

This was a long procedure and perhaps somewhat boring to the visitors, but was a necessary item of business. However, it was satisfactorily disposed of, and, as stated above, the rules as revised will eventually be printed and distributed after the Central Council's meeting at Whitstutide.

The evening was spent in harmony and conviviality at the Star Inn clubroom, which was somewhat overcrowded at first. The proceedings were nevertheless enjoyed by all present. Songs were rendered by Sergt. H. J. Poole and his 'confederates' of the detective department, and others, while handbell tunes were rung and touches of Stedman Triples, Caters, and a course of Cinques by: R. F. Elkington 1-2, H. J. Poole 3-4, F. E. Pervin 5-6, E. Morris 7-8, E. Whitehead 9-10, J. Morris 11-12. Thus can be recorded another successful meeting and a happy social evening.

### THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In their annual report the committee record 111 peals rung during the year 1933, the second lowest total for many years. Nevertheless it was interesting in that the peals covered all numbers from five to twelve bells. The Billesdon local band was congratulated on scoring a six-method peal, while the Leicester ringers held the field on twelve bells by ringing the only 12-bell peal during the year. This was on handbells, and in addition they had rung six peals of Caters 'in hand.' 'Much good might be done,' adds the report, 'if other bands would take up this side of our art, not only as a "side line" but also as a means of bringing on young recruits, especially in these days of noise-racked nerves, and where the tower bells are noisy in the more populated towns.' The 'top-scorers' in peals were, as usual, the Wednesdayites, with their continued peals of Stedman in new and intricate compositions, conducted by that genius, Maurice Swinfield. Among the ringers Mr. James George, of Birmingham, was top-scorer with 31.

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## EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### A RINGERS' INSURANCE SCHEME.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held at South Normanton on Easter Monday, and was attended by 60 members. The bells were raised in peal at 2.30 and kept merrily going until 4.15, when service was held, conducted by the Rector (Rev. T. H. Evans), who delivered a homely address, which was greatly appreciated by the congregation. The lesson was read by Mr. H. Doughty, and the organist was Mr. E. W. Riley, both members of the local band.

After a substantial tea in the Church Schools, Mr. Wilson Dobbs presided over a large gathering. The accounts were adopted as satisfactory, and showed a credit balance of £6 12s. 1d., the auditors' report being presented by Mr. J. Machin.

Mr. Wilson Dobbs (president), Mr. Wilson Allin (vice-president), Mr. T. Stimpson (treasurer), Mr. Tom Clarke (Ringing Master), and Mr. J. W. England (secretary) were all re-elected, and Messrs. J. Machin and T. Hand were appointed auditors. The executive committee were also re-elected, the members thus showing complete confidence in the management of the association's affairs.

The report of the Ringing Master and secretary were of a very encouraging nature.

Fourteen new members were elected, six of these being from one tower, Heath.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Mansfield, with other meetings at Heanor, Teversal, Denby, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Ash-over, Alfreton and Farnsfield. It was also decided to attempt a monthly peal, principally for the benefit of young ringers, as there are several promising youngsters who will, no doubt, be pleased to record their 'first.'

The Secretary explained particulars of a ringers' insurance scheme, a matter, we are afraid, sadly neglected, and urged the members present to press the subject forward with their various Church Councils. The annual premium is 1s. per ringer, with a minimum of 10s. per tower.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, and ladies terminated the proceedings, Mr. A. B. Judge, churchwarden, replying on behalf of the Rector, who was temporarily absent.

Further ringing took place until nearly nine o'clock, and everybody enjoyed another good meeting.

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After referring to other features of the peals, the report goes on to say that according to the footnotes appearing in 'The Ringing World' no fewer than 110 ringers had rung peals in a new method, but only five new conductors appear. Twenty ringers had scored their first peal.

### UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The number of members was 1,036, viz., 843 ringing members and 193 hon. members and patrons. The total, says the report, includes a number who are unfortunately on the verge of cancellation through non-payment of subscriptions. Local secretaries are asked to endeavour to arouse the apathy of these dilatory ones to a real live interest in the art.

Dealing further with the subject of finance, the report continues: 'We are sorry to say that our optimistic views expressed in the last report have not been as fully realised as was then anticipated, our expenses having exceeded our income by about £9 10s.; this ought not to be. At the close of the year 1933 only two-thirds of the total number of our ringing members had paid their subscription. This is a very serious thing for the association and no credit to those in arrears.'

'We have made constant appeals both in our reports and through the districts secretaries, but without tangible results. What then is the cause of this neglect? We cannot think it is lack of interest in ringing, and surely it is not the amount of the annual subscription, which is equivalent to 1½d. per month.'

'In face of the above the committee are reluctantly compelled to cut down expenses; it is the only alternative. We should like all members to study and compare the accounts which will be found in this and previous reports, and if they can make any useful criticism or suggestion we shall be glad if they will pass it on to the secretary for consideration.'

'During the past year we have assisted financially in the restoration of the bells at Billesdon, and also with the assistance of friends from within and without our association, we have borne the expense of recasting the treble bell at Duffield, which, with its suitable inscription, now hangs in the tower there as a memorial (long overdue) to Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., president of this association for many years, and well known throughout the land for the great interest he took in our church bells, bellringing and bellringers. The inscription on the bell runs: "This bell was recast in memory of Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., by the Midland Counties Association (president 1886-1916) and other ringers."'

The balance sheet shows a reserve fund of £250 and a balance in the appropriation account of £42 17s. 4d., the latter, which stood at £48 15s. 10d. at the beginning of the year and had been added to by £9 10s. interest on investments, having met the loss on general account of £9 9s. 9d. and a grant to Bell Repair Fund of £5 18s. 9d.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT NORWICH.

The annual festival of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. Again by the kind permission of the respective incumbents the bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael-at-Coslany, and All Saints' were placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock in the morning until the evening. Special service was held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., and was conducted by the curate (Rev. Reginald Fielding, L.Th.), and the Rev. H. W. Benson, M.A., Vicar of Buxton, gave an impressive and inspiring address on the message of bells, which was listened to by a congregation of nearly 70 ringers and friends.

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. H. W. Benson, Mr. Charles E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. W. L. Duffield (chairman, South Norfolk Branch), Messrs. John G. W. Harwood, and F. Nolan Golden (branch secretaries), Mr. J. Madden Williams (organist of St. Peter Mancroft), Mr. Ben S. Thompson (Ringing Master, St. Peter Mancroft Guild), Messrs. G. Bailey, R. W. Cooke, W. J. Clover, W. C. Duffield, G. Mayers, W. J. Lee, C. J. More, J. Taylor, E. Whiting (members of the branch committees), and ringers from Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Fakenham, Wymondham, Paston, Pulham, Aylsham, Buxton, Lodden, Acie, Wroxham, Gressenhall, Saxmundham, Thornham Magna, Stoke Ash, Palgrave, etc.

The President proposed the toast of 'The King,' and afterwards read an apology for absence from the Bishop of Norwich (patron of association), who sent all good wishes to the association. They were sorry, added the president, at the absence of Mr. Philip E. Sewell, who took a great interest in bellringing. Mr. Sewell had had an accident and they all sympathised with him. Referring to the sermon that was preached that morning at St. Peter Mancroft by the Rev. H. W. Benson, Vicar of Buxton, the president humorously remarked that one of the things he enjoyed was when Mr. Benson said bellringers all pulled together (laughter). He advised him the next time he spoke to drop that expression (laughter). It was a very good sermon, and they all thoroughly enjoyed it.

At the business meeting the President said some people spoke of centralisation and others of decentralisation. He thought that in that association they had a happy balance. They had a certain amount of centralisation, and had also got decentralisation and local freedom. It was a very good thing, and the wisdom of it was justified. He had been reading the reports of their branches which, on the whole, were excellent. He thought the older men ought to do their best to get the younger folk to join. All ought to say they were doing something for the old church, because the old church was trying to do its best for them. They should put the status of the bellringer very high, because each could say he was a minister of Christ and would do his own particular job to the best of his ability. The total membership of the association, continued the President, was 844, an increase on the year of only three. They had a balance at the bank of £9 16s. 4d., which was 18s. more than last year. That was a very unusual thing as regards church organisation (laughter). Twenty-two members had lapsed through non-payment of subscriptions. He did not know what to do about those defaulters, and hoped a way would be found so that they would not lose them. The President concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. W. Benson 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 general secretary and treasurer presented the annual report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1933, which was adopted.

Mr. Coleman, proposing the re-election of the Archdeacon of Norwich as president, said it was most important to have a real live person for that position and not a figure head. The Archdeacon took a keen interest in church bells and bellringers, and his influence contributed to the success of the association.—The motion was seconded and carried with enthusiasm.—The president briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Mr. Ben S. Thompson, proposing the re-election of the general secretary and treasurer, said Mr. Coleman took the keenest interest in his duties and in the association.—The motion was seconded by Mr. F. Nolan Golden and carried unanimously.—Mr. G. P. Burton was reappointed hon. auditor.

Amendment to association Rule III., allowing for two persons elected from the members of each branch and nominated by them for the elected members of the committee, was confirmed. The following two representatives from each branch were appointed to the Standing Committee: North Norfolk Branch, Mr. George Bailey and Mr. William C. Duffield; East Norfolk Branch, Mr. Richard T. Woodley and Mr. James Taylor; South Norfolk Branch, Mr. Albert G. Harrison and Mr. Ernest Whiting; West Norfolk Branch, Mr. Robert W. Cooke and Mr. George Love.

On a motion moved by the general secretary and treasurer, seconded by Mr. R. W. Cooke, 25 new members were elected.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon of Norwich for presiding, and the members then adjourned to the various belfries for further ringing.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting was held at Cirencester on Easter Monday, 59 members attending. A short service, conducted by Rev. Canon L. Westmacott, was held in Watermoor Church. The business meeting was held in the Church Room with the Master, Mr. J. Gould, presiding, supported by Vice-President Mr. S. Romans and Rev. Noel Hope. The Master, in his report, regretted the loss of so many hon. members and associate members. He reported that 32 peals had been rung during the year.

The Hon. Secretary in his report referred to the rehanging of St. Mary-le-Port bells, Bristol, and urged all members to appeal to their church authorities, where 'clocking' was still practised. He also drew the members' attention to the fact that the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council were now held as binding. Every effort must be made to conform with the Rules and Decisions.

The Hon. Treasurer, in his statement of accounts, revealed that branches were down on the year, but through less expenditure in the general accounts a saving of £22 had been effected.

The members stood in silence for five members who had passed away.

The representatives on the Central Council gave their reports in which the Minor controversy was spoken of, and it was regretted that the latter part of Mr. S. H. Wood's motion had ever been included. It was strongly supported that all abnormalities should be out or all in, and that there should be no exceptions.

The Davies Memorial Committee reported that £306 4s. 4d. had been subscribed up to that day, and that the expenditure would be £75 to the chapel; bells, fixing and inscriptions, £232 7s. 1d.; brass tablet, £5; and administration expenses, £10, making a total of £322 7s. 1d. It was agreed that the deficit of £16 be paid from the general funds on May 19th, so that the memorial should be complete. The special committee were thanked for their services and dismissed from May 19th, 1934.

### REARRANGEMENT OF DISTRICTS.

A discussion upon branch border lines took place, and it was decided to place Thornbury, Tytherington, Yate and Chipping Sodbury in the Bristol Branch.

The vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Mr. A. Maggs, Bristol, and Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester, the latter having served 22 years as a branch secretary.

Mr. S. Romans (Gloucester) was unanimously elected Master. Mr. Romans accepted under the condition that his election took place from May 20th. He thought Mr. Gould, having served through the onerous portion of the Davies memorial scheme, should have the pleasure of seeing it through.

All the other officers were re-elected, as were also the hon. auditors. All branch and belfry elections were ratified.

It was agreed to hold the next general meeting at Swindon in May, 1935, and to give notice of alteration in rules re hon. members' fees. It was decided to adopt as an experimental by-law that hon. members 'should subscribe to the funds' (without fixing fee).

A vote of thanks to Canon Westmacott and the organist was warmly accorded. Ringing at Watermoor (eight bells) and St. John's (12) took place during the day.

### SPLICED SURPRISE.

#### A NEW COMPOSITION FOR FOUR METHODS.

A peal in four spliced Surprise methods—London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative—was rung at Hillingdon on Saturday, and it was a meritorious performance in more ways than one. It was composed and conducted by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, of Ealing, who is not only the youngest ringer to conduct a spliced Surprise peal, but he also called it from a non-observation bell. In addition, four of the band rang a spliced Surprise peal for the first time. And beyond this, Mr. Turner has produced a new composition which will doubtless be very welcome to Spliced Surprise conductors. Here are the figures of the peal:—

#### 5,088 SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. BY ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

23456	M.	W.	H.		M.	W.	H.
54632	—	—	—	A	43265	—	3
43652	—	2	—	A	52364	—	3
52436	2	—	—	A	65324	—	—
34625	—	—	—	26354	—	—	—
26543	—	—	—	65432	—	2	—
64352	—	2	—	53624	2	2	—
56342	3	—	—	24536	2	—	—
24365	—	—	—	32546	—	—	—
63542	—	—	—	Repeat, calling one course 2M and W instead of the three courses marked A.			
53246	—	3	—				
34562	2	2	—				
46325	2	2	—				
32465	3	—	—				

All courses consist of London, Cambridge or Superlative, London, with leads of Bristol inserted when more than one bob is called at M or W in any course.

First rung at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on April 7th, 1934.

## THREE POOR BELLS AT ANSTEY.

### RINGERS RAISING FUNDS FOR RECASTING.

There is at Anstey, near Leicester, a ring of eight bells (tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G). Originally there were only five bells, cast by J. M. Halton, of the Bawtry, Yorkshire, Bell Foundry in 1723. In the year 1908, having become quite unringable, they were rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the then two smallest bells (the present 4th and 5th) were recast and three smaller bells were added to complete the octave.

The 6th, 7th and tenor bells have now become very defective in tone and urgently need recasting. An estimate has been obtained from Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to do this work for £120. About 4½ cwt. of new metal in the aggregate will be added to those three

bells to bring them up to the correct weights for their diameters and the notes they sound.

The Anstey Church Council has officially sanctioned the scheme, but has placed the matter of raising the money entirely in the hands of the ringers owing to a heavy outlay they have to meet owing to the recent rebuilding of the Church Rooms. The task of the ringers is also made more difficult by the fact that Anstey is a poor parish and also an exceptionally Nonconformist place.

The ringers have been doing their best for some time past to raise money, and have organised several efforts, besides having received quite a number of donations. Less than half the amount of money required has so far been raised, and any contributions, however small they may be, will be very gratefully received and acknowledged by the hon. secretary of the Bell Fund, Mr. Alban Disney, 8, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester.



ANSTEY CHURCH, WHERE BELLS NEED RECASTING.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING.

### PRESENTATION TO THE DEAN OF WORCESTER.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday. The weather was not as pleasant as it might have been, although one was thankful on this occasion that there was no rain to mar the proceedings. During the morning there were various towers at the disposal of those who had ventured out in the cold winds to pay their annual visit to the royal town. There was the peal of six at St. Nicholas', six at St. Swithin's, eight at St. John-in-Bedwardine, and, of course, the 10 at All Saints', of all of which great use was made. Unfortunately the fine peal of 12 at the Cathedral were not available owing to illness close by.

As usual, the business meeting was held in the Cathedral Chapter House under the presidency of the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D.), who was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., vice-president, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, M.A., clerical secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman, general lay secretary, and Mr. William Short, Master.

The Dean, in opening the proceedings, again welcomed the association to Worcester, and said how glad he was to see them once more, although he regretted to hear of the losses they had sustained during the past year through death. The president referred to the fact that it had not been possible to use the Cathedral bells this year owing to the illness near by, and he knew the people concerned appreciated the thoughtfulness of the ringers in not wishing to ring at the Cathedral under the circumstances.

The Secretary said he thought the meeting ought not to proceed without some mention being made of the members who had died during the past year. They were Mr. R. E. Grove, of Kidderminster, Mr. Ernest Gibbs, of Hanley Castle, Mr. Frederick J. Johnson, of Hinton, and Mr. Wm. Page, of Worcester, all of whom had rendered valuable service to ringing in general and to the association in particular.

### MEMBERSHIP LARGER THAN EVER.

The secretary then presented the report of the Central Committee, from which it appeared that the membership of the association was now larger than it had ever been, and the association was now entitled to four representatives on the Central Council. The committee had decided not to take advantage of this, however. They had also decided again to hold a dinner which was provisionally fixed to take place at Worcester on Saturday, September 29th, and it is earnestly requested that ringers will keep this date open and do their best to make it a success. It is hoped to secure better accommodation this year.

With regard to the hon. life members, it was decided to change this title to 'Freemen of the association,' and the Dean of Worcester was appointed the head of such freemen.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Amid great enthusiasm the Dean of Worcester was re-elected president of the association, and the other officers were also re-elected, viz.: Mr. William Short to the Mastership, the Rev. J. F. Hastings and Mr. J. R. Newman to be clerical and lay secretaries respectively.

Next followed the presentation of the accounts, which showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. It was pointed out that since the Belfry Repairs Fund had been started the association had made grants towards bell restorations totalling over £90. Mention was made of the bells of St. Helen's, Worcester, which had been silent for the last two or three years owing to the tenor being cracked, and a hope was expressed that something might soon be done to put these bells in ringing order.

### THE PRESENTATION TO THE DEAN.

Mr. Newman reminded the meeting that the Very Rev. Moore Ede had now completed 25 years as president of the association. During that time they had seen two very important furnishings to the Cathedral; one the erection of the memorial window to ringers (Continued at foot of next page.)

## OPENING OF DAVIES MEMORIAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—For the benefit of your readers who so readily sent donations to the Davies Memorial Fund may I extend, from Mrs. Davies, Rev. E. Gough and the Davies special committee an invitation to the dedication service which is to be held on Saturday afternoon, May 19th.

Full details will be announced in the notice column of 'The Ringing World' shortly, but may I ask that all those intending to be present to advise me at the earliest, and in any case not later than May 12th? Twelve associations will be represented in the dedication ringing, if possible, and the ringing immediately after the service will be carried out by 12 officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

After tea the 12 bells will be available for short touches and even 'rounds' and 'queens,' but it can only be arranged if ringers attending will lend their co-operation by applying for a pull. May I, in conclusion, on behalf of my committee, thank all those who have contributed to the success of the memorial? The total cost is £322, and of this £308 has been contributed.

46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol 2.

EDGAR GUISE.

## FROM BELFREY TO CHURCH.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—No doubt we shall read in 'The Ringing World' of great things done during Eastertide, but can this be beaten? At the Parish Church, Swainswick, Bath, after ringing from 6 a.m. till 7 a.m., the ringers from amongst their company provided for the seven o'clock service an organist, organ blower, two sidesmen and sexton, and were then asked by the Rector for two of the members to go to the vestry and count the collection. The sexton was the only one acting in his official capacity.

WALTER STARR,

Towermaster.

## EASTER RINGING.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—On Easter Day, for evensong, at All Souls' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Pike 1, J. E. Markland 2, J. Helme (first quarter-peal) 3, C. Brownlow 4, R. Holden 5, H. Johnson 6, Jack Kay (conductor) 7, N. Critchley 8.

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS.**—At St. James', for Easter evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Mollie Redpath (of Crayford, Kent) (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Limb 2, J. E. Buries 3, J. Williams 4, S. Hyder 5, W. Pickthall (Bury) 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, A. Steadman 8.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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who had been killed in the Great War. This memorial was unique in that it also recorded the names of members who had served in the war and had safely returned. The other was the restoration of the Cathedral bells. He (the speaker) felt that he could not adequately express the feeling of esteem and respect which the members of the association had for their president. He always gave them a great welcome on Easter Monday, and did all he could to make the annual meeting a success (applause).

Mr. Newman then presented to the Dean a replica of a bell as it is hung for ringing, and which was suitably inscribed, as a small token of esteem in which he was held and for his many kindnesses in the past.

Mr. Newman was ably supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who said he had known the Dean for many years, and he specially remembered the occasion when the Dean took his first degree in 1871. The Alderman said he thought the saying, 'La cara e buona imagine paterna' ('The dear and good paternal image') applied to their president very nicely. He always took a kind and fatherly interest in them. They were, therefore, thankful to have had him as their president, and he (the speaker) hoped they would have him for many more years to come (applause).

The Dean, in reply, thanked the members for their kind thought. He said he had always been glad to do what he could to help forward the work of the association. Twenty-five years to him meant 25 Easter Mondays and the joy he got in attending the ringers' meeting on that day. He always felt that the association was doing a great work for the church in raising the tone of service of the bell-ringer, and helping forward the reform in the belfry which, some years ago, was badly needed. The Dean paid a high tribute to the work of the secretary. He (the Dean) said that Mr. Newman had been a very great help to him since he had been president (applause).

The meeting over, the ringers attended evensong in the Cathedral, and the address was this year given by the Dean.

The tea, to which a goodly number sat down, was partaken of at the Co-operative Stores, after which more ringing at the City churches brought a successful meeting to a close.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 19th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 17th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th, 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.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Parish Church, New Radnor. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector. — F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brewwood on Saturday, April 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. Knights-Smith). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton, at 2.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston, Blackburn, Fylde and Wigan Branches.—The annual joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m., meeting following.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Preston.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., and meeting to follow. Special method London Surprise Major.—Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool, 16.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. All welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Englefield on Saturday, April 14th. Englefield tower open from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Englefield and Theale bells available after tea.—Please notify T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, number for tea.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Sat., April 14th. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. each). Ringers, come early to Royston and view a symphony in stone (the Church).—Write C. D. Potter, Prospect Villa, High Street, Royston, near Barnsley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central and Hunts Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Over, Cambs, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. We extend a hearty welcome to ringing friends.—H. Parker and F. Warrington, Dis. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, April 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Kirton on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at South Shields on Saturday, April 14th. Bells of St. Hilda's, available from 2.30. Hearty welcome to all ringers.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at the Sun Inn. All welcome.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Revival of district meetings.—A meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, April 14th. Service in the Parish Church, tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea to Mr. R. L. Scarth, 26, Hallgarth, Pickering. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—E. Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Sidcup, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. Please come. Good bus and train service.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at Lockerley on April 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Tytherley and Mottisfont bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, April 14th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Saturday, April 14th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service, tea and meeting. Tea close by. Kindly notify for tea Mr. A. J. House, Rochdale, Unity Road, Waltham Cross, Herts. All heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec. 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 14th. Bells: East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) open from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marston Magna (six bells) on Saturday, April 14th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The meeting postponed from March will be held at Ogbourne St. George on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringing friends welcome.—A. Taylor, Sec., Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Amended Notice.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, April 16th, at 8.15 p.m., also practices on April 16th at 7 p.m. and April 30th at 7.30 p.m. All at St. Clement Danes, Strand.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members cordially invited.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ealing on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4.30 at St. Mary's Church. Sermon by the Bishop of Willesden. Tea and meeting at the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, at 5.15. Charge for tea, 1s., but please do send us an advice by April 17th. Ringing at St. Mary's 2 to 4.30, St. Stephen's 2 to 4, and at St. Mary's and Christ Church after the meeting.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 21st. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available during afternoon

and evening. Short service at 4.30 to be taken by Rev. A. D. Henwood, M.A. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ye Woolpack Hotel. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bidston (6 bells) on April 21st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 if possible. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Please notify for tea Tuesday, 17th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Rounds to London Surprise. Everybody welcome, especially friends from over the border. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided. Those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify if requiring tea by 17th. — E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, 18th inst.? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley (not Odiham) on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. All requiring tea please notify by April 17th to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon C. Thomas, a by-meeting will be held at Northbourne on Saturday, April 21st. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me before Thursday, April 19th?—P. W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service, if possible, 4.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea to be sent to me not later than Monday, April 16th.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gelstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 17th.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Market Drayton (8 bells) on April 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 18th inst?—Rich. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Please advise for tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burton Bradstock on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than April 18th?—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Adber, Middle Street, Bradpole.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells at 3. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. As tea is at the invitation of the Rector and the local ringers, it is essential that numbers should be in my hands by April 18th.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Salisbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Knoyle (6 bells) on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells also available at Semley (6). Advise me not later than April 17th for tea. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, Hon. Branch Sec., 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

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

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (10) at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Munden (6 bells) on April 21st by invitation of the Rector, who will provide tea. Bells open during afternoon and evening. Service and business. All heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, April 21st. 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.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, April 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea by invitation of St. Mary's Society. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Ranmoor, Sheffield. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) a 'Grand Ringers' Day will take place on Saturday, April 21st, when the new peal of ten bells, recently installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be available from 2.30 p.m. For tea (4.30 p.m.) please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield (10), without fail by April 17th. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by April 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Midgham on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. Barrett, Coach and Horses, Midgham, near Reading, by Wednesday, April 18th, for tea. Half-hourly bus service from Reading and Newbury.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory free to all members of the Guild. Service at 6 p.m. Bus (Kemp's) leaves Blagrove Street, Reading, near Station Yard, at 2.30 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 18th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me by Tuesday, April 17th?—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Brancepeth on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. It is requested, owing to limited catering, that ringers will notify me not later than the 19th inst. for tea. All ringers welcome.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 34, Newlands Road, Darlington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Joint practice at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Thursday, April 26th. Handbells 6.15 p.m. Tower bells 7.15 p.m. All methods, and all ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**ALDENHAM.**—Saturday, April 28th, for practice and pleasure.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Hoo, St. Werberg, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea (1s. per head) must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 24th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 28th. Bells, Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10), available from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea (free to members, non-members 1s.) in Holy Trinity Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, April 24th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

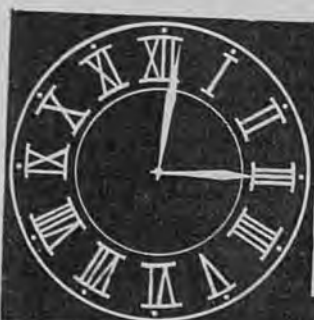
**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 28th. Service in the Morning Chapel of 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 25th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at East Peckham on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 1st.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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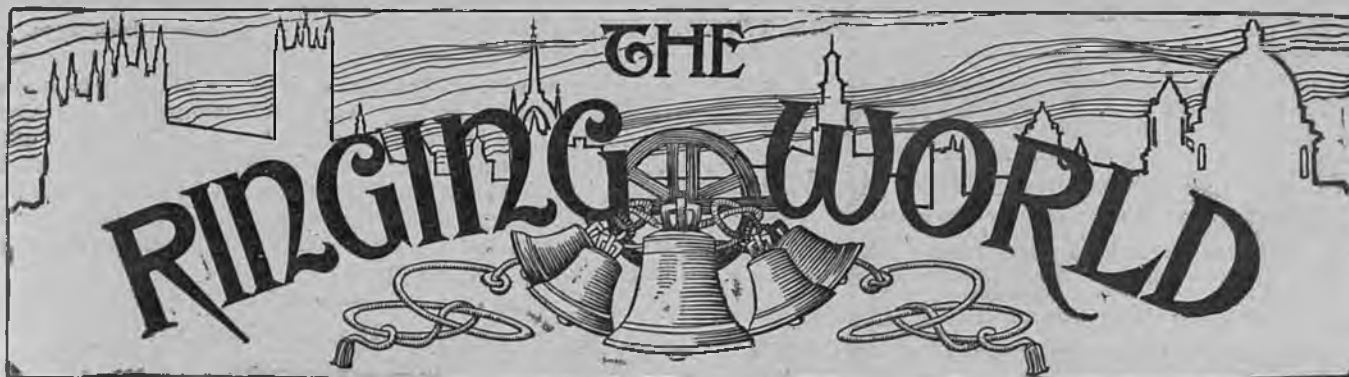
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**THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF BEGINNERS**

Among the resolutions which the Central Council is to discuss at the next meeting is one urging ringers to do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren. It is a subject upon which there can hardly be two opinions. Unless the less proficient ringers are encouraged, the art of ringing will ultimately become extinct, or, at any rate, the standard of its practice will sadly deteriorate. To maintain efficiency the constantly recurring gaps in the ranks must be filled and the beginners encouraged to improve by every possible means. The difficulties seem to arise in devising and applying the means, and we hope the discussion in the Council will reveal the best way, not only of giving effect to the motion itself, but of enabling ringers to give the encouragement so greatly needed.

Where there is a genuine intention of building up a band beginners get every encouragement, but it is also true that in cases where the ringers themselves are half-hearted—and there are plenty of these about—a good many recruits are lost to the Exercise. To maintain the interest of the beginner there must always be the incentive of progress, and, while it is a mistake to let the learner run before he can walk—to let him ring changes before he can ring rounds properly—he certainly needs the encouragement and opportunity to practise and advance. The discussion will do good if it will show not only the best methods of encouraging the beginner, but how ringers of the half-hearted type are to be induced to offer this encouragement.

When we referred last week to the three motions which have been placed on the Council's agenda we spoke of them as all relating to peal ringing, but we are informed by the proposer of this motion urging the encouragement of beginners that this is not correct. We are rather at a loss to understand why his proposal has nothing to do with peal ringing, when it begins by expressing concern at the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal. On the face of it the motion appears to ask for the encouragement of beginners in peal ringing, but we are prepared to take the word of the proposer that this is not what is intended. Peal ringing, however, may be one form of encouragement, although not every beginner has ambitions in this direction, and even proffered help is rejected. That, at any rate, has been the recent experience of one district secretary. But whether the motion relates to peal ringing or not, the Central Council is likely, we imagine, to pass the motion without an opposition. It will be worthless, however, unless the discussion produces some practical suggestions. A mere pious expression of opinion will

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get us nowhere. What keen ringers will want to know is whether there are any ways still unexplored by which beginners may be encouraged; what keen beginners will be glad to learn is the means by which the half-hearted exponents of the art can be encouraged to help them on to higher things. If this is forthcoming, the debate will be of service, but its value will depend upon how far it can have a practical application.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	A. JAMES HARRIS ... .. 7
*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... .. 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... .. 8
WALTER WALLACE ... .. 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 9
†KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 5	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	*A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... .. 6
*STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... .. 7
*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... .. 3	*HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 8
GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 4	*FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 9
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
\* First peal of Bob Royal. Especially arranged to celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. W. E. Dawe and Miss E. M. Morris, which took place at the above church on the same day.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED RIDER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 6
ROBERT G. LEWIS ... .. 2	JOHN RIDER ... .. 7
*WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 3	EDWIN SHARRATT ... .. 8
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 4	EDGAR SHARRATT, SEN. ... .. 9
THOMAS HURD ... .. 5	EDWARD A. RIDGWAY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by J. RIDER.  
\* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal of Oxford Royal by all the band except the ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 6th. R. G. Lewis' 60th peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. S. C. Stevens, who was recently inducted to the living of the Parish Church.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. Treble	HAROLD F. MARTIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... .. 3	HARRY PRICE ... .. 8
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Short and R. G. Knowles.

SOUTHGATE.—On March 12th, for evening service, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. R. Glasscock 1, Mrs. Tomlinson 2, D. Pink 3, W. Bowden 4, G. Slater 5, D. Ovington 6, H. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8, J. E. Miller 9, J. Armstrong (conductor) 10.

# EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FLIXTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

STEPHAN PARRY ... .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 2	JOHN WORTH ... .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 7
NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 4	DAVID VINCENT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by D. VINCENT.

First touch of Cambridge Major by the conductor. Quickest Major peal on the bells.

STRETTFORD, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

STEPHAN PARRY ... .. Treble	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by J. WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by W. Stevenson and J. Worth. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moss and the 30th wedding day of Mr. W. J. Moss.

ECCLLES, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STEPHAN PARRY ... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 2	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 3	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 7
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. Treble	JOHN WORTH ... .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 6
STEPHAN PARRY ... .. 3	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 7
NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. Tenor

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN CLARK ... .. Treble	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 2	WILLIAM POSTIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

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HERTFORD.—On Sunday, March 11th, for matins, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): M. Fulman 1, G. Freestone 2, C. Rush 3, C. A. House 4, R. Dore 5, G. Gray 6, S. A. Carter (first in the method as conductor) 7, A. J. House 8, J. Ladley 9, G. Dittin 10.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in 1 hree Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 20 cwt.

BERNARD H. SWINSON ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 2	FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

ISAAC EMERY ... .. Treble	ALLISON PURDOM ... .. 5
*RONALD H. VIGOR ... .. 2	†SIDNEY HUMPHREY ... .. 6
†ERIC J. BARRETT ... .. 3	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 7
PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 4	JAMES HURRELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. LYDDIARD.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment for the ringer of the fifth.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS STORER ... .. 2	HORACE BYFIELD ... .. 6
WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM STIRLAND ... .. 7
JOSEPH JOHNSON ... .. 4	TOM CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHRESMAN ... .. Treble	HARRY RAYNOR ... .. 5
MARCILLUS J. DIGBY ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... .. 6
FRANK WALKER ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
*JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 4	HARRY SIMMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

\* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the birthday of Miss Marjorie Mitchell, daughter of the Rev. Elliott and Mrs. Mitchell.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LORD ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 6
GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. 4	THOMAS WARR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	† WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ... 5
* THOMAS J. LOCK ... 2	* JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 6
ERNEST H. KILBY ... 3	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 4	HARRY KILBY ... Tenor

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells.  
First peal as conductor.

## LEWISHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 12, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 1. Tenor 22½ cwt.

* WALTER TYLER ... Treble	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 5
HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... 2	JOHN FOSKETT ... 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 3	JACK DAFTERS ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAFTERS.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by the ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. First peal in method as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Harold Robotham and Miss Diana Cotter, daughter of the Rev. C. R. Cotter, Vicar of St. Mary's, Lewisham. 50th peal by Alfred J. House.

## DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24 cwt.

* JAMES G. NEWMAN ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... 6
ALBERT FLEET ... 3	* ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal of Cambridge. This and the peal at Woburn were arranged, with much pleasure, for Mr. J. Bennett.

## WOBBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Treble	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... 5
* JAMES G. NEWMAN ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	ERNEST HERBERT ... 7
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 4	LEONARD FIDLER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' The conductor has now rung a peal 'round the circle' in this tower, and is the first to do so.

## SHERBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb.

HENRY R. NEWTON ... Treble	MAJOR JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 5
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Lt.-Col. F. J. B. Wingfield Digby, D.S.O., chairman of the Board of governors of Sherborne School, also as a welcome to Mr. A. R. Wallace, the new headmaster of Sherborne School. The first peal on the bells since they were restored and the tenor recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## CHIPPING BARNET.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt.

* MICHAEL PULLMAN ... Treble	† BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
CYRIL A. HOUSE ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
ROBERT ROFFEY ... 4	JOHN DRYDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* SYDNEY EDWARDS ... Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... 7
GEORGE R. JONES ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal in method.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY ... Treble	† JOSEPH LITTLER ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 7
* GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4	CECIL RADDOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

\* First peal in the method. † First attempt for a Surprise peal. Rung after meeting at Daresbury, where illness near the church prevented ringing. A birthday peal for Miss Dorothy Holding.

## HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. Treble	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 5
FRANK BRADLEY ... 2	JOHN E. HOBBS ... 6
* ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM STIRLAND ... 7
THOMAS STORER ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

\* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the 30th anniversary of J. E. Hobbs' entry into the field of campanology.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM MILLER ... Treble	NORMAN BROWN ... 5
THOMAS HANNON ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
JOHN WOODS ... 3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... 7
* ROBERT HOLMES ... 4	JOHN BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. Rung on the eve of 'Bell Sunday' at the above church, and was arranged for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th, who hail from Lancaster.

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### HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
FREDERICK BIGGS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

### STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... .. Treble	†CECIL E. CARR ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2	†C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 6
*REV. R. P. FARROW ... .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 7
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

\* 50th M.C.A. peal. † 25th M.C.A. peal. ‡ 100th M.C.A. peal. The same conductor called his first peal in the same tower. 50th peal together by ringers of 7 and 8.

### FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

#### THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS JOAN PEARCE ... .. Treble	HENRY JENNINGS ... .. 5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

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

\* First peal and first attempt.

### WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

#### A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	*WALTER R. FARROW ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
*PHYLLIS W. CURSON ... .. 3	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 7
†HENRY TOOKE ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First Surprise peal at first attempt. † First attempt for a Surprise peal 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

### GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES M. CLARKE ... Treble	FREDERICK C. CLARKE ... 5
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... .. 2	JOHN F. TILLET ... .. 6
PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 7
CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal. The ringers were three generations each of Clarke and Tillet and two of Symonds. Believed to be the first band thus constituted. Mr. Clarke, sen., is in his 82nd year.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—For evensong, on Sunday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Basford 1, J. R. Main 2, H. Etie 3, C. Richardson 4, G. Etie 5, H. Pettitt 6, A. W. Boddington (conductor) 7, G. Warner (first quarter-peal) 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: H. Trower 1, Eric Morey 2, G. Payne 3, F. Parsons 4, A. E. Baker 5, W. Morey 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, E. Brown 8. First quarter-peal by treble and first in the method by ringers of 2, 6 and 8.

### SIX BELL PEALS.

#### BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK P. HARWOOD ... Treble	*HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 4
CYRIL BURRELL ... .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

\* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell. The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

#### BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eleven methods: (1) St. Clement's and College Single, (2) Double and Single Bob, (3) Double and Single Court, (4), Double and Single Oxford, (5) Kent, (6) Oxford, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5
*MOSES BILLINGS ... .. 3	JOHN G. AMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in eleven methods.

### ASHWELL, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Sandal Exercise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

DONALD C. MEARS ... Treble	JOHN WELCH ... .. 4
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 2	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 5
SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

### EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

#### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*GORDON L. F. MELVILLE Treble	MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 4
†SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 5
‡JOHN GIBBONS ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. BEALE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BEALE.

\* First peal away from tenor 'covering.' † First peal of Minor and rung at first attempt. ‡ First peal of Minor.

### BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

#### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 4
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 5
*GEORGE W. BURRELL ... .. 3	FRANK P. HARWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Doubles by all the band except ringers of treble and tenor.

SOUTHGATE.—On February 25th, for morning service, 1,280 London Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, J. G. Nash 3, G. E. Plater 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. For evening service 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. Tomlinson 1, D. Pink 2, G. E. Plater 3, D. Ovington 4, E. H. King 5, W. Pickworth 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

CECIL G. SMITH... .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 4
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 5
*FRANK SHARPE ... .. 3	OLIVER HINES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CURSON.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to G. W. Clayfield.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 21 different 240's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS BEAVER ... .. Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 2	ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 5
WILLIAM BEAVER ... .. 3	JAMES L. GOODE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

DONALD C. MEARS ... .. Treble	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 4
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 2	JOHN WELCH ... .. 5
BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COTHEBERT, STELLA,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

A. DEAS... .. Treble	R. W. LEIGHTON ... .. 4
H. P. CLIFF ... .. 2	S. THOMPSON ... .. 5
K. W. CHEESEMAN ... .. 3	W. J. DAVIDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... .. Treble	*WILFRED YOUNG ... .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 2	JOE GRAINGER ... .. 5
STANLEY MURPHY ... .. 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

\* First 'inside.' Mr. F. Warrington has now rung each bell in the tower in a peal.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

JACK ROY ... .. Treble	*HORACE LEA ... .. 4
*G. LESLIE PRYKE ... .. 2	HARRY CHURCHILL ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. SPARKS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

STRETTFORD RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

CELEBRATED BY THREE PEALS IN A DAY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moss, of Stretford, Manchester, celebrated their diamond wedding on Palm Sunday, having been married at Manchester Cathedral in 1874. Mr. Moss, who is 83, is still remarkably active. He was a member of the Loyal Brookes Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and has held every office in the branch, including that of secretary, an appointment which he held for 50 years. He was also a ringer at Stretford Parish Church for over half a century, and has now left the captaincy of the band to his son, Mr. Wilfred J. Moss.

To celebrate the diamond wedding a band met at Flixton on Easter Monday morning and, on the old Rudhall ring, completed a peal of Cambridge Major, commencing at 10.30. Then after lunch at the Church Inn, where Mr. D. Vincent was host, they went on to Stretford. Here Mr. W. J. Moss joined in (he was himself celebrating his 30th wedding anniversary), and David, who had slain the giant, was allowed to rest. Here again success was met with in a peal which commenced at 2.25. The spare man had tea ordered when ringing ceased, and, this disposed of, the ringers journeyed on to Eccles, but the 'Tyke' could not be persuaded to stand in as his last train left at 9 p.m., and offers of digs would not tempt him. (It was rumoured 'Kate' was at Low Moor.) However, Mr. W. J. Moss kindly took the vacant rope, and a splendid peal was rung, commencing at 6.45—the third in one day!

ANOTHER DIAMOND WEDDING.

On Monday, April 9th, at the Church of St. James-the-Great, Shirley, Warwickshire, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes, being 120 Stedman and 1,140 Grandsire, with nine different callings) was rung to commemorate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Perry, who were headmaster and headmistress of the village school for 44 years. Mr. Perry was also choirmaster and organist for nearly 40 years. The ringers were: Edgar C. Shepherd (conductor) 1, Kathleen Morris 2, John Jukes 3, Paul Newell 4, Arthur Morris 5, Charles Harrison 6.

RINGERS' WEDDING AT HIGH WYCOMBE.

BOREHAM—KENDALL.

The ever-growing total of happy marriages at High Wycombe has now added another ringers' wedding to its long list. This time, however, it was a pair of ringers, when Frank Donald Boreham and Norah Mary Winifred Kendall were united for better and better. Dressed in white satin, and carrying a bouquet of white carnations, arum lilies, and heather, the bride was so punctual that she was nearly early, and some of those who expected the usual late arrival missed the opening words of the ceremony, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. L. P. Float, assisted by Rev. G. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which the bridegroom is an active member. His 'best man' was Mr. A. D. Barker, who is not exactly unknown in these parts. The bridesmaids were Miss Joan Boreham (sister) dressed in yellow crepe-de-chine, and the Misses Joan and Hazel Neale (cousins of the bride), dressed in green taffeta. All three carried bouquets of daffodils.

Ringers from various parts were present in church, amongst whom were noticed Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hawkins, Mr. T. J. Fowler (Branch Ringing Master), Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. W. E. Redrup.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung to commemorate the occasion, and has already been recorded in these columns.

After the ceremony the photographer had to have his time allowance, and then a large party of friends and relations adjourned to a nearby hall for refreshments. The bride and bridegroom's health was 'eaten with cake,' and no speeches (by the bride's orders).

When the tables were cleared an excellent course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, followed by one of Stedman. Then a few tunes, followed by dancing. Piano, gramophone and wireless all served their turn, until the happy couple departed, everyone wishing them 'the best of luck.'

WEDDING AT CHRISTCHURCH.

At Christchurch Priory Church, on Saturday, the wedding took place of Mr. K. Derham (a member of the local company of ringers) and Miss E. M. Andrews (niece of the District Ringing Master).

The bride, who wore a blue costume, was given away by her uncle (Mr. George Preston) who, after the ceremony, conducted the quarter-peal. The best man was Mr. G. Spragg, a fellow-ringer. About 100 guests, including the ringers, were entertained by the bride and bridegroom at their new residence, the Avon Beach Cafe, at Mundford. The numerous presents were much admired, and the happy couple were 'toasted' in various beverages.

The honeymoon is being spent at Teignmouth, Devon. Before the wedding 395 Grandsire Caters was rung: F. Stonestreet 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, Miss M. Hodges 3, E. V. Hinton 4, R. O. Street (conductor) 5, S. White 6, F. E. Pitman 7, F. Sparshott 8, W. Fowler 9, J. Wakom 10. After the ceremony 1,320 Grandsire Cinques was rung: \*F. Stonestreet 1, R. O. Street 2, \*Miss M. Hodges 3, E. V. Hinton 4, \*A. V. Davis 5, S. White 6, F. E. Pitman 7, \*A. F. M. Stewart 8, \*E. T. Griffin 9, F. Sparshott 10, G. Preston (conductor) 11, W. Fowler 12. \* First quarter-peal.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****PROPOSED GIFT TO THE LATE HON. SECRETARY.**

The bi-monthly meeting of the Shropshire Association was held on April 14th at Wem. Before the meeting the bells of the Parish Church, which were recently renovated and rehung, were rung to various touches. The Rector, the Rev. P. R. Turner, conducted a short service, and 37 members of the association subsequently took tea in the Church Hall. Mr. Turner was thanked for his interest and help, and for the tea which he kindly provided. Thanks were also extended to the ladies who had served tea, to the organist, Mr. Norman Chamberlain, and to the choir.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. E. Barnett presided, and said that he was pleased to be able to inform the company that the whole of the money for the restoration of the bells had been raised.

It was decided to send a cheque to the late hon. secretary, the Rev. F. Tennison, in recognition of his valuable services, the association to augment the amount subscribed to bring it up to £20.

Recent meetings of the associations have been well attended, and in order to further encourage beginners the society decided to pay half tea expenses when necessary.

Mr. S. Roper, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was present, and took part in the ringing, which embraced standard eight-bell methods, with Minor and Doubles, and rounds for the learners.

The next meeting is to be held at Pontesbury.

**WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER'S TRAGIC DEATH.**

We regret to announce the death, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. Ernest Gibbs, of Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, on March 29th, at the age of 57 years, through injuries sustained from a fall from a tree the previous day.

Deceased was a well-known member of the Worcestershire Association, and it was mainly through his influence that the bells of St. Mary's, Hanley Castle, were restored and rehung in 1925. His peals, which numbered well over 100, were rung chiefly on six and eight bells.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, April 3rd, at St. Gabriel's, Hanley Castle, and was attended by a large number of mourners. The Worcestershire Association was represented by Messrs. J. R. Newman (general hon. secretary), C. Camm (Branch Master), T. Hawkes (branch secretary), R. G. Knowles, W. Ranford, E. E. Barber, S. T. Holt, J. Rowlett, F. Lawrence, H. Bishop and E. Maund. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by F. Hawkes, S. T. Holt, R. G. Knowles and C. Camm, and later a half-muffled peal was rung on the tower bells.

**MOULTON'S NEW BELLS.****TO BE DEDICATED TO MISSIONS PIONEER.**

A year ago Dr. S. Madge, F.S.A., of London, promised Moulton Church a treble bell if the Vicar (Rev. J. M. Turner) would also give one. The Vicar promptly accepted the offer, ordered the bells to be made, drew the cost of one from Dr. Madge, started a subscription list, and after less than twelve months' effort has obtained all the money for the other bell. The bells are now to be seen near the belfry waiting to be hung. They are both dedicated to Dr. Wm. Carey, the pioneer of modern English missions, who thought out his schemes while working as a cobbler in Moulton.

As Wm. Carey died June 9th, 1834, they will be dedicated on that date at 3 p.m., which falls this year on Saturday. It is to be hoped that all the district ringers will rally at Moulton on that date and have a pull on the eight. The two new bells are by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****HOLIDAY MEETING AT MIDDLEHAM.**

A very happy meeting was held at Middleham on Easter Monday. Middleham is noted for more things than bellringing. The Richard the Third memorial window, which is being inserted in the church, is to be unveiled to-day. The people of the district claim that Richard III. lived in Middleham, and was the founder of the present church. Another point of interest is that the Middleham people claim that their beautiful castle was demolished by Guy Fawkes.

Ringers attended the meeting from Middlesbrough, Darlington (St. John's), Holy Trinity, Ladcaster, Leeds, Thirsk, Ormsby, Croydon, and the local company.

Dinner was provided at the Commercial Hotel, and was presided over by the president, Mr. J. Stott (Thirsk), supported by Mr. J. C. Pollard and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

This meeting is regarded as a holiday outing, and therefore no business is transacted. The president, however, offered a most hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Johnson, of Leeds, for their attendance.

Mr. Johnston and Mr. P. J. Johnson acknowledged the welcome. Mr. J. C. Pollard proposed that the best thanks of the association be accorded to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and hoped that Mr. H. Parrish (captain of the local ringers) would convey that appreciation to the headquarters.

The bells are a very nice peal of eight (tenor 17 cwt.) by Taylor and Co., installed about 1906. The meeting was most successful and enjoyable. The methods rung included Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The suggestion that Big Ben should be recast has again been revived in the Press. Even supposing there was a genuine public desire for a new bell to replace the one whose sound is now familiar to listeners throughout the world, there are expensive difficulties in the way. Big Ben could not be lowered, or a new bell hoisted into position, unless an aperture were cut in the side of the tower or part of the roof removed—an undertaking which would probably cost thousands of pounds.

Mr. Alfred H. Pulling has been presented with a clock by the old boys of Guildford Royal Grammar School, where he has been caretaker for more than 25 years. The clock bore the inscription, 'Presented to A. H. Pulling by the Old Guildfordians' Association as an expression of appreciation, 1908-1934. Time flies.'

Three generations of each of two families, together with two generations of another, rang a peal at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, last Sunday—three Tilletts, three Clarkes and two Symonds. The senior member of the band—Mr. Charles Clarke—is 81.

A peal of 'Real Double Norwich Court Bob Major,' at Moorside, Oldham, recorded this week, prompts one to ask if this is really the correct way to describe what was rung. The calling of bobs when the treble is behind does not alter the method.

The meeting of the Surrey Association, which was to have been held at Kingswood to-morrow, is transferred to Reigate, owing to illness at the former place.

The Rev. S. C. Stevens, who has proved himself to be a 'ringers' parson,' has recently been inducted to the living of the Parish Church of Leek, Staffs, and the ringers have welcomed him to his new benefice with a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

The peal rung at Rock Ferry on Thursday week was an achievement of which the band can be proud. The footnote reveals the reason.

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, noted for the 'bright young things' who enliven the meetings, is in a very flourishing condition. The balance sheet just issued shows receipts from hon. and ringing members' subscriptions of £27 2s. 6d., including a gathering in of arrears, one member having paid from 1923 onward. There's an example to 'defaulters'! Two hundred and forty-two ringing members paid for 1933, and the balance in hand has increased by £4 11s. 11d.

Mr. Harry Chapman is churchwarden for the third year in succession at Keynton, Hunts. Mr. A. J. Ginn, Mr. F. Warrington and Mr. G. Whybrow are on the Church Council at Over. Mr. F. Warrington has just finished a term of office with the Over Parish Council.

Beverley Minster bells were broadcast on Sunday evening from the Northern Regional station. While they were ringing the Bourdon bell, 'Great John,' was rung, and its deep note, harmonising with the other bells, added to the impressiveness of the sound.

The ringer of the seventh in the peal at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on March 26th, was Ernest Brett, and not Joseph Marks, as reported.

## TWO PEALS IN A DAY.

**MR. JAMES GEORGE HOLDS THE RECORD.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Referring to your remarks in Belfry Gossip as to the oldest ringer to ring two peals in a day, I must heartily congratulate my young friend, Mr. Nevard, in ringing two peals in one day on April 2nd, 1934, on the 3rd and 4th bells. Mr. Nevard was 78 on February 8th, 1934.

I succeeded in ringing two peals in a day twice last year after I was 79. On August 10th, 1933, I rang the 21 cwt. tenor at Cleator Moor to Double Norwich Major in 3 hours 16½ mins., and the treble at Egremont to Cambridge Surprise Major in 3 hours 4 mins.

On September 9th I rang the 14½ cwt. tenor at Port Sunlight to Double Norwich Major in 3 hours, and the 12½ cwt. tenor at Frodsham to Cambridge Surprise Major in 3 hours and 2 mins. When these peals were rung I was close on 80. I did not think so much of these performances, as I still hope to ring four peals in one day.

JAMES GEORGE.

## DEATH OF MRS. J. THOMAS.

The many ringers in all parts of the country who know Mr. John Thomas, one of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's bell hangers, will deeply sympathise with him in the death of his wife. Mrs. Thomas, who had been ill for some time, passed away at her home at Suffolk Road, Ponders End, on Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas was herself a ringer, and a member of the Ladies' Guild and other ringing organisations. She had rung several peals, and although of recent years she had been unable to do a great amount of ringing, her interest in ringing matters never lessened, and she rang at Edmonton on Sundays when possible.

The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at Enfield Highway.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

900 MEMBERS AND £900.

The 54th annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, when nearly 200 members attended.

The committee met prior to the service, and among other business £5 was voted from the Belfry Repair Fund to the Stone-in-Oxney restoration as a memorial to the late Mr. Chas. Player, £5 to Eger-ton, and £3 to Stouting, where it is proposed to add two trebles to make a peal of six.

The association service was held in the Church of All Saints at noon, conducted by Canon Sopwith, and an excellent address given by the Rev. C. W. Martyn (Vicar of St. Peter's, Maidstone). Canon G. C. E. Ryley officiated at the organ. A collection for the benevolent fund of the association realised £2 1s.

The annual dinner and meeting were held at the Corn Exchange. Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and vice-president of the K.C.A.) presided, and was supported by Canon Sopwith, Canon Ryley, Rev. C. W. Martyn, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher, and the officers of the association.

After dinner had been disposed of, Mr. F. White, submitting the toast of 'The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Clergy of the County,' said the association always had the greatest assistance from the clergy. He coupled with the toast the names of Canon Sopwith, Canon Ryley and the Rev. C. W. Martyn.



LEEDS CHURCH, KENT,  
where James Barham is buried.

Canon Sopwith, in reply, said he had met with nothing but kindness, consideration and good fellowship from the bellringers of the county.

The Rev. C. W. Martyn congratulated the association on the success of the meeting.

Canon Ryley said that as a member of the committee for many years, he had come into contact with many bellringers, and knew their worth. Kent had some wonderful bells.

### NEARLY 900 RINGING MEMBERS.

Presenting the report, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, said that in 1933 there were 56 fewer practising members than during the previous year. They hoped all members would do their best to increase the membership. The reason for nearly a five per cent. drop was probably that they had not encouraged their young beginners. They asked the clergy of the county to induce new members to take up ringing, and as an encouragement to young members the subscription for members under 16 would be reduced to 1s. a year.

There were 110 towers in the association, and 899 practising members. They had lost ten members by death, and he specially mentioned the late H. G. Fairbrass, of Canterbury, one of the foundation members, and Chas. Player, of Stone-in-Oxney. £34 17s. had been subscribed to the memorial to the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, and it was shortly hoped to determine the form the memorial would take.

The association had come out on top in the peal analysis with 153 peals, an increase of seven on the previous year. Twenty-six ringers had rung their first peal, 140 their first in the method, three conducted their first peal, and 10 rung their first as conductor in the method.

### FLOURISHING FINANCES.

The balance sheet showed the association to be in a flourishing condition. The balance on the general account showed an increase, and now stood at £41 2s. 1d. From the belfry Repair Fund £15 5s. had

been paid to tower restoration work, and the balance in the fund was now £127 14s. 9d. £13 5s. had been paid from the Benevolent Fund to aged and deserving members. By collections at meetings this fund had been augmented, and showed an increased balance of £19 4s. to £214 19s. 11d.

With invested funds and the balances of the various accounts the total funds of the association now stood at £931 0s. 5d.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheets, Mr. Lewis said they showed tribute to the work of their hon. secretary. He also gave welcome to one of the foundation members present (Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn).

Mr. Steddy (Edenbridge), seconding, said it gave him pleasure to see so many young ringers present on that occasion.

The report and balance sheets were unanimously adopted.

Mr. F. Brett (Canterbury) proposed that Rule 4 be altered to allow young ringers joining the association to do so at a reduced subscription, viz., 1s. per year, until attaining the age of 16.—This was seconded by Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) and carried unanimously.

The whole of the officers were unanimously re-elected, with thanks for their work during the past year.

Mr. S. Shellock (Chatham) made an appeal on behalf of a scheme for the restoration of the bells and tower at Newington, at a cost of £1,000.

A similar appeal was made on behalf of the parish of Stone-in-Oxney, a Romney Marsh parish, where it is proposed to rehang the bells in memory of the late Mr. C. W. Player, for many years a well-known ringer in the county. A collection was made in the room and realised £3 18s. 3½d.

### AT BARHAM'S GRAVE.

The towers thrown open to the members of the association by the kindness of the clergy concerned were All Saints', Maidstone; St. Nicholas', Leeds; St. Peter's, Aylesford; St. Nicholas', Linton; St. Mary's, West Malling; St. Margaret's, Barming; Holy Cross, Bearsted; and East Farleigh.

After the business meeting some of the company went to Leeds to ring on the peal of ten bells.

Mr. E. H. Lewis had brought a peal of handbells, and before the party ascended the tower a touch of Bob Major, 240 changes, was rung over the grave of Mr. James Barham, who from 1744 to 1804 took part in ringing some 112 peals in Kent.

He is reported to have rung 17 hours during the celebrated peal of Bob Major at Leeds in 1761.

The ringers were Mr. E. H. Lewis 1-2, Mr. G. W. Fletcher 3-4, Mrs. Fletcher (conductor) 5-6, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 7-8.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### NEW BISHOP ASKED TO BE PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at St. Neots on Easter Monday, when about 60 ringers (including several ladies) attended from towers in the diocese, and visitors from considerable distances. The clergy present were the general secretary, the Rev. B. H. T. Drake (Rector of Walsoken), Rev. E. B. James (Fareham) and the Rev. R. Copeman (Cambridge).

A ringers' service was taken by the Rev. H. T. H. Doggett (St. Neots), who gave an appropriate address, in the course of which he asked ringers to remember that their work was not a substitute for worship, but that each had something to contribute to the services in church. He commended ringers and their work to God, and hoped He would pour upon them the riches of His grace.

An Easter hymn was sung, the organ being played by a ringer—Mr. H. J. Hazell, A.L.C.M., of Cambridge.

Tea was provided at Mr. W. S. Shepherd's tea rooms, and after this the business meeting was presided over by Rev. R. Copeman.

The balance sheet, showing £23 in hand, and the report, were passed.

The new Bishop of Ely is to be asked to be president in the place of his predecessor.

The officers and committee were re-elected. Cambridge was agreed upon for next year's annual meeting.

It was agreed to grant from the funds two guineas each to the parishes of Somersham and Littleport towards bell restoration.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents of St. Neots, Eynesbury and Eaton Socon for permission to ring the bells.

During the afternoon and evening various methods were rung at St. Neots and Eaton Socon, and also 'rounds' for the beginners, the ringers expressing great satisfaction with the bells.

### BRIDGWATER RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsworthy, of Kendale Road, Bridgwater, have just celebrated their golden wedding. They were married on April 7th, 1884, at St. Peter's Church, Tiverton, Devon, where Mr. Elsworthy was a ringer over 38 years. He is now a ringer at St. Mary's, Bridgwater. The ringers offered congratulations by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the band being: C. Evans 1, W. Evans 2, S. Russ 3, E. Chapman 4, F. Greedy 5, C. May 6, J. Elsworthy (conductor) 7, W. Parker 8.

Afterwards, Mr. Elsworthy entertained the ringers at the Mansion House, the ringers wishing Mr. and Mrs. Elsworthy continued health and happiness.

## NEW RING OF TEN AT RANMOOR.

### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE SAM THOMAS.

Within the memory of many still living, "Randmoor," as it used to be called—"the edge of the moor," as its name signifies—was a picturesque piece of country on the outskirts of the growing town of Sheffield. A racecourse along what is now Fulwood Road attracted the grinders and cutlers of Sheffield; and the grandstand, of which 'Stand House' marks the site, was filled with the local patrons of sport, while through the woods and along the banks of Porter Brook and Oak Brook the children loved to wander in spring and summer.

With the growing prosperity of the cutlery town, many mansions sprang up in the district, and it was John Newton Mappin, of Birchlands, who conceived the idea of building in their midst the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist. The noble church, with its lofty tower and steeple, was completed in 1879 by his munificence, and a peal of eight bells was presented by William Smith, of Hallam Head.



RANMOOR CHURCH, WITH ITS GRACEFUL SPIRE.

Eight years afterwards, in 1887, the year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, the church was burnt down, the walls and the tower alone remaining, and in 1888, twenty months following the disaster, a still more glorious building was reopened for public worship.

The spire rises to a height of 200ft., and is the highest in Sheffield, and in the tower was housed a ring of eight, with a 15cwt. tenor, that had been in urgent need for many years of rehanging and improvement in tone.

On Saturday, March 31st, the old bells, restored and augmented to ten, were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield in the presence of a crowded congregation and 100 ringers of the district.

Ranmoor will always be associated with the late Mr. Sam Thomas, one of the early founders of the Sheffield District Association of Change Ringers and leader of the belfry for many years.

Sam Thomas was born in 1870 at Wath-on-Dearne and came of an old ringing family. He first learnt to ring at the age of nine, joined the Parish Church (now the Cathedral) company in 1889, rang his first peal with them, and was associated with the Ranmoor band from 1895 until his death on June 24th, 1924.

Among his many achievements was the first peal of Original Major, which he composed and conducted, and he was known not only in Sheffield but throughout the country for his ability in teach-

ing young learners as much as for his own excellence as a ringer and conductor of outstanding ability.

A fitting tribute has now been paid to his memory in the presentation of the two trebles to create a ring of ten by the Sheffield and District Society.

At the dedication service the Bishop was assisted by the Very Rev. the Provost of Sheffield (Dr. A. C. E. Jones), the Rev. Canon Bracewell (Rural Dean), the Rev. Canon L. T. G. Smith, and the Rev. H. C. Foster (Vicar of Ranmoor).

An impressive part of the ceremony was when the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens, Lieut.-Col. R. O. Wever and other members of the Bells Committee, went to the bell tower, where Mr. Cyril Johnston, representing the bell founders, handed over the bell ropes.

An innovation was introduced by the erection in the church of loud speakers which were connected to a microphone in the ringing chamber in order that the vast congregation could hear the ceremony of the actual dedication and the handing over of the bells.

The opening rounds were rung by the local company and special visitors, whilst Messrs. C. Haynes (president), S. F. Palmer (treasurer) and M. E. Wilson (secretary) of the Sheffield and District Society were present in the ringing chamber at the special request of the Vicar.

In the course of an inspiring address his Lordship asked the question, 'Is the ringing of church bells for victory right?'

'I still think,' he said, 'that the ringing of church bells for victory is right. If you have entered into such a terrible thing as war with a good conscience and with a desire to do the right, and if God gives you the victory, I think it is right to ring the bells.'

Dr. Burrows said that it was quite clear from history that the sound of the bells was their original value.

He thought that sometimes in England we had lost a good deal in dropping some of our age-old customs which reminded us of the past and served as a link with it.

There were still great occasions when the bells were sounded. He said marriage bells were one of the best and truest uses of the bells of the church, because they showed to the whole parishioner that marriage was a solemn and sacred thing when performed in the church.

The Bishop also spoke of the moving effect of the muffled peals of bells sometimes still used at funerals. The most common use of the bells was to call people to worship.

The Bishop described the development of bells as the Church had grown, and how science and music had come in through change ringing and the tuning of bells. He paid tribute to the late Mr. Sam Thomas, who devoted much of his time to the perfecting of change ringing, which he introduced in the district.

Immediately after the service, and as the vast congregation was leaving the church, the bells burst forth into their first changes, a well struck touch of Stedman Caters being rung by a specially picked band of ringers, all of whom had been closely associated with the late Mr. Thomas.

A large number of people remained outside to listen to the bells, and all were loud in their praises of the magnificent tone of the new peal.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, at which all the clergy present at the dedication, the churchwardens, Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnston, of Croydon, and some one hundred ringers and friends sat down.

The Bishop again addressed the gathering, and, in addition to what he had already said from the pulpit, added a few words specially to the ringers for the part they had taken in that day's proceedings, and thanked them for their help and kindly interest, for, he said, he never lost sight of the valuable work being done by the ringers in his diocese in the service of the Church.

Mr. S. F. Palmer, on behalf of the Sheffield and District Society, gave a short resumé of the work done in connection with the addition of the two new trebles by the society, the members of which had made themselves responsible for the cost, in their desire to erect some tangible memorial to the memory of their late president. He specially thanked the Rev. H. C. Foster, Vicar of Ranmoor, for his great interest and warm-hearted co-operation, without which their desire could never have been accomplished. In congratulating Mr. Johnston on the fine quality of the peal and the excellence of his firm's work, Mr. Palmer jocularly referred to a previous announcement in the local press of the 'World's best bells for Sheffield Church.' He had sent that bill head to Mr. Johnston, with an addendum of his own, 'Mind they are,' and he hoped that time would prove that they were 'some of the best.'

After tea short touches were rung on the bells in various methods until 9 p.m., in order that every ringer present should have an opportunity of testing the new peal.

The towers represented included Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's R.C., Handsworth, Norton, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Eastwood, Ecclesfield, Staveley, Bolsterstone, South Anston, Brighton, Workson and the local company. The visitors included Mr. F. J. Smallwood (Bolton), Mr. W. Dransfield (Almondbury), and Mr. Thomas, brother of the late Mr. Sam Thomas.

### THE BELLS.

The inscription on each of the two new trebles runs: 'This bell was added to the original peal of eight bells by the Sheffield and District (Continued in next column.)'

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. A. T. BEESTON.**

A meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at Mossley on Saturday, April 7th, by kind permission of the Rector. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, and the somewhat difficult geographical position of Mossley for many members, the attendance was rather smaller than usual, but those members who did attend had a thoroughly enjoyable meeting.

The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. Harold Dawson), who, with the text 'The morning stars sang together,' spoke on co-operation with regard to work in the belfry and the church as a whole. After the service, tea was partaken of by twenty members and friends, and this was followed by the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the curate, at which three new members were elected.

The Chairman of the branch reported on the recommendations of the committee which had been formed to formulate a scheme for the erection of a memorial to the memory of the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, and the meeting gave the committee authority to proceed.

After a discussion on the broadcasting of ringing, the meeting expressed its appreciation of the B.B.C.'s efforts in this direction, and hoped that they could be extended. The secretary was instructed to write to the B.B.C. to this effect.

The meeting concluded with a return to the belfry, where the bells were kept going until 9 p.m. to the following methods: Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Kingston, Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS ACTIVITIES.**

The East Berks and South Bucks meetings being one long line of successful gatherings it is really only necessary to point out the exceptional ones. The last one held at Chalfont St. Peter was a real 'eye-opener,' over 40 ringers from various parts being present.

The Vicar and two churchwardens were admitted as hon. members, also the entire band from Clewer as ringing members.

This pleased the secretary, who has now got his 30 towers for the report, although unofficially there are two more.

A pleasant service, an excellent tea, and some handbell ringing will long remain in the memory of all those present.

Other features of the occasion were a 120 of Grandsire Doubles by six ladies and a touch of mixed Cambridge and London by a mixed band. Numerous other methods were rung from rounds to Surprise.

Another noticeable point was that about 70 per cent. of the ringers were young people.

A record attendance at the annual meeting is anticipated, and we would emphasise the importance of notifying the secretary early in order that adequate supplies are available for tea. The meeting is to be held at Boyne Hill on April 28th.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Lockerley on Saturday, when about 40 members attended from Bishopstoke, Dibden, Lockerley, King's Somborne, Mottisfont, North Stoneham, Farnborough, Southampton and Winchester. Service was held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., a very pleasing feature being the number of parishioners who attended.

At the business meeting which followed the tea, the band at Mottisfont joined the Guild.

Mr. G. Williams (Ringing Master) congratulated the Lockerley band on the good progress that they had made in the art of change ringing.

It was reported that the Church Council at Broughton were appealing for funds to put their ring of five into order, and, if possible, to add a treble to make a ring of six.

During the afternoon and evening ringing took place in a variety of methods upon the bells at Lockerley, East Tytherley and Mottisfont. The next meeting is to be held at Dibden on July 14th.

(Continued from previous column.)

Society of Change Ringers in memory of Sam Thomas in 1934.

The former inscriptions have been reproduced on the back eight bells, with the addition of 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.'

The ring of ten is in the key of F with a total weight of 73 cwt., the tenor weighing 16½ cwt.

The space in the belfry is limited, but the whole peal has been hung skilfully on one level in a massive cast-iron frame on steel girders.

The fittings are of the latest type, and the tenor and trebles have been fitted with the firm's patent clapper control.

A special sound-deadening floor has been inserted between the belfry and the ringing room, which is just below, and the fine spire has been opened up.

The result of these improvements is well justified by the improvement of the conditions in the ringing room and the general musical effect outside the tower.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were congratulated on all sides for the production of a fine peal with trebles of outstanding quality and a ring that can be handled with the greatest of ease.

**RINGING CONTEST AT HALIFAX.****LIVERSEDGE BAND'S GOOD RINGING.**

A six-bell contest was held at Halifax Parish Church by the Halifax and District Association on April 7th. There were six competing bands, each of which had to ring 600 changes in any method. The judges were Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. Squires (Halifax), with Mr. Salmons (Halifax) as marker. The awards were as follows, the teams being given in the order of ringing:—

Holmfirth.—Penalty 10, faults 124, total 134.

Liversedge No. 1.—Penalty 20, faults 74, total 94.

Shelley No. 2.—Penalty 30, faults 292, total 322.

Shelley No. 1.—Rung out.

Meltham.—Faults 149, total 149.

Liversedge No. 2.—Penalty 20, faults 196, total 216.

Liversedge No. 1 were, therefore, winners of the cup. Their ringing was extremely good.

The first five bands rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and the other Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Comments were made on the state of the Halifax bells and surprise expressed that the clock had been stopped for several months owing to lack of funds.

After the ringing, a meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by Mr. E. Ernschaw (Meltham).

The meeting stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Tinker (New Mill), a member of the association.

The President moved a vote of thanks to Bishop Frodsham and the churchwardens for the use of the bells and for making the contest such a success.—Mr. F. Townend (Kirkburton) seconded.

Bishop Frodsham, in reply, said it was a great privilege to him to be with the ringers. He said he could not understand the apathy that some people showed towards bellringing. It was an art that required selective skill and team work. Once a ringer, always a ringer. He said he knew from experience that the young men in large towns would not or could not learn ringing. It seemed rather a pity that Halifax, with twelve bells, could only muster six ringers, when places like Liversedge and Shelley had twelve ringers for eight bells.

The Halifax bells dated to 1487, and at the present time practically the same metal was in the bells. What was known as the 'Parson' bell at the Halifax Parish Church was once given in repayment of a debt to the Lacy family, but had since been returned to the tower. The Bishop thanked the ringers for their kind vote of thanks, and hoped they would soon pay another visit to Halifax.

Bishop Frodsham presented the cup to Mr. E. Betts, conductor of the winning band, and congratulated his team.—Mr. E. Betts replied.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION****SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the South-Western Division at Loughton on Saturday, April 7th, between 50 and 60 members putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening from Leytonstone, Loughton, Woodford, Dagenham, Newmarket, Fulborne, Bentley, Harlow Common, Camberwell, Barking, Wanstead, West Ham, Hornchurch, Romford, Edmonton, South Weald, Walthamstow and Enning, and touches in various methods were rung till 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Church Hall for tea.

At the business meeting it was reported by the secretary that since the last meeting they had lost by death Mr. Albert Rainbird, of Bentley, and the members present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Five new members were elected and High Ongar chosen as the place for the next meeting to be held on June 2nd.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for allowing use of tower and bells, to Mr. J. Rann, of the Loughton band, for having everything in readiness, to the organist and to the ladies for arranging the tea.

Afterwards the tower was again visited and the bells kept going to various methods from rounds for the beginners to Bristol Surprise for the experts.

The next meeting at High Ongar has been arranged at the express wish of the Rector, and it is hoped members will make every effort to attend.

**LEWES RINGER'S WEDDING.**

On Saturday, at Southover Church, Lewes, Mr. R. W. E. Dawe (a member of the local band and son of Mr. R. J. Dawe, one of the best known of Sussex ringers), was married to Miss E. M. Morris. As the bridal party left the church, Southover ringers, with Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. H. Rann, of Brighton, rang 321 Grandsire Triples and 120 Stedman Doubles. Later, a peal of Bob Royal, in honour of the event, was rung, and afterwards the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe to a sumptuous repast at the King's Head. 'Health and happiness to the bride and bridegroom' was a toast enthusiastically honoured, and Mr. F. White, who expressed the good wishes of the band, also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dawe for their kind hospitality.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, April 7th, at the Parish Church, Shirley. Although only one mile outside the city boundary and on the main road to Stratford-on-Avon, Shirley until a year or so ago retained all the characteristics of an old-world village. But now, owing to the activities of the speculative builder, it is fast becoming a thriving suburb of the city.

The weather was pleasant with nice warm sunshine, and about 40 members were present, amongst them being an old friend, Mr. Vice-President Thomas Russam.

The bells, a pleasant ring of six, were raised at 3.30, and were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when the Guild's special form of service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. P. Riley, who also gave an interesting and instructive address.

An adjournment was made to the Church House, where an excellent tea had been prepared, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A short business meeting followed, the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., occupying the chair. He referred to the loss Mr. J. Johnson (son of Henry Johnson) had sustained by the death of his wife, and tendered to him the sincere sympathy of every member of the Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from Vice-Presidents James George and A. Paddon Smith, also from Mr. G. A. Martineau, of Solihull.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. J. Beniams, Ludlow; R. W. Daniels, Edgbaston; D. T. Matkin and S. O. C. Holloway, Smethwick; V. C. Hemus and J. E. Eaton, Selly Oak.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, July 7th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address at the service, to Mr. A. Morris (who had recently been elected people's warden) for making the local arrangements, and to Mrs. Morris and her lady helpers in serving the tea, was proposed by the chairman, seconded by the hon. secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) and carried unanimously.

Further ringing then took place on the tower bells, whilst others indulged in change ringing on the handbells.

## NEW TREBLE BELL FOR DANBURY CHURCH.

## AN ESSEX AUGMENTATION.

At the morning service, on Palm Sunday, the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford dedicated the new treble bell at Danbury, Essex, which has been provided in memory of the late Henry, 13th Baron Fitzwalter, who was patron of the living. There was a large congregation.

The bell was cast and installed by Mears and Stainbank. It weighs 4 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., and bears the following inscription:—

'Ego, Campana, Dominus Fitzwalter, per multos annos resonabo. Mears et Stainbank me fecerunt, MCMXXXIV.' (I, the Bell, Lord Fitzwalter, will sound through many years. Mears and Stainbank made me, 1934.)

The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. R. E. Fanshawe, the lessons being read by Dr. C. Armstrong Gibbs.

After the dedication ceremony the Bishop tolled the bell, and at the conclusion of the service touches of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung, those taking part being Messrs. W. J. Nevard (Bentley), H. T. Pye (Colchester), F. Chalk and H. J. Mansfield (Maldon), E. E. S. Johnson (Goldbanger), H. Bowers (Broomfield), G. Coppen (Sandon), G. Cass (Chelmsford), and members of the local company.

Prior to the evening service a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung by: H. Joyce (Danbury) 1, H. W. Kirtton (Chelmsford) 2, E. Runter (Springfield) 3, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (Great Baddow) 4, F. Chalk (Maldon) 5, W. Burgess (Danbury) (conductor) 6.

## EASTER RINGING.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—For evening service, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by an entirely local band: H. Noakes (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Martin 2, S. Beck 3, H. J. Hunt 4, F. Marchant 5, G. Prime 6, F. J. Ewens 7, E. Hunt 8. Rung with 4-6-8 covering.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.—On Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*Wm. Waters 1, H. Cassel (conductor) 2, \*G. Morse 3, J. Gwillim 4, G. Gwillim 5, F. Stevens 6, L. Stevens 7, J. Williams 8. \* First quarter-peal.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—For evensong, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Reed (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Hutchinson 2, J. Hill (conductor) 3, G. Pullinger 4, E. Ayliffe 5, E. Wilson 6, G. Grant 7, R. Clark 8.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 720 Kent Treble Bob: \*Miss M. Garley 1, †Miss M. Brown 2, †Miss M. Randall 3, E. M. Atkins 4, †A. Garley 5, T. Garley (conductor) 6. \* First 720. † First 720 of Treble Bob. Also 720 Double Court.—On Easter Monday, to welcome the Lord Bishop of the Diocese for the opening of a new Parish Room, 1,260 of Minor, comprising 720 Double Oxford and 540 Plain Bob: Miss M. Garley (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss M. Brown 2, Mrs. Boulton 3, Miss M. Randall 4, Arthur Garley 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 8.

## NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ealing on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4.30 at St. Mary's Church. Sermon by the Bishop of Willesden. Tea and meeting at the Good Shepherd Hall, Ealing Road, at 5.15. Charge for tea, 1s. Ringing at St. Mary's 2 to 4.30, St. Stephen's 2 to 4, and at St. Mary's and Christ Church after the meeting.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 21st. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available during afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30 to be taken by Rev. A. D. Henwood, M.A. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ye Woolpack Hotel. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Rounds to London Surprise. Everybody welcome, especially friends from over the border. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley (not Odiham) on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon C. Thomas, a by-meeting will be held at Northbourne on Saturday, April 21st.—P. W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service, if possible, 4.30. Tea 5.15.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gelstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—D. G. Taylor, Iminster.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells at 3. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (10) at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Munden (6 bells) on April 21st by invitation of the Rector, who will provide tea. Bells open during afternoon and evening. Service and business. All heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, April 21st. 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.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea by invitation of St. Mary's Society. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Please notice: The quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Kingswood is cancelled owing to illness, and will be held at Reigate to-morrow, Saturday, April 21st. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after. All welcome.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Midgham on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Half-hourly bus service from Reading and Newbury.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory free to all members of the Guild. Service at 6 p.m. Bus (Kemp's) leaves Blagrove Street, Reading, near Station Yard, at 2.30 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, April 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Ranmoor, Sheffield. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) a Grand Ringers' Day will take place on Saturday, April 21st, when the new peal of ten bells, recently installed by

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be available from 2.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at St. Giles' to-morrow, Saturday, April 21st. Ringing from 3. Tea in Parish Hall 5. Service at 6.15. Address by Rector, Rev. E. J. Janson Smith.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Joint practice at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Thursday, April 26th. Handbells 6.15 p.m. Tower bells 7.15 p.m. All methods, and all ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Hoo, St. Werberg, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea (1s. per head) must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 24th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 28th. Bells, Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10), available from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea (free to members, non-members 1s.) in Holy Trinity Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, April 24th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 28th. Service in the Morning Chapel of 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 25th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers are very welcome. Buses by church every hour. Number for tea, please.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Paxton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (eight bells), on Saturday, April 28th. Meeting 3.30. Ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. only. Members please come forward with current subscriptions.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leverington, near Wisbech, on Saturday, April 28th. Method, Double Court. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**ALDENHAM.**—Saturday, April 28th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest station, Bushey or Radlett. Frequent buses to church. Cheap tickets by rail from all stations.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—On Saturday, April 28th, a meeting will be held at Barley. The bells (6) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Waggon and Horses 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. W. A. Tack, 2, Mortimers, Barley, Royston, Herts, by the previous Wednesday. Please support this meeting.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hitchin.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christleton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the Thursday previous?—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brigstock on Saturday, April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All members should make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea by Wednesday, 25th inst. Bus No. 35, Old Market, 3.30 p.m.; No. 96, Kingswood, 4.20 p.m.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (eight bells), on Saturday, April 28th, at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than Monday, April 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 28th. 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 please notify me on or before Tuesday, April 24th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Coltingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blackmoor on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by April 25th?—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Business meeting follows.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Charminster on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) (also Fordington) available from 3 p.m.; St. Peter's, Dorchester (8), from 7.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Barnby Don on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. A cheap tea can be arranged for those who require it. Look up your six-bell methods and let's have a good meeting.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wormingford on May 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.30. Buses leave Colchester at 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock, also Sudbury 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock. All members from Essex and Suffolk Guild are invited. Will all those intending to be present to tea please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 9 p.m. Meeting of the general committee in the Vestry at 4 p.m. Tea (rs.) in the Church Room at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. H. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham, by Wednesday, May 2nd. General meeting afterwards. A cordial invitation is extended to members of neighbouring associations.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at East Peckham on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 1st.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Special meeting at Allendale, on Saturday, May 5th. Dedication by the Bishop of Newcastle of two bells to complete the octave at St. Cuthbert's. Service at 3 o'clock. The Rector invites members to tea in the Parish Hall at 5, after which the bells will be available. Members intending to be present kindly advise me at once.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 5th (not April 21st). Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Notification for tea by May 2nd.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Middleton Stoney on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open afternoon and evening. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Wootton, Oxon, on Saturday, May 5th. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church. 4 p.m., tea at the School, at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Woodstock (8), Bladen (6), and Tackley (6). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 3rd, 1st post. Subscriptions for 1934 should be in my hands on or before spring meeting.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, May 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Fressingfield on May 5th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after. Please notify me early so that tea arrangements may be made.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

#### DEATH.

**THOMAS.**—On Sunday, April 15th, at 24, Suffolk Road, Ponders End, Middlesex, Margaret Elizabeth, dearly-loved wife of John Thomas.

#### APARTMENTS.

**APARTMENTS,** Bed and breakfast; home from home.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare, Secretary, Axbridge Deanery.

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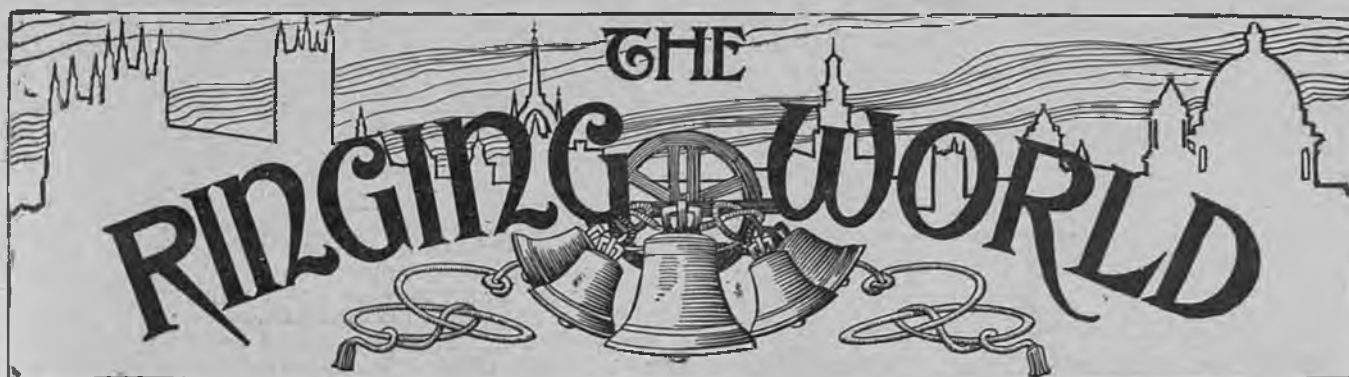
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tion ago would have startled our fathers are to-day com-  
monplaces. There are, however, events which live in the  
annals of the Exercise, and last Saturday's peal at Cray-  
ford is one of them.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 2	*ALAN SHORT ... .. 8
GEORGE E. FRERN ... .. 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 9
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	JOHN NEAL ... .. 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 5	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 11
*ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 6	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal on 12 bells. First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Four Hours,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Treble	*HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 3	*FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... .. 9
*EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 4	*HARRY PARKES ... .. 10
†JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 11
*THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal of Treble Twelve. † First peal on twelve. First peal  
of Treble Twelve as conductor.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... .. Treble	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 9
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HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... .. 6	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY

\* First peal in the method. Messrs. Duffield and Wiffen had not  
rung this method prior to the above date.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

EVAN COLES ... .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... .. 2	FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 7
JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 3	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 8
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Lord Robert Crichton  
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Winton, which took place the same day at Windsor.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8091 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BRERSON ... .. 8
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 9
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 5	* WILFRED BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

\* First peal on ten bells. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

RHYL.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

* JAMES FULLER ... .. Treble	HARRY PARKER ... .. 5
JAMES MIDWINTER ... .. 2	JACK EVANS ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	ROLAND PARK ... .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 4	CECIL NICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

* ARTHUR HUBBARDS ... .. Treble	GEORGE WARRINGTON ... .. 5
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 2	GEORGE TANDY ... .. 6
* WILLIAM BARER ... .. 3	HENRY LEITS ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. STONE ... .. 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. TAYLOR. Conducted by G. TANDY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 5
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 6
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. HOLMES ... .. 7
JAMES OSBORNE ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Arranged for Mr. R. H. Dove, of Thornton Heath, who was on a visit to Lincolnshire.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGEWICK ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 6
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Ablitt.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	† ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
* JACK LINTERN ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
JOHN E. METCALF ... .. 3	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 7
CHARLES LINTERN ... .. 4	WALTER CRABBE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. SANGER.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
BERNARD H. SWINSON ... .. 2	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

A birthday peal for the tenor ringer. The ringer of the 7th bell has now circled this tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	JOSEPH PACK ... .. 6
JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

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At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN P. FELLOE ... .. Treble	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5
* WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 6
† CLIFFORD J. PUGSLEY ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 19, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM LINTER ... .. Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. RUSSELL ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by F. BENNETT

The above band met to discuss the proposed visit to Melbourne, Australia, in the autumn. They greatly appreciate the opportunity of attempting a peal together.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, April 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	E. CHARLES PATTON ... 5
FREDERICK A. COLBY ... 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7
ALFRED G. HILLS ... 4	JOHN S. MORTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. S. MORTON.

First peal as conductor in method.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES POTHECARY ... Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... 6
LAWRENCE GREENBOW ... 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 4	* WHITTED SPARKES ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to William S. Smith, ringer of the 7th.

## RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

* WILLIAM NUNLEY ... Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 5
GEORGE W. JEFFS ... 2	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6
CYRIL WILSON ... 3	STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 7
† GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... 4	WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. COPPERWHEAT

\* First peal on a working bell. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. E. E. Whitmore, of Ireland.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes): R. Brown 1, A. Appleby 2, S. Jessop 3, F. Dewey 4, J. Gilbert 5, F. Leggott 6, H. Burrell 7, H. Barsley 8, C. Burrell 9, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 10.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

PERCY STONE ... .. Treble	MARGARET PACK ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. JONES ... .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 6
PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. PACK ... .. 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT

The average age of this band is 15 years, and it is the youngest to ring a peal.

## OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... Treble	CHARLES PRINCE ... .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
ALBERT L. WARD ... 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 7
SIDNEY TOWELL ... .. 4	JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

First peal of Stedman Triples by ringers of 3, 4, 5 and tenor, who are local men.

## BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

* JOHN BAGNALL ... .. Treble	J. GORDON WHITTHAM ... 6
† EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 2	* J. EDWARD GARNETT ... 6
JAMES E. BURLS ... .. 3	NICHOLAS NEWBY ... .. 7
ARTHUR STEDMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM LANGHORNE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal. † 125th peal. Ringers of 2nd and 6th belong to Kendal, 5th and tenor to Dalton, 7th to Ulverston, the rest to Barrow.

## FRINDSBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

* FRANK E. SMITH ... Treble	* GEORGE NAYLOR ... .. 5
† ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 2	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 6
* RONALD HUMPHREY ... 3	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 7
JOHN KIDD ... .. 4	ALFRED HAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of St George's Day. First attempt for a peal by the treble man.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY BARRON ... Treble	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY ... 5
JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 2	EDWARD CRABTREE ... 6
* GEORGE LAMBERT ... 3	JACK STITSON ... .. 7
† MISS OLIVE REATON ... 4	HERBERT PEEL ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by JACK STITSON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. Harry S. Clapham, who has been a member of the local band for 54 years, and is still a regular Sunday service ringer.

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## NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5
J. H. DEAN ... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
ERNEST W. BRADSMORE ... .. 4	GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First of Stedman on a working bell.

## CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. HEAD ... .. 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 J. A. TROLLOP. Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Alderman James Thompson, churchwarden at the above church, who was buried at sea on April 16th. It was through his generosity that the bells were augmented to eight.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*FRANK BEALE ... .. Treble	*ERIC GOODMAN ... .. 4
†WILLIAM ELCOMB ... .. 2	HENRY EDWARDS ... .. 5
†GEORGE OLNEY ... .. 3	GEORGE AYRES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE AYRES.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall, for his 75th birthday. The first 'local' peal on the bells. First peal as conductor.

## ACLE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven variations of extents with all the 5-6's at back stroke. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4
*ERIC A. S. EVENSON ... .. 2	HERBERT C. READ ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Cambridge. First peal on the bells, which were rededicated on September 6th, 1933. The Rev. J. E. N. Williams entertained the ringers and the local company after the peal.

## WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

## A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Treble	FRED C. GINN ... .. 4
BERRY WAYMAN ... .. 2	FRANCIS G. GLAVES ... .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 3	ROBERT SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower. In the above peal the fourth bell was observation in first 720, second in second 720, third, fourth and fifth 720's were rung in one round block, 5th the observation in 6th 720, and tenor in the 7th. There were no 6-5's at back stroke. The tenorman had not previously rung any Norwich.

## ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, London, York and Beverley. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN COOKE ... .. Treble	JOSEPH LESLIE ... .. 4
*MISS DORIS I. LEATHAM ... 2	†ALFRED K. LEATHAM ... 5
†MISS MARJORIE COOKE ... 3	WILLIAM DEAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. DEAN.

\* First peal away from treble. † First peal in seven methods. First peal of Surprise by the ringers of 2, 3 and 4. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells by the local band. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon F. E. Hicks on his recent appointment to an honorary canonry. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Elsie M. Cooke on attaining her majority.

## CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WALTER D. JOLLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 2	LEONARD STYLWELL ... .. 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Cripps. They were married at this church, and Mr. Cripps was for many years a churchwarden here.

## HILLFARANCE, SOMERSET.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, five callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CLIFFORD S. WILLIAMS ... Treble	S. PERCY MESON ... .. 4
S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... .. 5
*MICHAEL G. WHEAT ... .. 3	ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. SIVIER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## KELYEDON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of London Surprise and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*REGINALD GRAINGER ... Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOT ... .. 4
CHARLES BURTON ... .. 2	AMBROSE MASON ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT ... .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by AMBROSE MASON.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and his brother, also to the ringer of the 4th. The band wish to thank Mr. W. T. Elliot for his kind hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

## EXHALL, NEAR COVENTRY.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, April 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, six callings.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

GORDON L. F. MELVILLE Treble	MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 4
*PERCY STONE ... .. 2	†ERNEST YORKE ... .. 5
†W. H. BUCKLER ... .. 3	†W. RICHARD BRESLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BUCKLER.

\* First attempt for a peal 'inside' and of Doubles (aged 13). † First attempt for a peal of Doubles. First attempt for a peal as conductor. ‡ First attempt for a peal. The tenor ringer is only thirteen years old and deserves great credit for the way he handled his bell throughout the peal. The average age of the band is sixteen, and the ringers are drawn from a radius of two miles.

## BIGBY, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*RONALD BOWNESS ... .. 1 rebble	*MISS MARJORIE HOLDSTOCK ... 4
GEORGE FEIRN ... .. 2	GEORGE BLANCHARD ... .. 5
ELVIN HOSAM ... .. 3	FRED HOLDSTOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. BLANCHARD.

\* First peal. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

## SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN MYHILL ... .. 1 rebble	OLIVER J. LONGLEY ... .. 4
*MISS ANNIE WHITE ... .. 2	*EDWARD KEMP ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3	*ERNEST J. RUNTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. A. R. Jarrett and Miss E. M. Holden, which took place on the same day at this church.

## WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT).

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and twelve six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL ELLIS ... .. 1 rebble	*REGINALD PEARCE ... .. 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 2	*C. JACK GIBSON ... .. 5
ROBERT J. GARDINER ... .. 3	*ROBERT ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 5-6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 3-4	*JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Caters 'in hand.' Arranged for J. P. Pelloe while on a visit from Chiddingfold, Surrey.

## BARNEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 1-2	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5-6
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 3-4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7-8
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS  
Umpire—Cyril W. Hammond.

\* First peal of Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by all except the conductor. First peal of Caters 'in hand' as conductor.

## COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 29, BELLE Vue ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 3-4	*WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 7-8
WILLIAM DENT ... .. 9-10	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal in the district. First peal of Royal on handbells by all except the conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## SALISBURY BRANCH MEETING AT EAST KNOYLE.

A quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at East Knoyle on Saturday, April 21st, there being a very good attendance, including visitors from the Dorchester Branch, the North Dorset Branch and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Ringers present represented towers at Mere, Buckland Newton, Sherborne, Kingston Magna, Zeals, Cucklington, Berwick St. John, Britford, Winterslow, Wilton, East Knoyle, Semley, Tisbury, Broadchalke, St. Martin's, St. Thomas' and St. Paul's, Salisbury, etc.

Ringling commenced shortly after 3 p.m., at East Knoyle. The bells there, having recently been rehung and renovated by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, were all that could be desired.

The Guild service which followed was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. Cross. After tea in the Parish Room a short business meeting was held, at which the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple) presided, supported by the branch hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine) and the Rector. One new member, Mr. A. Trimby (Wilton) was elected. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, also to the organist for her good offices. Appreciation was also expressed at the number of visitors present from neighbouring branches.—The Rector, replying, assured the Guild of a warm welcome at any time, and voiced the honour the local band felt at being favoured with a visit from the Guild, to which they were newcomers.

Later a visit was paid to St. Leonard's Church, Semley, where great advantage was taken of the exceptionally fine ring of six in that tower. The bells were kept busy throughout the evening, the various touches including Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford, Cambridge and London.

The next meeting of the Salisbury Branch will be at Wilton in June.

## SOCIETY FOR STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY.

## MEETING AT HISTORIC BREWOOD.

A quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Brewood on Saturday, April 14th. A lovely spring afternoon resulted in a good meeting at this historical, old-world town. It is the nearest town or village of any size to the place where King Charles hid from his pursuers in the famous oak tree at Boscombe. Nearer than that is 'Giffard's Cross,' which, tradition has it, was erected to commemorate the shooting of a leopard, about to attack a child, by a then head of the Giffard family of Chillington, who used a bow and arrow. In olden times the sports of the then important town were held quite close to the church, and the archers have left their marks on the stonework of the building where they used to sharpen their arrows.

Although off the track of the railway, the nearest station being 2½ miles away, the meeting was very well attended. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and continued till service time.

The Vicar (Rev. L. Knights Smith) gave the members a hearty welcome, and, taking for his text the words, 'We have piped unto you and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you and ye have not lamented,' said how glad the clergy were of the services of the ringers.—Mr. York (organist) helped to make the service bright and enjoyable.

Tea was served in the old school, and a company of 46 sat down. The Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary of the society) voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar, organist and the ladies who provided the tea and waited on the visitors.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. H. Knight (whose absence was greatly regretted) in his bereavement by the death of his mother.

After tea, ringing again took place, for the belfry is one of the best for comfort and hearing, and the visitors had a good time. Twelve methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise were practised. Parting time came all too soon, everyone voting it one of the best quarterly meetings they had attended.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The attendance at the Eastern District meeting, at South Shields on Saturday, April 14th, was not large, but those who came—from Chester-le-Street, Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, Blaydon, Wickham, etc.—had a very happy time.

The president (Mr. J. Anderson) took the chair at a short meeting after tea, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

It was reported that the Rector of Bishopwearmouth, the Rev. Preb. A. B. Wynne-Willson, was retiring, owing to ill-health and the secretary was instructed to convey to him the best thanks of the members for his interest and support during the 10 years he had been amongst them, and express the hope that rest and change may restore him to health again.

The next meeting is to be held at Chester-le-Street on May 26th, in conjunction with the Western District.

The two additional bells at Allendale are to be dedicated on May 5th, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

**LINCOLN AND LADIES' GUILDS.****A JOINT MEETING.**

A combined meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Lincoln Ladies' Guild was held at Elsham on Saturday, April 7th. The towers represented were Bigby, Barton-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Barrow-on-Humber, Killingholme and the local ringers, together with Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, Guild Ringing Master and Lincoln Ladies' Guild secretary respectively, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden, of Lincoln.

The bells, a handy ring of six, were made good use of. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. J. Allin), who gave an interesting address from the words, 'Holy unto the Lord.' The Ladies' Guild office was used, and Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

Unfortunately the meeting clashed with a meeting of the Gainsborough District which kept a few ladies away and depleted their number. Thirty-one members sat down to tea, including the Vicar and Mrs. Allin.

The president (Archdeacon Parry) presided over the meeting, at which the election of two members prior to a peal attempt at Mablethorpe was confirmed.

A collection for the district bell fund amounted to 7s. 9d. The secretary was asked to convey the sympathy of the members to Mr. and Mrs. G. Atkinson, of Thornton Curtis, upon the serious illness of their son, who is also a member of the district.

The usual votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and organist.—The President, supporting the motion, thanked the Vicar for his welcome to Elsham, and said he hoped that they would see more of him at other district meetings.—In reply, the Vicar said he was glad to welcome the visitors to Elsham, and he was greatly impressed by the unity of the ringers.

Mr. Richardson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president for presiding over the meeting, and this having been carried some of the members indulged in handbell ringing and some in further ringing on the tower bells.

The ladies held their meeting prior to the tea.

**DEAN, PRESIDENT AND FREEMAN.**

On Tuesday, April 17th, at the Cathedral, Worcester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,237 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, F. W. Neate 2, G. E. Large 3, F. Lawrence 4, S. T. Holt (conductor) 5, G. Hinton 6, D. R. Morris 7, G. Lewis 8, T. W. Lewis 9, J. J. Jefferies 10, C. Camm 11, W. Lewis 12. Rung in honour of the presentation of the Freedom of the City to the Dean of Worcester, Dr. W. Moire Ede, president of the Worcestershire Association.

**ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.****MR. LEWIS WISEMAN.**

A well-known Essex ringer has passed away in the person of Mr. Lewis Wiseman, of Sible Hedingham, who died on April 7th at the age of 65 years. He had been a ringer for 41 years, and had rung 63 peals, his first being on March 4th, 1905, and his last on December 31st, 1932. Since then he had only once been able to get up to the ringing chamber. His peals consisted of: London Surprise Major 1, Superlative Major 2, Cambridge Major 2, Double Norwich Major 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 11, Bob Major 6, Grandsire Triples 8, Minor (from two to seven methods) 10. On handbells 18, viz: Bob Major 4, Minor (from one to seven methods and one in 14 different methods) 14.

The deceased was laid to rest in Sible Hedingham Churchyard on Thursday, April 12th, three of the bearers being his fellow-ringers, Messrs. O. Broyd, A. Catterwell and B. W. Pettitt, and the other Bandsman E. Chatten, to represent the band of which Mr. Wiseman was the first bandmaster, for he was a keen musician as well as a keen change ringer. After the burial a course of Grandsire Triples, his favourite method, was rung over the grave by: B. Cock 1-2, A. Catterwell 3-4, O. Broyd 5-6, B. W. Pettitt 7-8. Deceased leaves eight daughters and one son to mourn their loss.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**STREATLEY, BERKS.**—On Sunday, April 15th, for evensong at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): T. Holland 1, Miss D. R. E. Hughes 2, Miss D. E. Buckwell 3, D. D. Rollings 4, W. H. Perry (conductor) 5, W. Pratley 6. First quarter-peal by all the band. All the above are members of the local band and regular Sunday service ringers.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Thursday, April 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Eagles 1, S. A. Wells 2, H. Whitehead 3, C. George 4, H. J. Saunders 5, C. Turner 6, R. T. Clark (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. M. Hope 1, B. Guy (first in the method) 2, L. Smith 3, W. A. Law 4, S. J. Worsfold 5, H. R. Acok 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, S. R. Stevens 8.

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, February 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: R. Jewell 1, J. S. Fulford 2, J. Daniell 3, A. Fry 4, W. A. Romaine 5, F. C. Smith 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, who are regular service ringers, and rung at the first attempt.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The record of Bow bells, which is now so familiar to wireless listeners, was made as long ago as 1926. For that reason it has a special interest in that it preserves the tones of a ring of bells, the majority of which have since passed through the melting pot.

We regret that pressure on our space compels us again to hold over various letters to the Editor on the Minor controversy. An article on Bristol Surprise Royal by the Rev. E. B. James will also appear as soon as space permits.

In connection with the dedication of the National ringers' memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, May 19th, a special train will be run from Bristol and intermediate stations, leaving Bristol, it is expected, at 1 p.m., and reaching Tewkesbury at 3.7 p.m.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association are leaving no stone unturned to secure the success of the occasion and to give all ringers facilities to attend the ceremony and ring on the twelve bells. It is important that those who intend to travel by the special train, who wish to be present at tea, or who desire to ring, should communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Guise, 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, before May 12th.

An accident happened on Tuesday last week to Mr. Morris J. Morris, a well-known Birmingham ringer. He was visiting Plymouth on business and slipped on a footpath and severely injured his knee, fracturing the kneecap. He is now lying in No. 6, Bewes Ward, South Devon Hospital, Plymouth, where the injured member was operated on on Tuesday.

An 'Arthur' peal is in contemplation. Any Arthur who wishes to take part should communicate with Mr. Arthur Harding, 29, Ash Grove, South Ealing, W.5.

The need for correcting a footnote to a peal at Dartford, which appeared in our last issue, makes it necessary once more to ask correspondents to be explicit. It is not sufficient to say 'first peal' if it is the first peal 'in the method,' or 'first as conductor' if it is first peal as conductor 'in the method.' It may seem obvious to the sender but not to others, and leads to confusion.

In the Dartford peal it was J. E. Bailey's 'first attempt for a peal in the method,' and the conductor's 'first peal as conductor in the method, and first attempt.' The band wore all Sunday service ringers.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, who has in hand the arrangements for the peal ringing during the Central Council's visit to Warwick, will reply in due course to all who have written. Any others who would like a peal attempt should communicate with him immediately at 45, Engleton Road, Coventry.

The first peal by the Bedfordshire Association was seven 720's of Bob Minor rung at Biddenham on April 26th, 1884, conducted by Charles W. Clarke. It was commemorated on Saturday at the same tower, when Mr. Clarke called a peal in seven Treble Bob methods. Four of the band of 1884 have passed away, and one is no longer able to ring, so that Mr. Clarke is the only active ringer left of the 1884 company.

## 'ST. MICHAEL'S CHIMES.'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In answer to your correspondent's query as to St. Michael's Church, these chimes vary considerably as to the notes played, being merely ringers' changes on eight bells. Often they are exactly the same as those used for 'Whittington Chimes.' Both are in strains of 8, 16, 24 and 32 notes, at the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters respectively.

It would be interesting to know the origin of the name of these chimes.

Sheffield.

S. L. MARSHALL.

## THE LATE MASTER OF THE OXFORD GUILD.

**MEMORIAL TOUCH AT EAST GARSTON.**

On Saturday, April 21st, the anniversary of the funeral of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who had each had many happy hours with their late Master, journeyed to East Garston and rang a very fine 720 of Bob Minor: J. Hands 1, Miss P. Holloway 2, Miss S. Davis 3, A. D. Cullum 4, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 5, G. Essex 6. The ringing was much appreciated by Mrs. Jenkyn and the Misses Jenkyn, who were present.

## ANOTHER YOUTHFUL BAND'S PERFORMANCE.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles by a band of six lads, who average 16 years, and who all live within a radius of two miles, was rung at Exhall near Coventry on Monday week. Three of the ringers belong to Exhall and three to Nuneaton. The youngest were only 13, and the oldest, who called the peal, 20. Anyone who has rung on Exhall bells will appreciate the nature of the feat, as the bells, though light (the tenor is only 6½ cwt.), are difficult to ring on account of a long draught of rope without any guides.

The peal, we are told, was never in danger, and a nice steady heat was maintained throughout. The thirteen-year-old boy on the tenor rang remarkably well considering it was his first peal, and he had never previously rung for longer than twenty minutes.

Is this the youngest band to ring a peal on six tower bells?

# **YOUTHFUL PEAL RECORD BROKEN** **BOYS' AND GIRLS' GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.**

A new record in youthful achievement was set up at Crayford on Saturday, when a mixed band of boys and girls, whose total ages aggregated only 120 years 2 months, rang a peal of Bob Major. The youngest of the party was 13 years 3 months, and the oldest 17 years 6 months, and the conductor was only 15½. The peal was splendidly rung, and is one which should be a pleasant memory to these young people for the rest of their lives.

It was the second time that the band had met. On the previous occasion, on February 10th, they were strangers to one another, and there was a considerable amount of natural nervousness and anxiety among them at the importance of the occasion. The result was that the peal failed to come to fruition, but it provided an opportunity for some valuable practice, and when they met again last Saturday they met with a full confidence which was completely justified by their performance. They rang an almost perfect peal, one which not only would have done credit to a company of more experienced ringers, but which could hardly have been beaten.

young people a few words of good advice. Then amid general wishes for success, the 'outsiders' withdrew and the youngsters launched out upon the task before them—but not before one of them, in simple words, had offered a short prayer, asking for Divine blessing upon the undertaking.

Then away went the bells into rounds and, a smart and accurate beat having been established, 'go' was called at 3.10 p.m. Any suggestion of nervousness in the ringing was entirely absent. The pace and the striking were those of a confident band, and were continued to the end, with hardly a 'clip' from start to finish. The bells ran round merrily at exactly six o'clock, and the band at once received the hearty congratulations of all those who had been waiting for the finish.

Afterwards, Mr. Dawe generously entertained the young ringers to tea, and among those present were Mr. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett. A bountiful meat meal was provided at the Bear and Staff Hotel, and afterwards Mr. Dawe, in congratulating the band upon their success, referred to some of the obstacles which had been met with in the first efforts to raise a children's band. There were many children from ten years of age upwards who could be relied upon to



E. A. Barnett.

W. H. Dobbie.  
Margaret Pack.

J. J. L. Gilbert.  
Percy Stone.

A. W. Jones.  
Phyllis E. Tillett.

J. Pack.

Once again Mr. F. E. Dawe took a generous active interest in the arrangements, and Mr. E. Barnett did much to secure the success of the event. The band was gathered together from a wide area, Edwin A. Barnett, whose achievement in ringing a hundred peals up to Spliced Surprise while still only 15 years of age, being the only purely local ringer. John Gilbert, the brilliant Handsworth youngster, came all the way from Sheffield. Joseph Pack travelled from Loughborough, and Percy Stone, only 13 years old, came all the way from Nuneaton. Arthur Jones, of Croydon, also only 13, and scarcely as tall, with Walter Dobbie, only a month over 14, who journeyed from Sittingbourne, made up the lads' section. The band was completed by two young ladies, mentioned last, not because of any disrespect to their sex, but because they deserve a special word. One, Miss Phyllis Tillett, is the fifth generation of a family of Ipswich ringers. Although one of the youngest members of the band, she has rung peals of Cinques and Maximus, and has had the distinction of taking part in peals with her father and grandfather—a distinction shared, of course, by 'Teddy' Barnett. The other young lady was Miss Margaret Pack, whose talent for ringing, as shown recently by taking part in a peal of London Surprise, is only equalled by her ability as an organiser, for she rendered invaluable assistance in making the arrangements. One other lady must be mentioned, and that is Miss Frances Humphrey, who very kindly acted as 'reserve,' and was present to fill any gap should it occur.

There were a number of well-known ringers present when the band assembled in the ringing chamber, and after a few preliminary rounds, a welcome was given by Mr. P. C. Russell, churchwarden, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, and Mr. Dawe offered the

ring a peal with a good band, but when it came to getting a band of eight together to ring a peal by themselves it was a very different matter, not only in regard to the responsibility which it put upon their shoulders, but because parents naturally would not let children travel alone for long distances. Mr. Dawe referred to the act of courtesy on the part of Edwin Barnett in handing over the calling of the peal to a visitor, John Gilbert, and he congratulated the latter on the way he conducted the peal. Several of the young people, Mr. Dawe went on, were still at school, but would soon be going out into the world. He advised them when that time came to give their whole attention to the business they had in hand and, when set a task, to do it to the best of their ability, and as young churchmen also always to 'remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth.' He referred to the abilities of the many ladies he had rung with, and thanked Miss Pack for the great assistance she had given.

Thanks were returned to Mr. Dawe on behalf of the band by Edwin A. Barnett, who said that without Mr. Dawe the peal could never have taken place. He also thanked Miss Pack for her share in the arrangements.—John Gilbert seconded the vote of thanks, and the time remaining before the gathering broke up was spent in hand-bell ringing and recitations. Our photo is by Mr. Dawe.

That these youngsters should have rung a peal of Major on bells with a tenor of over 12 cwt. says something for the good going of the bells. Very few bells get more use than the ring at Crayford. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank rehung them in 1921, and there has not been the slightest thing done to them since. They have not even been greased. A peal such as this, after 13 years of heavy wear, testifies to the excellence of the founders' work.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

#### Discussion on Council Topics.

About 80 members attended the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday. Many towers were represented, and the ringing which took place during the afternoon and evening was much enjoyed. There was a very hearty service conducted by the new Vicar of St. Mary's, and the preacher was the Lord Bishop of Willesden, whose homely address from the chancel steps was greatly appreciated. Speaking from the text, 'Their sound has gone out into all lands and their words unto the ends of the earth' (Ps. xix. 4), he referred to the ringing of the bells of Jerusalem, broadcast at Christmas, which must, he said, have stirred the imagination as nothing else could. He went on to speak of the influence of the bells of our own churches. That influence on the hearts and minds of men was for the most part unseen, and the ringers in the belfry could not tell how far they might be influencing the lives of others. There was a tendency in these days, he continued, to have carillons rung by artificial means, but he hoped every tower would be strengthened by the living hands of living men, who would join the guilds of ringers. He spoke of the great fellowship in which ringers were joined, and said he had often regretted that in his student days, when he had the chance, he did not learn to ring. There were three things in ringing of which he reminded his hearers: Love, Labour and God, unseen, influencing both all the time. Bellringing was not only a hobby, it was also a ministry; it was not merely a recreation, it was a vocation. He asked God's blessing on the belfry and the friendships in it, on the spirit in which the work was done, and on the sound of the bells in the hearts of the people.

Tea in the Good Shepherd Hall was served by the wives of local ringers and was presided over by Mr. J. A. Trollope (district vice-president), who was supported by the Bishop of Willesden, the Vicar of St. Mary's, Ealing, Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president of the North and East District), Mr. W. H. Hollier (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Pye (Master), and Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow (joint hon. secretaries).

Mr. J. A. Trollope, who temporarily occupied the chair pending the arrival of the president, proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Willesden and the Vicar of St. Mary's, Ealing. He thanked them for the kindness extended to the association and for coming among them. Forty years ago, said Mr. Trollope, a Bishop would as soon have thought of coming to a gathering of that kind as a duke would of visiting a meeting of coalheavers (laughter).

The Bishop: Would the ringers have asked him?

Mr. Trollope: They dare not, sir (laughter).

The vote of thanks was carried with applause, and later the Bishop, in reply, said how grateful he was for the kind welcome given him. Speaking for the other Bishops as well as himself, he was perfectly certain they appreciated tremendously the work done in the belfries. He was particularly glad to see a number of young men present, who were therefore beginning to take over some of the responsibilities which had to be passed on from one generation to another. They had always to be building up from below. At Hackney, where he was at one time Rector, it was the object of one of the clergy to try to build up a young band to take their turn in the belfry—independently of the older men, if necessary—and gradually to take over larger responsibilities in the management of the belfry and the work of the ringers. Bellringing was a healthy exercise—he was told that people went on ringing until they were ninety years old and over, and that showed that they did not want to give it up, because they found in it such fellowship and interest and true recreation. Having mentioned the good fortune of Ealing in having received a great 'gift' from East London in the person of the new Vicar, the Bishop went on to refer to the new London which was growing up in Middlesex, and to the problems which faced the Church in this vast new city. At Kingsbury they were rebuilding stone by stone the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street. It would be completed in October, and its influence would be strengthened by the bells which were to be replaced in the tower, and which would sound out over an area where church bells were few, because there was no money for the erection of belfries. In conclusion, the Bishop wished the members of the association every happiness in their work.

#### WENT UP WITH THE ROPE.

The Vicar, who also replied, paid tribute to the ladies, and he did so, he said, with tremendous shame, because he saw in the ladies present a courage and endurance which he, as a mere man, failed to have. Not many years ago his ringers were in poor condition, and he tried to set an example to others. He did not know what mistake he made, but he went up with the rope and had never tried since (laughter). He commended the ladies on their courage and their diligent perseverance in carrying on. The Vicar recalled the fact that on one occasion long ago one of the bells of St. Mary's, Ealing, was used as a punch bowl. They could not, happily, use it for such a purpose that day, but he assured those present that out of the cups they had used there flowed a sincere welcome to Ealing and a desire that the association would come back again some day (applause).

Mr. C. T. Coles referred to the death of Mrs. J. Thomas, of the Edmonton band, who was buried on Thursday. She was a member of that association and for many years a member of the Ladies' Guild, as well as being the wife of a well-known ringer.

As a token of respect and of sympathy with the bereaved husband the meeting stood in silence.

The business meeting was then proceeded with, with the president in the chair, and arising out of the minutes it was reported that the association had shared in the entertainment of the Central Council when it met in London last year. The association had entertained the Council and friends to tea, and the cost of this and the share of other entertainment amounted to £4 14s. 4d.

Another matter which arose out of a resolution passed last year was with regard to the association's title. Mr. Trollope said it was discussed by the districts, and had come before the Central Committee. They recommended that, in view of the fact that there was no great enthusiasm for any change, no action be taken in the matter.

#### THE REPORT.

The annual report recorded the success of a long programme of district meetings in the two districts, with an average attendance of 42 in the North and East District and 35 in the South and West District, while a greatly improved standard of ringing had been noticed at the meetings. Joint meetings with other associations were now a popular feature of the programme, and two such gatherings had been held on Wednesdays for the benefit of those ringers whose work precluded them from attending Saturday meetings. The attendances at these meetings was ample proof of their popularity, although in the case of the mid-week meetings it was obvious that joint effort alone ensured success. The band at Harlington had joined the association, and it was hoped that what had long been a stronghold of call change ringing would be converted. An attempt was also being made to restart a band at Acton, with the full support of the Rector.

Two honorary and 62 ringing members were elected during the year, but there were again a considerable number of lapses through non-payment of subscriptions. The loss by death of nine members was recorded with regret. The membership now reached a total of 882, but the position at some towers was far from satisfactory, and local officials were urged to keep their bands up to full strength. Delay in recruiting young ringers was dangerous, and at least one new member should be added to each band annually. Only by continuous effort could an efficient and full complement of ringers be maintained.

Compared with 1932 there was a decrease of three in the number of peals rung, the total being 80. Seeing, however, that no less than 31 of these peals were rung at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, it was evident that a considerable falling-off in peal ringing took place elsewhere. It was noticeable that only one six-bell peal was in the list. While peal ringing was by no means the only object of the association's existence, this activity did a great deal to keep alive the interest of many ringers, and the more experienced members were urged to keep this part of the work going. An analysis of the peals showed that two were rung on handbells and 78 on tower bells at 28 different churches. Some 160 members took part in them, and there were 17 conductors. Three members rang their first peal and 49 their firsts in a new method.

The report reviewed the various activities of the association during the year, referred to the restoration of Bow bells and the removal of the bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, to be replaced in the same tower where it is re-erected at Kingsbury, and concluded with thanks to the clergy and an appeal to them to help further by becoming members. The list of hon. members was far too small, and it was hoped this appeal would enable the association to add considerably to it.

#### NEW RULES FOR SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

In presenting the report, Mr. Coles drew attention to two new rules added to the rules for the district societies. These rules, he said, would operate only in the South and West District, which desired to have them. The other district was not inclined to work under them. These rules were that the meeting under Rule 1 (the annual district meeting) should, if possible, be held at different towers in succession; and that no member should hold the post of Ringing Master for two consecutive years unless all efforts to find a successor had failed.

The report was adopted.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. H. Hollier) presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts from the districts amounting to £21 2s. 8d., the percentage of contributions from ringing members, £1 4s., the percentage of contributions from hon. members, 6s. from sale of certificates and 6s. 10d. interest. The expenditure, including a donation of £2 2s. to the Rev. H. Law James' memorial and £4 14s. 4d. in connection with the entertainment of the Central Council, amounted to £29 0s. 10d., the balance of £33 5s. from 1932 being thus reduced to £27 3s. 8d. at the end of 1933.

The balance sheet was adopted.

Four belfry elections were confirmed, and two new members (Mr. A. Smithson, North Acton, and Mr. E. H. Preston, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon) were elected.

The president, Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane (Vicar of Twickenham) was unanimously re-elected and renominated as active vice-presidents: Mr. W. Pickworth (North and East District) and Mr. J. A. Trollope (South and West District). The other officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. William Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hollier; joint hon. secretaries, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

It was decided that the association's peal books and the complete set of 'Bell News' should remain for another year at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Mr. Coles remarking that he hoped they would some day also be able to have a complete set of volumes of 'The Ringing World.'

#### CONGRATULATIONS.

Mr. Coles moved a hearty vote of congratulation to Mr. E. C. S. Turner, one of the younger members of the association, who two weeks earlier had conducted a peal of four spliced Surprise methods from a non-observation bell (applause). Moreover, the peal was his own composition. In this he had created a record. While it had been the ambition of a number of composers to find a true composition in four or more methods, only two composers had previously succeeded in doing so, viz., the late Rev. H. L. James and Mr. A. J. Pitman, of South Wales. Neither of these, however, had conducted one of their own 'spliced' Surprise compositions. Those who had conducted peals of this kind from a non-observation bell knew full well what the task meant, and would join heartily in congratulating Mr. Turner (applause). Mr. Coles also congratulated the three other members of the band who rang their first Spliced Surprise peal on the same occasion.—The motion was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Coles welcomed the presence at the meeting of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who, he mentioned, had recently obtained a concession from the railway companies for ringers who wished to travel. The concession was that ringers travelling in parties of four or more could get cheap fares for any distance where no cheap fares were already in operation, provided they were going ringing and applied beforehand for a voucher. The fare was single fare for the journey for one day, and single fare and a third for a long week-end. The latter, of course, was largely covered by the 'summer' tickets which were issued to the public, but the former was quite a valuable concession (applause).

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL BUSINESS.

The Central Council agenda was next brought to the notice of the meeting. Mr. Coles said most of the work of the Council was done by the committees, and two-thirds of the time of the meeting was taken up in discussing the committees' reports. With regard to the motions on the agenda, he said if it were not for the Minor question there would be nothing for the Council to discuss. With regard to the proposal that no decision of the Council relating to the ringing of peals shall be binding unless passed by a two-thirds majority of the meeting, Mr. Coles said he thought that was a matter for the Council alone.

Mr. Trollope said with regard to the motion on the Minor question, that peals on the Bankes James' plan should be permissible, it would probably be of interest to the members to know that it came about partly through the action which he took, and with which Mr. Goldsmith disagreed, about the Minor Collection that was being published. It had been raised again in its present acute form by a peal composed by Mr. Turner and rung there in Ealing. Mr. Turner took the plan which the Rev. E. Bankes James had used for his Cambridge Minor and carried the idea a little bit further, and in carrying it a little further had fallen foul of the pontifical authority of the Editor, who said that whereas they might go as far as Bankes James went, Mr. Turner, Mr. Wilson and he (Mr. Trollope), by ringing this peal on handbells, were doing something which inevitably lowered the standard of peal ringing and tampered with truth. However, they did it, and the worst thing about it was that they were entirely unrepentant. Ever since then some of the stick-in-the-muds and die-hards had been doing all they could to prevent such things being done in the future. Incidentally it had done no harm to the intellectual side of ringing, and had given a few people the opportunity of using their brains about one or two things. In this motion which was to come forward before the Council at Whitsun they would give the old-fashioned people the opportunity of saying the same things again, but they were concentrating on only one thing. They were leaving Turner's composition apart and trying to get the Council to agree, at least, that if they rang the Bankes James Arrangement they were not guilty of anything very terrible. Mr. Trollope said he and some of his friends had had two or three attempts for the Cambridge Minor. 'We can ring the spliced Surprise stuff,' he added amid laughter, 'but hanged if we can ring the Cambridge.'

#### REPRESENTATIVES NOT BOUND.

Mr. Coles said he admired the courage of the proposer and seconder to try again this year to get the Council to agree to the ringing of that peal. Although the Council had passed it in the Peals Analysis and had thus accepted it, they would never say it was anything but false—which, of course, was rather inconsistent. After the rebuff which Mr. Wood and Mr. Goldsmith, and, later, Mr. Atkins and himself—who wanted to go still further—got, he admired the courage of Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Trollope in bringing the matter

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### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A by-meeting of the Canterbury District was held on Saturday at Northbourne by kind permission of Rev. Canon W. G. Thomas. The inclement weather was mainly responsible for a rather smaller attendance than usual, but a very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent with the church bells.

After tea at the Hare and Hounds a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Fenney, captain of the local company, for making all the necessary arrangements for a successful meeting.

A beautifully struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by the following members as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Slingsby, of Sturry, who were celebrating the 34th anniversary of their wedding day: E. Slingsby 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, P. W. Smith 4, R. French 5, E. Spice (conductor) 6. Among the other methods rung were Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

#### VETERANS AT SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH MEETING.

A successful meeting of the South Norfolk Branch was held at Diss on Saturday, when over 35 members turned up to try the famous Dobson peal. The association was pleased to welcome Messrs. Butress (Fulbourne, Cambs), Brown (Exning, Suffolk) and Beale (Newmarket). There were representatives from Dickleburgh, Garboldisham, Norwich, Palgrave, Pulham, Redenhall, Saxmundham (the 'Crimean veteran'), Shelfanger, Stove Ash, Saxlingham, Starston, St. Margaret's, Thornham Magna, North Walsham, Winfarthing, Worham and the local band. Among those who sat down to tea were Mr. William Ireland, one of the three surviving original members of the association, and Mr. Churchwarden Johnson, who spoke of his connection with bells 40 years ago, and his pleasure at hearing them.

At the business meeting which followed the tea five new members were elected, and the next meeting was fixed for July 7th at Alburgh and Redenhall.

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up again, but he did not understand why they proposed to deal with the Bankes James Minor only and not with the Pitman Doubles, which was on the same plan.

Mr. Trollope: Do you want an answer? If you cannot get the whole loaf you have sometimes got to be satisfied with a half (laughter).

Mr. Mayne asked whether the representatives of that association would put their own or that meeting's views before the Council?

Mr. Coles said it was to get the views of the meeting that the matters were raised.

Mr. Mayne: Will you accept the views of the meeting as binding on the representatives?

Mr. Coles: Speaking personally, I do not think it is quite fair to bind your representatives down. If you do, you get down to the position of delegates, which Canon Coleridge objected to a few years ago. It is only after the pros and cons had been heard that representatives are able to use their judgment. To get the views of this meeting may be useful to the representatives so that they may know what you require, but to send your representatives to vote in a particular way is not what I, as a representative, can agree to.

Mr. Mayne said there were customs which the Exercise had observed for years. One was that a touch or a peal or a 720 being a true cycle had to come back to rounds. The Bankes James Arrangement departed from that, and the point to decide was whether a 720 should be a true cycle, and also whether a peal should be seven true cycles of changes and not rows. If they took the Bankes James and divided it between rounds and rounds it was not a true peal.

Mr. E. M. Atkins said it was correct to say the cycles between the rounds were not true blocks, but the peal as a whole was true. A peal of Minor and a 720 were two different things. As a 5,040 of Minor the Bankes James Arrangement was a complete round block.

With regard to the motion 'that this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren,' Mr. Coles said he thought it was one they would not quarrel about. The arguments in favour of it had been well set out in the leading article in 'The Ringing World' that week, and they could trust their representatives to vote for it. Possibly Mr. Atkins, who was to propose the motion, might like to say something about it.

Mr. Atkins: I should like to hear other people's views.

No comments were, however, offered.

It was resolved to hold the next annual general meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and the meeting then concluded with votes of thanks, proposed by the president, to the incumbents who had permitted ringing at their towers, the towerkeepers, the organist and the ladies who had arranged the tea.

Further ringing at the three Ealing churches took place afterwards, the methods soaring from Plain Bob to four Spliced Surprise.

### NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

Members of the North Notts Association met on Saturday, April 14th, at East Retford Church for the annual gathering. There was a large and representative attendance from the towers in the area of the association. The Rev. L. E. Harris, assistant curate, conducted the service. The address was given by the Rev. T. H. J. Eling, Vicar of Sutton-on-Trent, a vice-president of the association, on 'The bell you are accustomed to ring.'

Tea was served in the Ebsworth Hall. The Vicar and Rural Dean (Rev. Canon A. Parkinson) extended a cordial welcome to the members of the association. He said he had read with interest the report of the secretary, and was particularly struck with one sentence in it. 'One subject that rather stood out in "The Ringing World" during the past year was the clergy and ringers, but, after weighing up all that has been written on this matter, there is only one remedy, and that is, Let us all go on in the fellowship of God.' He (Canon Parkinson) supported the secretary in what he had written. If members carried out their ringing in that spirit they were fine men. North Notts had a reputation in the matter of bellringing, and members of that association were the ones to do it.

Canon Parkinson took the opportunity of expressing appreciation of the kindness of the 'Retford, Gainsborough and Worksop Times' in publishing each week an interesting article on change ringing over the signature of 'Campanologist.'

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, associated himself with the remarks of Canon Parkinson. He added that he had found the article was widely read every week, and they wished to thank the editor of the paper for the space he devoted to the art of bellringing. He (the speaker) had achieved undeserved glory as being the writer of the article, but he wished to disclaim it. The writer was an expert ringer of the association.

#### NEEDED BELL RESTORATIONS.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson presided over the business meeting. He remarked that they were glad to have the presence of visitors from Sheffield, and also the Rev. H. M. Corlett, Vicar of Misterton and Rural Dean of Bawtry. He hoped that the interest Mr. Corlett showed in the association was such that he would keep things alive in the matter of change ringing in the Bawtry Deanery.

Mr. Wilkinson referred to the matter of bell restoration, and said the committee recommended that a grant of £2 be voted to the fund for a new tenor bell to the existing five at North Muskham Church. The outlay, including a new steel frame, is estimated at £139. He went on to say that he would like to see the bells restored and ringing in the belfries of Blyth, Bawtry and North Wheatley. A sixth bell was needed at Dunham Church; the bells had not been rung for 30 years. A movement was on foot to restore the bells at Laneham Church. There were only five bells at Sturton tower, and a sixth bell in that tower would be an acquisition. There were several churches that would be welcomed in the circle of the association, including Laxton. Ossington has six bells, but they are not safe to ring.

The following are extracts from the report of the secretary (Mr. R. W. Stockdale):—

The past year has been a success in the matter of finance. The number of peals (seven) rung during the year were fewer than in 1932, but of a higher standard. The membership has not increased by many, and I am sorry to state that some towers seem to have completely fallen away.

During the past year, continued the secretary, a pile of letters must have reached the editor of 'The Ringing World,' and I am very pleased to say that none of the letters which have been published have been signed by any of our performing members, because I am afraid that some of these letters are only indifferent literature, having the same meaning time and time again. I think a lot of the subjects on which these letters are written could be left to the Central Council to decide. Their meeting every Whit Tuesday is the time to discuss these matters.

#### A HARD TASK.

The association has this year commenced bi-monthly ringing practices on eight bells. The two which have been held were well attended, and very good progress was made. These will be continued in the course of a month or so. I think that joint practice should be held at nights. I am sorry to say that North Notts is not yet overflowing with good change ringers. We are having a hard task to face in trying to improve this matter, but let one and all, clergy and ringers, put their backs into it and make 1934 a record year.

The membership roll up to the end of the year contains four hon. life members, 21 vice-presidents, 78 non-resident life-members, 100 performing members, three unattached members—206 in all.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, in commenting on the report, remarked that there was a financial gain on the year's working of £1 17s. 10d. There was a balance in the Worksop Savings Bank of £44 5s. 5d., and £2 10s. 11d. in the hands of the treasurer. It was a good thing to have money in hand so that they were able to assist towers in the restoration of bells.

He congratulated the secretary upon the report. He always had something interesting to say every year, and he expressed matters in a nice way. He referred to Mr. Stockdale's zeal and keenness in the

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### DEVON GUILD. SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

The Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devon Guild held a well-attended meeting at Broadclyst on Saturday, April 14th, over 50 members, including visitors from neighbouring branches, being present. The Rev. K. C. Nichole, curate-in-charge during the Vicar's absence, conducted a service in the church and gave a short address. He said the ringers should be considered the most important of all churchworkers, the bells in this country being pre-eminent in their influence. The ringers were a privileged people in being the exponents of God's messages.

The Rev. E. A. Jullian presided at the tea and meeting in the Victory Hall, and offered a welcome to visitors from Exeter, Tiverton, Thorverton, Sidmouth, Buckfastleigh, etc., also congratulations to the Vicar and curate, the one on his honeymoon and the other with the prospect of matrimony.

Eight certificates were presented by the Rev. F. V. Cox, president of the Guild, each recipient being applauded on his success.

Three new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold a meeting at East Budleigh on Saturday, September 1st.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his permission, the Rev. R. C. Nichole for his stimulating address, Mr. Hamlyn, who had acted as organist, and Mr. Lawrence, captain of the local band. The President said he was glad to see such a good meeting and signs that progress was being made.

Returning to the tower, bands were made up indiscriminately for touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles.

### GRANDSIRE CINQUES FOR GRANDCHILD.

At St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, for evensong, on Sunday, April 15th, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: W. E. Dowding 1, A. Walker (conductor) 2, H. H. Fearn 3, R. Daniel 4, G. E. Learn 5, J. Neal 6, D. Matkin 7, M. J. Morris 8, E. Mansell 9, G. F. Yenwall 10, A. E. Norman 11, W. T. Froggatt 12. Just previous to the ringing the conductor's grandchild, Mary Reynolds, was baptised at St. Martin's by the Rector of Birmingham (Canon T. Guy Rogers).

### PRESENTATION TO MARLBOROUGH RINGER.

To mark their appreciation of the valuable services he rendered the branch during the two years he was secretary, members of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild presented Mr. A. W. Deane with a pair of hairbrushes in a leather case and a shaving set. The presentation took place in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Church, Marlborough, on Tuesday week. Touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells as a farewell to Mr. Deane, who is shortly leaving England to take up an appointment at the Trinity College, Kandy, Ceylon.

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welfare of the association, and said they could not have a better secretary and treasurer. It was wonderful the work he got through. Mr. Stockdale travelled thousands of miles on his motor-bicycle visiting clergy and ringers in the villages of North Notts for the benefit of the association, and they owed him a deep debt of gratitude (applause).—The report was adopted.

Mr. Stockdale was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. R. Smith, Ordsall, was appointed assistant, in place of Mr. H. Revill, who retired owing to other duties.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson was reappointed representative of the association on the Central Council, and he was heartily thanked for the way he carried out his duties.

The contest for the Crawford Challenge Cup was fixed to take place on Saturday, September 29th, at Gamston. The holders of the cup are Shireoaks.

Mr. J. S. Hakes, Cuckney, was elected a member of the association.

It was decided that the first subscription of a vice-president should be 2s. 6d. and then 1s. annually.

The next meeting was fixed to take place at Marlborough on Saturday, June 2nd.

The meeting closed with a general expression of thanks—to the incumbents of East and West Retford and Ordsall, to the Rev. T. H. J. Eling, and the caterer (Mr. G. Cooke, Carlgate).

The Secretary expressed thanks to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for presiding, and for 'all he does for the benefit of the association and for doing many things which were not published in the report.'

Change ringing took place in the afternoon and evening in the church towers of East and West Retford and Ordsall.

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## NOTICES.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Easebourne, near Midhurst, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Hoo, St. Werberg, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (13) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 28th. Bells, Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10), available from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea (free to members, non-members 1s.) in Holy Trinity Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, April 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln, April 28th. Service in the Morning Chapel of 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.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers are very welcome. Buses by church every hour. Number for tea, please.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Paxton on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Blackpool (eight bells), on Saturday, April 28th. Meeting 3.30. Ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. only. Members please come forward with current subscriptions.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leverington, near Wisbech, on Saturday, April 28th. Method, Double Court. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**ALDENHAM, HERTS.**—Saturday, April 28th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest stations Bushey and Radlett. Excellent bus service to church. Cheap tickets from all parts. An excellent opportunity to combine pleasure with practice. Charming village. Bells (8) in good order.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—On Saturday, April 28th, a meeting will be held at Barley. The bells (6) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Waggon and Horses 5 p.m. Please support this meeting.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hitchin.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (eight bells), on Saturday, April 28th, at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 28th. 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.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blackmoor on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 28th, at Woolton Hill. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Business meeting follows.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 1st and 29th, St. Magnus on the 3rd, 17th and 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 10th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 15th, and St. Andrew's on the 24th at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please come and make the meeting a success. Everybody welcome.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wormingford on May 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.30. Buses leave Colchester at 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock, also Sudbury 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock. All members from Essex and Suffolk Guild are invited. Will all those intending to be present to tea please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 9 p.m. Meeting of the general committee in the Vestry at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) in the Church Room at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. H. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham, by Wednesday, May 2nd. General meeting afterwards. A cordial invitation is extended to members of neighbouring associations.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at East Peckham on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 1st.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Special meeting at Allendale, on Saturday, May 5th. Dedication by the Bishop of Newcastle of two bells to complete the octave at St. Cuthbert's. Service at 3 o'clock. The Rector invites members to tea in the Parish Hall at 5, after which the bells will be available. Members intending to be present kindly advise me at once.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (six) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Notification for tea by May 2nd.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Middleton Stoney on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open afternoon and evening. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, May 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fownhope (six bells, recently rehung and retuned by Gillett and Johnston), May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, Parish Hall 5.45. Please notify C. Edwards, New Inn, Fownhope, Hereford, or A. Gwynne, Castle Street, Hereford, not later than May 3rd.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom. All requiring tea please send their names to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, not later than Wednesday, May 2nd. All ringers welcome.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after. Please notify me early so that tea arrangements may be made.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Wootton, Oxon, on Saturday, May 5th. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church. 4 p.m., tea at the School, at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Woodstock (8), Bladen (6), and Tackley (6). Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 3rd, 1st post. Subscriptions for 1934 should be in my hands on or before spring meeting.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Fressingfield on May 5th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Avon (five bells) on Saturday, May 5th, not Clipston as previously arranged. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday previous as catering is difficult.—Geo. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Rocester on Saturday, May 5th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. Bullock, 3, West View, Rocester, before May 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Local Hon. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District. The next meeting will be held at Alvaston on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Reports can be obtained and subscriptions paid. All ringers welcome.—Geo. Freebrey, Dis. Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Fairfield, Buxton, on May 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Burbage bells will also be available after tea. Those requiring tea please notify E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton, not later than May 3rd.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec. Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Heanor on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea may be obtained at cafe near the church.—J. W. England.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Longbridge Deverill on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Acle on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Bells recently rehung. Names for tea, please.—J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5th, at Collaton St. Mary (Paignton). Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. at Parish Room. Paignton bells (8) also available after 6.30. Those who intend coming please notify me by previous Wednesday. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kendal on May 5th. Bells (10) at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to all who notify Mr. E. Jennings, 15, Castle Oval, Kendal, by Friday, May 4th. Will Furness District members come and help to make a joint meeting?—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Will all those 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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea 6d. each to all who notify Mr. A. S. Fearnhead, 256, Hyde Road, Gorton, not later than Wednesday, May 9th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The festival will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, May 12th. Service in the Parish Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. Canon Clarke. Luncheon and annual meeting in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers open: Holy Trinity and Christchurch, Bradford, Melksham, Westbury, Warminster (8), Holt, Hilberton, Keevil, Steeple Ashton, Heytesbury, Longbridge Deverill (6). Those requiring lunch please inform the secretary by Monday, May 7th. All ringers welcome.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**SILEBY, LEICS.**—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 p.m.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service will be held, with tea to follow.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting, Northaw, May 12th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea (1s. each) at 5.30. Please advise me by May 9th. Bus service, No. 629 Victoria, Hornsey, Southgate, etc., to Potters Bar Garage, one mile. Train, L. and N.E. Railway to Cuffley from King's Cross, Finsbury Park, etc.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify the Vicar. Special method, Double Court. A good muster is desired and will be heartily welcomed by the Vicar.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The 55th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st.—F. N. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

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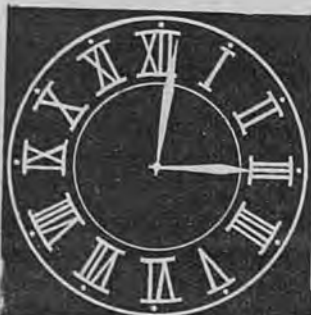
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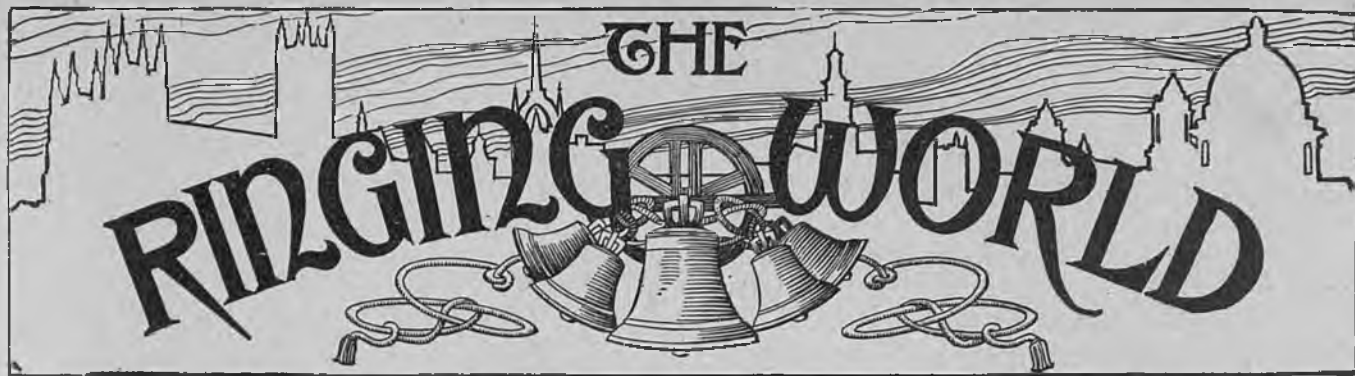
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The whole position with regard to five and six-bell ringing was, however, different. We believe we are right in saying that, up to a point, the early ringers looked upon a 'peal' as the extent of the changes which could be produced on any particular number of bells. And thus we read of 'the whole peal of Doubles—120 changes' and 'the whole peal of Bob Minor,' and where five thousands or more were rung we read, as in the case of the record length at Wath in 1816, of 'twenty-one peals, making in all 15,120 changes,' or, in the case of Whaplode, Lincs, '10,080 changes or 84 peals' of Doubles. Later on these five thousands were termed 'performances.' It was not until the early days of the Central Council that they were officially designated 'peals,' and eventually it was laid down that such a peal should consist of seven true and complete 720's, each ending with rounds and rung without interval. When that definition was drawn up it adequately met the situation. It was a step in advance in securing that true 720's should be rung, and ruled out such things as fourteen 360's or twenty-one 240's, which were sometimes recorded as 'peals.'

But the enterprise of composers and the views of some ringers, which have changed with the advance of time, have led to other ideas being formed as to what ought to be admitted as a peal, and it is in an endeavour to guide the Exercise that the Central Council has made various efforts to arrive at some decision on what shall in future constitute a peal of Minor or Doubles. It is quite true that, whatever definition is arrived at, the majority of

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ringers who ring peals of Minor will still be content with the conventional seven 720's, but should the Council place its official ban on any departure from this standard? On the other hand, if it is to sanction the breaking down of these bounds, it is faced with two courses, and two courses only. Either it must define a new boundary—which can always be extended if thought wise—or scrap its rules and permit individual desires, reasonable or otherwise, to have free rein. To do the latter would, we believe, be the greatest disservice to six-bell ringing, and it is to guard against it that the five per cent. of ringers set something more than a brass button value on the outcome of the controversy.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
*WILLIAM O. TALBOT ... 2	†JOHN AMBLER ... 7
*ERNEST RAYNOR ... 3	WILLIAM BARTON ... 8
†WILLIAM AMBLER ... 4	†THOMAS SMITH ... 9
JAMES COTTERELL ... 5	*GEORGE AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Holdsworth, who, after 21 years as warden at the above church, has now retired owing to ill-health.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D flat.

*BURLEY WALSHAW ... Treble	JOHN FEARNHEAD ... 6
*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	RALPH RAVENSCROFT ... 7
*HAROLD LONGDEN ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 8
THOMAS JONES ... 4	RICHARD LONGDEN ... 9
*ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... 5	*JOHN W. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by RICHARD MASSEY.

Conducted by R. LONGDEN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor. Rung in commemoration of Richard Massey, who succumbed whilst ringing and conducting, with about 20 minutes to go, in an attempt for a peal at the above-named church, November 30th, 1921. Second attempt by the band, the 9th rope breaking after two hours and fifty minutes on November 18th, 1933. This peal was also a compliment to Sarah Livesey and John Bolton, who were married on Easter Saturday. Both are service ringers at the Sacred Trinity Church, Salford.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*CHARLES A. OVER ... Treble	†WILLIAM H. GUTTERIDGE ... 6
ALBERT R. G. TWINN ... 2	FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... 7
†REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 3	WILLIAM H. COLES ... 8
†GILBERT P. MITCHELL ... 4	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ... 9
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 5	WILLIAM HONOR ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by F. G. BALDWIN.

\* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method by ringers of 4th and 6th. First peal as conductor. First peal ever rung at this church by an entirely local Sunday service band. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. G. Baldwin and Miss G. B. Flagg, who were married on the previous Sunday at this church.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Saturday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for the marriage of Mr. Rutherford, son of the donor of the bells: C. Leman 1, A. Brunton 2, T. Norris 3, A. W. Dix 4, C. Cook 5, H. Cashmore 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, — Cochran 8.

## GREAT YARMOUTH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5140 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
*RUSSELL W. CORSON ... 2	ARTHUR G. KING ... 7
WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... 3	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 8
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... 9
†ERIC G. BENNETT ... 5	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Royal at first attempt. † First peal of Bob Royal. This composition, which contains the tenors in the Royal-tittum, the Cater-tittum and the plain coursing positions, is the first of its kind to be rung for the association.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Treble	*OWEN H. GILES... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	JOHN R. RODWELL ... 8
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	WILLIAM J. TUCKER ... 9
WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN RERVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.)

On Wednesday, April 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER, St. Thomas' Treble	SAMUEL PHILLIPS, St. Ambrose's 5
EDGAR GUISE, Hon. Sec. ... 2	JOHN G. JEFFERIES, Mangotsfield 6
*CECIL F. MOGFORD, St. Stephen's 3	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE, St. Philip's 7
HARRY B. BURT, St. Matthew's 4	FRANK SKIDMORE, Chairman Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by FRANK SKIDMORE.

\* First peal in the method and first on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

## CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD ROWE ... Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Major.

## OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR ... 5
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 2	ROBERT BOTTOMLEY ... 6
*ALLAN RUSEWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
JOHN WINDLE ... 4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

\* First peal.

## EDMONTON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDITH K. FLETCHER ... Treble	JOHN E. MILLER ... 5
*LILIAN M. WHEELER ... 2	JAMES PARKER ... 6
WILLIAM J. NORTON ... 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 4	GEORGE B. COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. John Thomas.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WALTER GODDARD ... Treble	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4	JOSEPH ATKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 5
HARRY D. LISTER ... 2	*JOHN F. TILLIT ... 6
KRITH W. WHITTLE ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
JAMES ROSE ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal in the method on eight bells.

## HORLEY, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... Treble	CECIL NICE ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	WALTER CLAYDON ... 6
ALFRED J. BULL ... 3	WALTER CHARMAN ... 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

*WALLACE W. COUSINS ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
CLAUDE COUSINS ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 6
JAMES H. RAPER ... 3	*JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... 7
*WILLIAM J. ELDRED ... 4	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Oxford.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JAMES E. BAILEY ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
*MARCELLUS J. DIGBY ... 2	JOHN WHEADON ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by W. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major.

## BENENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... .. 5
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 6
*GEORGE SIMS ... .. 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	HERBERT POPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. GORRINGE.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the patron saint of the church, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. Mitchell and Miss N. Gorringer, who were married at Maidstone on April 21st.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1934, 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.

GEORGE OLIVER ... .. Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	CECIL NICE ... .. 6
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. MIDDLETON.

Rung especially to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. Nightingale, great benefactors of this church.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Treble	W. GLYN SHAW ... .. 5
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 6
H. ERNEST COX ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 4	REGINALD POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST YORKE ... .. Treble	JOHN THOMPSON ... .. 5
*BENJAMIN BEEBE ... .. 2	*WALTER H. THOMAS ... .. 6
EDWIN MARTIN ... .. 3	W. HARRY BUCKLER ... .. 7
ALFRED KING ... .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the town's new £74,000 Municipal Offices by Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate-Newdegate, G.C.M.G.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF ORWELL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

A peal in this method, of which G. Lindoff is the author, is now rung for the first time.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

F. HORACE E. STOBBS ... .. Treble	DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 6
JOSEPH T. PACK ... .. 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7
JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who reached 'the allotted span' that day.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 7
LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

In this composition neither the 2nd nor 3rd strike over the tenor behind. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Fernley, jun., to Miss Eva Hulme, which took place prior to the peal.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

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

## DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 2	JOHN W. SYKES ... .. 6
ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... .. 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 4	JOHN MARSHALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

## MARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight 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	*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 6
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... .. 3	†BENJAMIN T. BAKER ... .. 7
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

HARRISON SMITH ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. JARMAN ... .. 5
MRS. EDWARD H. SPICE ... 2	* WILLIAM J. FAIRBEARD ... 6
JABEZ WALTER ... .. 3	EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 7
* LESLIE A. PORRITT ... .. 4	† GEORGE J. APPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday peal for Mrs. E. H. Spice and Mrs. L. A. Porritt.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp

* FREDERICK H. OLDNALL ... Treble	* HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 5
GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 2	MALCOLM MELVILLE ... .. 6
* SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	* ERNEST LEWIS ... .. 7
DAVID HINGLEY ... .. 4	NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

\* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. This composition, which contains only 4.5.6 in 6th's place, is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sidney Holloway and as a 21st birthday peal for Mr C. Beech, of Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.

TODMORDEN, CROSS STONE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

ALWYN TAYLOR ... .. Treble	MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
* HAROLD PENDLETON ... .. 3	HAROLD HAMER ... .. 7
* MISS HESTER BELL ... .. 4	† ABRAHAM OGDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt, 1 qr. 13 lb.

FRED RIGBY ... .. Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 5
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 2	FRED HARWOOD ... .. 6
JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 7
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	E. R. MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

First peal of Superlative on the bells. Rung with half-muffled bells as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. C. J. Crabtree, an honorary member of the association, who recently met a tragic death in a road accident; also to Arthur Hartley, who had been a ringer at the above church for 22 years and had been interred the previous Wednesday.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

RIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

EDWARD J. FROSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2	CHAS. WM. CLARKE ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3	REGINALD WEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. WM. CLARKE.

This peal was rung in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the first peal by the Bedfordshire Association which was rung on these bells, and was conducted by Mr. Clarke.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being six six-scores each of St. Clement's, Grandsire and Old Doubles, 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

B. CORNELL ... .. Treble	V. CORNELL ... .. 3
L. POULSON ... .. 2	W. HEAD ... .. 4
* J. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by V. CORNELL.

\* First peal. First peal on these bells for the Suffolk Guild.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

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

RICHARD BUSBY ... .. Treble	ROBERT B. SIMPSON ... .. 4
WILLIAM OLIVER ... .. 2	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 5
ROBERT JEFF ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the memory of Canon F. Peacock, M.A., Canon Residentiary of Gloucester Cathedral, and formerly Vicar of this parish, whose funeral took place at Gloucester Cathedral on the above date.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 2,160 and two 1,440's.

* THOMAS COLLINS ... .. Treble	† THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 4
* ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 5
* MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. † First peal on six bells.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two extents, ten different callings.

HERBERT GOAKES ... .. Treble	ALBERT L. WARD ... .. 3
* DOUGLAS SHELMEKDINE ... 2	† PERCY AMOS ... .. 4
JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

\* First peal and first attempt. † 25th M.C.A. peal. Believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells, which have been five since 1699, and were rebung in a new iron frame by John Taylor and Co. in January, 1934. After the peal the Rector (the Rev. E. M. Guildford) presented each member with a souvenir of the bells and very kindly entertained them to tea, which was greatly appreciated.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

In St. Margaret's Belfry,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9-10
PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 5-5	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 11-12

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## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Warwick on Saturday, April 21st, was most successful from every point of view. The beautiful peal of ten bells at St. Mary's was kept going to various methods and also in rounds from about 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 4.30, when a short service was held in the chancel of the church. The Guild's form of service was used, and the hymns, 'Soldiers of Christ, arise' and 'O beautiful, my country,' were sung. The lesson was read by the president of the Guild (the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.), and a short address given by the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. A. D. Henwood, M.A.). Tea at Ye Woolpack Hotel followed and was much enjoyed by a party of over forty.

At the business meeting the president took the chair, and apologies were read from Messrs. G. and H. Fearn, R. Daniels and P. Stone (the latter having gone to Crayford for the youthful peal of Bob Major). The balance sheet was adopted, showing a balance in hand of £18 12s. 5d.

The hon. secretary's report was read. From this it appeared that the membership for the year totalled 260 (110 being ringing members), 11 members having joined during the year. The peals rung during the year numbered 15 in 12 different methods, 50 members having taken part. Two rang their first peal and 18 their first in the method. The peal of York Surprise Major at Nuneaton on December 16th was the first ever rung in the method. The treble ringer in a peal of Bob Minor at Exhall on November 11th was Percy Stone (of the Chilvers Coton band), who at the age of 12 years was the youngest member of the Guild to ring a peal.

The re-election of the president was proposed by Mr. F. W. Perrens and seconded by Mr. J. H. White.—Mr. J. George proposed that the remaining officers be re-elected en bloc, this arrangement having proved very satisfactory.—This proposition was seconded by Mr. D. H. Argyle and carried unanimously.

The following meeting places were decided upon: Southam for the July quarterly meeting, Polesworth on the second Saturday in May, and Monk's Kirby on the third Saturday in June.

Miss V. Freeman and Mr. R. Freeman (Coventry) and Mr. E. J. Wells (Rugby) were elected members of the Guild, and Messrs. R. F. Roe (Wigston) and S. O'C. Holloway (Smethwick) were duly ratified following their election prior to peals.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks from the chair to the Rev. A. D. Henwood for his welcome and splendid address. The Vicar replied by wishing the Guild continued prosperity and offering a warm welcome to Warwick any time a meeting was arranged there.—A vote of thanks to the chairman, who closed the meeting with prayer, ended the business of the day.

A return was made to the belfry, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise and Bob Royal were rung, with rounds for the beginners.

Handbell ringing at Ye Woolpack Hotel ended the day, which all had much enjoyed. Members attended from Allesley, Birmingham, Bulkington, Castle Bromwich, Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Lillington, Nuneaton, Rugby and Stoke-in-Coventry, together with the local band. The hon. secretary of the Bicester Branch of the Oxford Guild was welcomed during the afternoon.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING AT WOOLWICH.

On Saturday, April 21st, members and friends of the Southern District of the London County Association met at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, where hanging a very handy ring of eight (12½ cwt.), recently overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent. Touches in various methods, rounds and opportunities for beginners were the order, the District Master (Mr. H. Mance) being in charge of the proceedings. A service, with organ and choirboys, was conducted by the curate (the Rev. — Bradshaw), who referred to the date being the anniversary of the death of the late Rector (Canon Pickering), the members standing in silence for a minute as a token of respect.

The address was based on, 'Let us glorify God'; in relation to the noises of the mechanical age, and was both original and instructive.

Tea was taken at the Rectory, the Rector (the Rev. Leadbitter) being present. At the business meeting two new members were admitted, and the usual routine items were disposed of. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Herbert to the Rector for the use of the bells and the Rectory room, to the curate for conducting the service, to the choirboys, who perhaps gave up a game of football or what-not, the member of the local band who so nicely played the organ, also to the Rector and the local ringers for providing a bounteous tea, and the ladies who prepared and served it. Thanks were also accorded to Messrs. Aldridge and Palmer for their very successful efforts in having everything in order and making arrangements for everyone's enjoyment.

A return was afterwards made to the tower for more ringing. The Rector, himself a ringer and a member of the association, took part in a touch of Bob Major during the evening, and did not forget to 'see the steward,' as all good members should. The attendance was not large, but 'up to Cambridge' was accomplished during the time at the disposal of the company.

## PEALS OF MINOR.

### A ROUNDABOUT METHOD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of April 7th, re peals of Minor and the discussion on same at the coming Central Council meeting, you very truly remark 'that the real issue which is raised' is: Will the Council, or will they not, accept any departure from the old standard for peals of Minor? I have not seen the agenda, but reading from what you say it looks as if the Council is first going to discuss the pros and cons of the Banks James Arrangement in order to be able to decide whether or not they will accept any such departure—surely a very roundabout method! At Chelmsford I asked the Council either to confirm the old ruling or cut it out. They did neither; instead they tacked on a 'tail' which has allowed the question to become more confused. I suggest, sir, that the Council first and foremost decide if they will, or will not, accept any departure from the old standard, as printed. If they decide they will not accept departure, then all further argument is unnecessary. If they decide they will accept some departure, then cut out the old ruling entirely, and compose a new ruling in conformity with present-day requirements. That, however, will require some care. You know when, in summer, we open our window widely, we are inviting a very desirable entrant, fresh air, but unless we are careful to use a rather fine screen over the open window we have also to put up with small, but very undesirable, entrants as well, and if our Council, in its wisdom, decides to depart from the old ruling, they will be well advised to look carefully to the 'screen' over the open window. May they have sufficient 'wisdom' to be able to please everybody is the wish of—

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

### A COMPROMISE.

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence on the above subject does not seem to have got us any further towards a solution of the problem. We have had all the old arguments and counter-arguments about rows and changes, rounds at the beginning or rounds at the end, etc., but there still seems to be a sad reluctance to face the really fundamental issues.

The chief point which so many people will not fully realise is that the Banks James arrangement is something different from the old-established idea of a peal. The old convention is that of extents. An extent is not only the full number of rows possible on a certain number of bells, but the full number of changes, i.e., it must come back to the point from which it started. The old idea of a peal of Minor was seven (at least) extents. It cannot be too often repeated (because it is the one thing in this controversy about which there can be no shadow of doubt whatever) that the Banks James composition does not consist of seven extents. Therefore, as long as we stand by the present definition of a peal the Banks James Arrangement is barred. That is a fact, and nothing can alter it.

But we can alter the definition of a peal of Minor. We can alter it to read '5,040 changes, starting from and ending with rounds, and containing each change seven times.' That is a perfectly straightforward procedure, and it would quite definitely include the Banks James Arrangement; but it would also include other arrangements which do not meet with such general approval throughout the Exercise.

The people who are in such a difficult position are those (and there are a great many of them) who want to let in the Banks James Arrangement without, at the same time letting in all other compositions containing each change seven times. There is, however, one thing which they can, and must realise, and that is that what they are asking is a compromise, and therefore any rule or definition that will achieve this end must also be a compromise.

There are still a number of people who are trying to frame rules which will achieve this end without admitting the compromise. The sooner they realise the hopelessness of their position the better, because they are attempting an absolutely impossible thing, and cannot therefore possibly hope to be successful. Sooner or later the arguments with which they support their proposals are bound to become inconsistent and contradictory. We have had many examples of this. You, Sir, if you will permit me to point it out, are one of them. Last year you seconded my resolution that the Banks James Arrangement should be accepted as an exception to the existing convention of seven extents. Now you are trying to convince the Exercise that it does in fact conform to the existing definition. My answer to this, Sir (to borrow your own phraseology), is, 'If it conforms to the rule it cannot be an exception; and if it was an exception in 1933 it is an exception in 1934.'

I have read with close attention the open letter to Central Council representatives from Mr. Joyce; he is voicing, I gather, the views of a large number of Minor ringers throughout the country, but his arguments, no less than those of other people, are contradictory. His main point is that we should make no rules to apply to six bells, which do not equally apply to higher numbers. But this is just exactly what he proposes that we shall do; because, as I understand him, he wants to say that a 5,040 of Triples must come round at the end, but that a 720 of Minor need not.

No, Sir; I am just as keen as anyone not to depart from time-honoured conventions except for the soundest of reasons, and not to differentiate between peal ringing on different numbers of bells. But we cannot eat our cake and still have it; if the Bankes James Arrangement is to be accepted otherwise than as an exception to the general rule, we are forced either to make a special definition for Minor or else to allow the whole basis of the definition of a peal on all numbers.

It is an awkward position I know. But there is no other way out of it. And the sooner we all realise it the better.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Bristol.

#### THE EDITOR'S REPLY.

Mr. Wood's allegation of inconsistency requires an answer, as far as it relates to any action of mine. I have never denied that the Bankes James Arrangement is an 'exception to the existing convention of seven extents.' The existing convention is that each 720 shall end with rounds. The 720's in the Bankes James Arrangement do not all do that, therefore they form an exception—to the 'existing convention.' But in admitting that, there is no inconsistency, in my opinion, in holding that, as each consists of 720 different rows, each 720 is also true. The existing convention and the existing definition, however, are two different things. The existing definition of a peal of Minor (adopted at Hereford) says nothing about each 720 ending with rounds; all it demands is that each 720 shall consist of 720 true rows; that is a condition which the Bankes James Arrangement fulfils, and that is what I have been trying to show the Exercise.

THE EDITOR.

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO RING IN OXFORD.

On behalf of the Oxford Society, the Ringing Master (Mr. W. F. Judge) extends a hearty invitation to any ringers, who would like to try the bells of Oxford, to turn up at any of the following towers on Sunday, May 6th: Carfax (6), 8 a.m.; Cathedral (12), 9 a.m.; New College (10), 1 p.m.; Magdalen College (10), 2 p.m.; Merton College (8), 3 p.m.; St. Mary the Virgin (6), 4 p.m.

#### ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

On Monday evening, April 23rd, in honour of St. George's Day, the ringers at St. James' Church, Shirley, rang 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Hofton 1, Miss K. Morris 2, J. N. Jukes 3, P. Newell 4, A. Morris 5, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by all except the conductor.

#### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

##### ANNUAL MEETING AT LEEDS.

The 35th annual meeting was held at St. Peter's Church, Leeds, on Saturday last, when a very good gathering heard the wonderful tones of the Leeds Society's headquarters peal, which was recast last year. After hearing the hymn tune, 'O worship the King,' played at 3 p.m., the bells were raised and ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. No great measure of success was obtained in any of the ringing before the service at 4.40 p.m. At this stage most of the company endeavoured to attend to the inner man at the various cafes in town.

Meeting again just before 6 p.m., ringing took place until 7.30 p.m., when the business meeting was held in the tower. The president was chairman, and members were present from Armley, Almondbury, Batley, Burley, Barnsley, Bradford, Calverley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Michael's), Low Moor, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Ripon, Shipley, Wakefield and the local company.

The following were elected new members of the society: Messrs. K. Simpson (Shipley), G. Robinson (Leeds Parish Church), A. J. Hughes (Low Moor), G. W. Hewitt (Earlsheaton), J. Bennett, F. Bennett, M. Lockwood and W. Tattershall (Ossett), and N. Sims and H. Ashton (Burley).

The secretary presented his annual report, the main points being that 11 meetings had been successfully held during the past year. The first rota of visits to towers on a two years' basis had just been completed and found to be workable. The interest and attendance from some of the towers which it has not been possible to visit could have been better. The financial side of the society had again improved.

The balance sheet and auditors' report was then read and accepted.

No further nominations were received, and the following gentlemen nominated last month were declared elected. They are: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hey, S. Barron and H. Marsden; Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Strangeway; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The list of visits to towers was then read. This will be printed and circulated to all towers during the next week or two.

The treasurer proposed that he should pay from the society's funds for the tea of all members who send in their names prior to the next annual nomination meeting.

Afterwards the bells were again heard until 8.30 p.m., when the full 12 were lowered well in peal.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Warwick, where the Central Council is to meet at Whitsun, is the centre of one of the most historic districts in the country, and an interesting programme has been arranged, including visits to Kenilworth, Leamington, Warwick Castle and Stratford-on-Avon.

After the meeting on Tuesday members are invited to tea as guests of the Warwickshire Guild, and there will be a social in the evening at headquarters.

Members of the Lancashire Association are asked to note that the meeting of the Blackburn Branch to-morrow is to be held at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, owing to illness near the church at Rishton.

Mr. James Hunt, of Taunton, has recently had a new experience. Called upon late one night by an affrighted lady, who thought there was an intruder in her house, he searched the premises for her, and in one of the bedrooms found a stranger, who, on discovery, put up his arms and frankly admitted 'The game is up.' Mr. Hunt mounted guard while the lady fetched a policeman, and next day the stranger was charged with burglary.

At the close of the Guildford Guild's annual meeting on Saturday, the Provost missed his very nice pair of fur gloves. After a long and, for the time being, abortive search through the hall, they were discovered being worn by a lady member of the Guild, who was inspecting the shops in the High Street. She assures us she was quite unaware she was wearing 'stolen property.'

A large gathering of ringers is expected at Tewkesbury on May 19th, when the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies will be dedicated. Mrs. Davies kindly invites all ringers who attend the ceremony to tea. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. E. Guise, hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Bishop's Hull on April 12th was G. Leslie Pyke, not Pryke as published.

The third annual dinner of the Lancashire Association will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, October 27th next.

## THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—There may be many ringers who would have liked to go to Tewkesbury on May 19th to pay their tribute to the memory of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, but who are prevented because of the distance. I am, therefore, extending a hearty invitation to all such ringers, and who live within reach, to come and pay their tribute at Deane on May 19th. It is meet and right that we should do this, for Deane was Mr. Davies' last incumbency. It was here he wrote his book on Surprise methods. He was responsible for the present condition of the beautiful ring of six in the tower in that he had rehung and returned the existing five, and added a treble in memory of his little grandson, who lies in the churchyard.

As it will be a special occasion, some sort of programme seems desirable, and I am arranging for (1) three 720's or quarter-peals if there is time, of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise, to be rung at 2.30, 6 and 8 o'clock: in between whiles ringing as at ordinary meetings. (2) A service of remembrance and thanksgiving at 6.30. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock in the Parish Institute at 1s. per head, though I fear I cannot guarantee tea to anyone who does not notify me of their intention of coming by May 15th.

I hope a good number will come and ring this very beautiful peal in memory of Mr. Davies; everyone will be most welcome.

Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

F. S. H. MARLE.

## MR. C. W. CLARKE'S ACHIEVEMENT.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should very much like to know, on behalf of the Beds Association, if Mr. C. W. Clarke's record of conducting the first peal for the association and also conducting one on the nearest possible date in the same tower half a century later is also a record for an association? We are, naturally, proud of his achievement, which, record or not, is a great one.

Bedford.

EVELYN STEEL.

## JOHN DAY'S 'RECOLLECTIONS.'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Thank you for reprinting part of the late Mr. John Day's 'Recollections.' I would suggest, when space allows, that you reprint the remainder of these very interesting papers. There were, I think, 13 instalments, and they appeared in 'The Bell News' in 1895 and 1896. To my mind, there has never been anything, in their particular line, to match them from 'Church Bells' onwards. Mr. Day himself knew the men he wrote about, and so these pictures are intimate and 'live.' Unfortunately, we have no other first hand knowledge of the many noted men of days gone by.

Can Mr. Tom Russam and Mr. Tom Miller be persuaded to collaborate and continue these 'recollections' of noted Midland men—say to the Bastable, Carter, Sam Reeves and Hattersley times?

If this were done, and the St. Martin's Guild printed the lot in a booklet, what a valuable contribution it would be to ringing literature!

Most of our younger men have never heard of these papers, but I am sure they would find the rest as entertaining as the one of Thomas Thurstans' you reprinted. And so would the twelve 'Thumb-nail sketches' which appeared in 'The Bell News' in 1888.

'OLD RINGER.'

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

#### A Guild Badge to be Adopted.

The annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on Saturday, and was attended by over one hundred members and friends. Twenty-three towers in the diocese were represented and there were visitors from Beddington, Bromley Common, Croydon and London. Ringing took place during the afternoon at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Churches, where the bells were utilised in a succession of short touches in a variety of methods.

Service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost (Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan), and the singing was led by the organ and choirboys. The preacher was Canon E. M. Girling (of Farnham), who took for his text the words, 'He calleth them all by their names' (Psalm 47, 4). He referred to the fact that many bells had names and spoke of the bells of 'Fenchurch St. Paul,' mentioned in Dorothy Sayers' novel, 'The Nine Tailors,' which all bore names. These names, said the preacher, gave a kind of personality to the bells, and they did not feel they were dealing merely with a piece of metal or a machine. The bells of 'Fenchurch St. Paul' exercised a curious influence, but the book dealt also with a vigorous church life in the parish, in which the parson and the ringers were in complete unity. He remembered, he proceeded, that at one of the Guildford Guild gatherings criticism was made of the clergy in some parishes, but it was quite possible that the difficulties were not all on one side. He was perfectly certain that the clergy of that diocese would be very glad indeed to co-operate with the ringers in every possible way if they found the ringers taking a real interest in the services. He had suggested at one of their meetings that it would be a good thing if ringers of the diocese would wear a badge so that they might be known as officers of the church. He thought it would be a useful thing to show that they were not ashamed of their calling, and that they were proud of having the great privilege of ringing the bells of their churches. The preacher urged the ringers to make their lives harmonious, like the bells, and by their lives testify to the fact that they were not merely amusing themselves when they rang the bells, but were doing a job of work for God. It is good, he concluded, that members of the Guild should make themselves perfect in the art of change ringing—personally, he was only too glad when his own team completed a peal. It was better that they should look upon Sunday ringing as the most important part of their work; that there should never be a time when a team lacked two or three members for their service ringing. It was best of all that ringers should remember they were church officers; that they were in the true sense God's ministers and, like the towers in which they rang, pointed others to God, and by the regularity of their own worship and example lived a consistent Christian life.

After tea the business meeting was held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) being in the chair, supported by the Provost (who is also a vice-president), the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith). Owing to a chill, the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Corbett) was unable to be present. Apologies were also received from Mr. W. C. Ryde, K.C., a ringing member at Grayshott, and Mr. A. J. Stedman, an hon. member, of Farnham.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors and remarked that the committee's decision to defray the cost of the tea from the Guild funds seemed to have borne good fruit in attracting a larger number of members to the annual meeting.

#### DILAPIDATED BELLS.

In their annual report for the year 1933 the committee stated that the work of the Guild had shown no falling off in its main essentials. There were still a number of bands which were below full strength, and bellries where there was still a great difficulty in getting and retaining recruits, but in most of the towers where there were companies, Sunday service ringing had been well maintained. The committee appealed to the incumbents in those churches, where the ringers were numerically weak, to assist in raising the strength of the band by inviting members of the congregation to interest themselves in this branch of church service, so that all the bells in the tower might be rung for all the Sunday services.

There had been a slight falling off in the number of members of the Guild, due in the main to lapsed subscriptions, but it was hoped that the position would be retrieved this year, as there were already signs of reviving interest in quarters where, for some time past, the Guild had been unable to make any advance.

The district meetings held throughout the year were most of them fairly well attended, but chiefly by a limited circle of members. There were still many members who do not attend a meeting in the course of the year—some, even, when the meeting was held at their own tower—and the committee once more urged all members to take advantage of the facilities which the district meetings offered to enable them to reach a higher standard of method ringing and for social intercourse.

Only one important bell restoration was undertaken in the diocese during the year, namely, at Pirbright, where the bells were tuned and relunged by Messrs. Taylor and Co. There were still a number of rings which required attention, and, while in these days there were great demands upon the pockets of churchpeople in this diocese, the

committee pointed out to church authorities that it was false economy to allow the bells to get into a state of dilapidation. Neglect might, and nearly always did in the long run, prove a costly matter. Bells were not only an important adjunct to the services, but valuable instruments which were entitled to receive the same care and attention that was bestowed upon any other church property. There were churches in the diocese where the condition of the bells had led to the abandonment of ringing, and the committee desired to urge the clergy and parochial church councils in those parishes to take early action to have the necessary restoration work carried out.

The difficulty of obtaining the use of rings of bells for peals had been once more indicated by the number of peals rung. For the second year in succession, there was a considerable drop in the number. Only 25 peals were rung on tower bells during the year, which, with six peals rung on handbells, made a total of 31, compared with 43 in 1932 and 55 in 1931. The peals were rung in 14 towers in the diocese and one outside the diocese. There were ten conductors, compared with 11 in the preceding year. Only three ringers rang their first peal. The committee again desired to acknowledge the kindness of all those incumbents who had given the Guild permission to hold meetings at their churches. The facilities offered had been very much appreciated, and without them the Guild would lose much of its usefulness. The committee also thanked the honorary members for their valued support and acknowledged their indebtedness to the district officers for their ungrudging labours, carried out sometimes in the face of no little discouragement.

#### YOUNG MEMBERS VITAL TO SUCCESS.

Commenting on the report, the Chairman first referred to the members lost by death during the year, and the meeting stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect. Proceeding, Mr. Harrison said that there was a slight decrease in the membership compared with the previous year. He thought, perhaps, they were suffering a little from self-complacency. They ought to realise that they could still progress further. There was no reason why a special effort should not be made to rope in a few more members. With all respect to the clergy, he thought they ought to take their share of blame. He thought it would be a comparatively small and easy thing for a clergyman to encourage the younger members of their flock to take up the art of change ringing and so spread interest in that side of church work. It was vital to the future success of the Guild that they should endeavour to get in young members to carry on the good work, and under the ægis of the senior members, grow up to learn the art of change ringing and eventually take over the management of the Guild. If they all waited until they were 60 or 70 years old, the time would come when they would have a great shortage of ringers altogether.

The report was adopted, as was also the statement of accounts, presented by the hon. secretary on behalf of the hon. treasurer. The general fund began with a balance in hand of £31 14s. £31 12s. 4d. had been received from affiliation fees and district contributions, and 5s. 1d. from interest, together with a donation of £3 from the Master towards the purchase of copies of the Central Council handbook of instruction for distribution among the members. The Guild expenses had been £32 7s. 7d., including £5 5s. to the Walker Memorial, and £1 1s., the first allocation to the fund established by the Guild for the new Cathedral bells. The balance in hand was £32 19s. 7d. In addition, £60 16s. 6d. had been raised for the Admiral Walker Memorial.

The Hon. Secretary said compared with 1932, the affiliation fees and proportion of members' subscriptions had fallen by £1 14s., but the balance in hand was £1 4s. 9d. more. This, however, was principally due to the saving on the Central Council representatives' expenses, which last year were only 10s., compared with £7 15s. in the preceding year. In the district funds there were balances totalling £40 7s. 4d., compared with £48 18s. 1d. the previous year, but this was more than accounted for by the £15 15s. 6d. which the districts had voted to the Walker Memorial.

The following were elected members: G. Brett, Womersley; R. Wiggins, Pirbright; T. Weller, Shere; T. Aldridge and R. Jonas, Aldershot; N. Waldron, K. Waldron, F. Day, K. Day and A. Skilton, Ashted; and R. Bullen, W. Bullen, W. Pritchard, V. Walker and R. Fitchett, Leatherhead.

There being no other nominations, the following officers were re-appointed: Vice-presidents, Mr. W. Harrison and Very Rev. Provost E. C. Kirwan; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hasted.

The librarian (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) and the Library Committee (Messrs. W. Harrison, S. Radford and S. Pether) were re-elected.

The meeting confirmed the committee's recommendation that the Summer Festival be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 14th, and it was announced that the Bishop of Guildford had promised to preach and that the Castle grounds would be open to the members.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Guildford, the date being left to the committee.

On the motion of Mr. W. J. Whiting, seconded by Mr. A. Harman, the committee's recommendation: 'That the annual subscription of ringers under the age of 16 years be 1s.' was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Whiting, in moving the resolution, emphasised the fact that the future of the Guild depended upon their young members, and the

admission of young members was of more importance than financial considerations (hear, hear).

#### COUNCIL QUESTIONS.

The Central Council's agenda was put before the meeting for consideration. The motion that decisions relative to peals should be carried by a two-thirds majority of the Council was supported by the hon. secretary on the ground that it would be a safeguard against decisions affecting important activities of the Exercise being carried by a majority of the Council which only represented a minority of the ringers of the country. It was, however, really a question for the Council. The meeting, therefore, passed no resolution on the matter.

There was a debate on the Minor peals question, after the hon. secretary had explained the intention of his motion.

Mr. A. H. Pulling opposed it on the ground that in the Bankes James arrangement the 720's were false. He expressed the opinion that it was not a question of the Council recognising the peals rung. The associations and guilds should be responsible for the peals rung by their members.

Mr. Fred Bennett proposed that the Guild's representatives should support the motion on the agenda.

The Chairman deprecated giving any direction to the representatives. 'Give them what strong moral support you can,' he said, 'but I do not think you can instruct them what to say.'

Mr. F. Nye proposed that the representatives be given a free hand. The Guild had every confidence in them.—Mr. C. E. Smith seconded, and this was agreed to *nem con*.

Mr. W. R. Melville said in his opinion not 5 per cent. of ringers cared a brass button about the whole thing.

Mr. C. Hazelden (a member of the Council) said that might be true, but the Central Council had got to care and had got to make some decision. The wishes of that meeting might help the Guild's representatives.

Mr. A. H. Smith said that since it was known that eight 720's of Cambridge with the tenors the right way were available—although whether they were different compositions was questionable—the Bankes James arrangement had not been rung so much. All that ringers were troubling about was to get true 720's, and rather than run the risk of false compositions they did not ring the Bankes James.

The meeting unanimously supported the motion, to be proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, that the Council, viewing with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren.

#### BADGE TO BE ADOPTED.

The Hon. Secretary introduced a proposal to adopt an official badge for the Guild. He said he had found great enthusiasm for it among the young members. The Guild ought to do anything it could to encourage the young people, and if they were proud enough of their calling as ringers and proud enough of their membership of the Guild to want to wear a badge, they should be allowed to do so. If there were members of the Guild who did not want a badge, they need not buy or wear one—there could be no compulsion about it. He proposed that the Guild should adopt a badge and that the design be left to the Executive Committee.

The Rev. D. Raiton (Shalford) seconded. He had had such a proposal in his mind, but would like to see the suggestion taken to headquarters and made a national one. The badge, of course, should only be issued to properly qualified ringers. It should be not only a mark of membership of a belfry, but an indication that the wearer had attained a certain standard of proficiency.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the question of a national badge had been before the Central Council, but had been turned down. Some of the associations and guilds, however, had adopted badges.

The motion, on being put, was carried *nem con*, the Chairman remarking that he thought it would be a great encouragement to the younger members of the Guild.

A vote of thanks, carried by acclamation, was accorded to the Provost for the service and permitting the use of the Cathedral bells, to Canon Gilling for his address, to the organist and choir, and to the Rector of St. Nicolas for the use of the bells at that church.

The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

#### NORBURY RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, April 28th, at Norbury Church, Cheshire, Mr. J. Fernley, jun. (a member of the local company, one of the band in the peal of 38 spliced Minor methods and the youngest son of Mr. J. Fernley, sen.), was married to Miss Eva Hulme.

Before and after the ceremony the bells were rung by Messrs. W. Fernley, A. Fernley, J. W. Hartley, L. Clough, E. Jones, J. A. Milner, W. Stevenson and J. Worth. Later a peal of London Surprise Major (one of the finest rung on the bells) was rung in honour of the event. Afterwards the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Fernley, and the 'health and happiness' of the bride and bridegroom was drunk.

**EALING.**—For morning service at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples: E. B. Hartley (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, W. H. Hollier 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, A. M. Stacey 5, W. Botterill (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, E. W. Coulson 8.

#### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

##### WESTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Christ Church, Upper Armley, on Saturday, April 14th. About 50 members were present, representing some 25 towers—truly a well-mixed gathering. The bells were kept going in various methods throughout the day. At the service a very helpful address was given by the Rev. Holmes, who officiated in the absence of the Vicar. It is generally said that ringers are often heard but seldom seen, but, judging by wholehearted singing of the hymns, they could both have been seen and heard.

A bountiful tea was served in the Schools. At the business meeting the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, occupied the chair. A letter of apology was read from the president (Canon C. C. Marshall), who was attending the Northern District meeting at Pickering.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. F. Armitage, of Burley, W. Amley, of Elland, K. Simpson (age 13), of Shipley, and G. Lambert, of Drighlington.

Replying to a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to Mr. Holmes for his address, the last named expressed his pleasure at being able to assist in making the meeting a success. A hearty vote of thanks to the local company for making the arrangements was also passed.

Mr. Johnson, in supporting the resolution, recalled the time when Armley was once famous for its handbell team, and expressed great pleasure in having present Mr. J. Thackray, a surviving member of that band.—Mr. H. Lofthouse, the energetic secretary of the Leeds and District Society, responded on behalf of the local company.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Elland on Saturday, June 9th (will peal arrangers please note?).

Mr. J. Broadley was re-elected Ringing Master for a term of three years, but, on accepting, expressed the hope that the division should be looking for a younger man to fill the post, as he was now getting on in years, and, although feeling well and hearty, was likely to 'pop off at any time.' Messrs. F. W. Dixon and J. Hardcastle were re-elected to serve on the committee and to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. R. Umpleby, Mr. J. Ambler, of Pudsey, was elected. Mr. F. W. Dixon was unanimously elected to serve on the General Committee.

Mr. P. J. Johnson then made mention of the Minor controversy to be brought before the Central Council. Several members expressed themselves on the matter, and, had it not been brought to a close on the motion of Mr. Barton, with the sincere hope that the Central Council will settle the question for all time, some would probably have been discussing the matter yet.

The tower was afterwards visited for further ringing.

#### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

An excellent meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Brancepeth on Saturday, April 21st, 24 ringers being present from Newcastle Cathedral, Wickham, Chester-le-Street, Darlington (Holy Trinity), Shildon, Bishop Auckland and Staindrop. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major and Double Norwich. At 4.30 p.m. the ringers went through the Castle Grounds to the Gardens, where a good tea had been prepared, and a short business meeting followed, Mr. W. N. Park (vice-president) being in the chair.

An apology for absence was read from Mr. T. Metcalfe, Middlesbrough, secretary of the Cleveland Association, owing to important business in London.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. W. Storey, J.P., of Newcastle.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 7.30 p.m. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, June 30th.

#### ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at West Ham on Saturday, April 21st. The tower was opened at 3 o'clock, by which time a good number assembled, and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung before service, which, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, was conducted by the curate, who in his interesting address spoke about bells in the 3rd and 4th centuries when only handbells were known. The hymns were heartily sung, led by the organist, who kindly put in an appearance.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, to which about 40 sat down, the curate, despite his pressing engagements, being persuaded to join in.

After tea another move was made to the tower and ringing indulged in till about 9 p.m., everyone voting it a most enjoyable meeting. The methods rang included Stedman and Grandire Caters, Cambridge Royal, Kent and Oxford Treble Ten and rounds for the youngsters.

The next meeting will be held at Brith on July 7th, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.****ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUNTIDE.  
SUNDAY.**

Morning.—Ringing at various churches and short tour of Warwick (particulars at headquarters).

Afternoon.—Visit to Kenilworth and Leamington.

**MONDAY.**

Morning.—Visit to Warwick Castle and other places of special interest in Warwick.

Afternoon.—Visit to Stratford. The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre is worth a visit, and the play, 'Much Ado About Nothing' is being performed at 8 o'clock. Admission for a party of 20 or more can be arranged, if accommodation is still available when application is made, at the reduced prices of 6s. seats at 4s. 9d. and 3s. 6d. seats at 2s. 6d. Names must be sent at once to Mr. F. W. Perrens, 45, Engleton Road, Coventry, who will endeavour to reserve the necessary seats. Buses are available to Warwick after the performance.

**TUESDAY.**

The Council will meet in the Court House at 11 o'clock precisely, and all members are asked to be in their seats at that time.

Lunch can be obtained at headquarters at 2s. 6d. If possible, please send names to Mr. Perrens.

Tea. The members are invited to partake of tea at headquarters as the guests of the Warwickshire Guild. Names to Mr. Perrens.

Social at headquarters at 7.45 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY.**

Visit to Coventry, and an opportunity of visiting the Daimler Motor Works. For the latter please send names to Mr. Perrens.

**IMPORTANT.**

All names for the theatre must be sent to Mr. Perrens at once, and for the other items not later than May 14th. Please write your postcard now.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****NEWBURY BRANCH.**

The spring meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Midgham on Saturday, April 21st, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beeton, Compton, East Ilsley, Hampstead Norris, Midgham, Newbury and Thatcham. Visitors were present from Overton, Farnborough, Wootton Hill and Beenham. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Benson), who gave a very inspiring address. The lesson was read by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch), and Miss E. Mathews, of Bucklebury, presided at the organ.

Tea was served at the Coach and Horses Inn, where 36 sat down to an excellent meal. At the business meeting, over which the chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided, the secretary said he had been successful in securing Great Shofford tower to join the Guild, and had arranged to hold a meeting there on Saturday, May 12th. He asked the members to support this meeting.

The Rev. W. Benson, who was elected an honorary member of the Guild, was thanked by the chairman for his address. He also thanked Miss Mathews for playing the organ and Mrs. Barrett for providing the tea. The tower was again visited, and the following methods were rung: Grandire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING AT GLASGOW.**

The second annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, where the bells (a ten by Taylor, 32 cwt. tenor) were kept going to Grandire and Stedman Triples and Caters, and some of the ringers had a first try at Caters on tower bells. The service in the Cathedral was taken by the Provost (the Very Rev. K. C. H. Warner), the association form being used. A very interesting address on 'The influence for good of bells and memories they recalled' was given by the Provost.

Fifty ringers sat down to tea, kindly supplied by the St. Mary's Society, and afterwards the business meeting was held in the Synod Hall, Mr. W. B. Sampson (president) being in the chair. Unfortunately, Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote, the Master, was unable to be present owing to business, and for the same reason he regretfully resigned the Mastership.

Mr. W. H. Pickett and Mr. H. F. Sargent, both of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, are to hold the position jointly. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were both very satisfactory. Leith was chosen for the next meeting on October 6th, the annual general meeting to be at Edinburgh on April 27th, 1935.

As no word had been received from the patron (the Duke of Argyll) and he was not present at the meeting, the question of the opening of the new peal at Inverary had to be left in abeyance meantime.

Apologies were received from Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. Stephen H. Wood for being unable to attend the meeting.

**GLOUCESTER RINGERS' DINNER.****BAN ON RINGING AT THE CATHEDRAL.**

At the annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association a protest was made against the refusal of the Dean of Gloucester (Dr. Henry Gee) to permit ringing on the Cathedral bells on that occasion. The Mayor of Gloucester (Mr. T. Hannam Clark), who presided, said application had been made to the Dean to permit members to ring on the Cathedral bells, and in a letter replying the Dean stated that owing to the weakness of the tower he had to refuse the request.

One speaker contended that if the bells of the Cathedral could be rung 12 times a year, surely a thirteenth could be allowed on the occasion of their annual dinner. Failing this, perhaps one of the monthly occasions could be foregone to enable visitors to the dinner to find the opportunity of ringing. It would be a great incentive to ringing in Gloucester if the Cathedral bells could be used.

The Mayor of Gloucester was supported by Canon H. M. Braithwaite (Mayor's chaplain), the Rev. E. D. S. Camus (Rector of St. Mary de Crypt), the Rev. E. Banks James, Mr. S. D. Romans (chairman of the Gloucester Branch), Mr. W. H. Harris (secretary), Messrs. T. Baldwin and J. Austin. Among the visitors were Mr. S. R. Roper (Croydon), a party of ringers from Bristol and another from Mangotsfield.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Chairman proposed the toast 'The Church and State,' and remarked that he had an interest in bellringing, having been born near Painswick, which was regarded as one of the principal bellringing places in England. He extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. E. Banks James, whom he had always associated with church bellringing, and who had never lost his interest in this, his hobby.

Canon Braithwaite, replying, said that he was always sorry when attending that dinner that he could not hold forth hopes that ringing could be safely resumed in the tower of St. Michael's Church. The Advisory Committee thought that it was not safe to ring in that tower at present.

Giving the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association,' the Rev. E. D. S. Camus pointed out that the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol were once united. They had since been separated, but the bellringing associations had held together and combined strongly to their mutual help and benefit.

Mr. E. Guise explained that the Gloucester and Bristol Association hoped to add another branch to its list in the North of the Dean Forest. He also stated that he had received information from the branch secretary that the local band of ringers at St. Mary de Lode Church, the mother church of the city, were anxious to have their peal of six augmented to eight. The ringers had themselves promised £5. and £11 altogether had been promised. He hoped they would succeed in their efforts.

Mr. S. Roper, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' urged upon the members who did not do so the necessity of buying 'The Ringing World' every week, pointing out that they would gain useful knowledge by doing so and keep in touch with everything appertaining to ringing. He hoped the conductor of every tower would see that a copy of 'The Ringing World' was placed in the ringing chamber every week.

Mr. G. Jackson proposed the toast of 'Other Kindred Societies and Visitors,' and, in reply, Mr. J. Jones, secretary of the Llandaff Association, remarked that it was a great disappointment to the visitors to Gloucester to find that the Cathedral bells were unavailable.

Mr. S. Romans proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, the Rev. H. M. Braithwaite, the Rev. E. D. S. Camus and the artistes, and to this the Rev. H. M. Braithwaite replied, in the absence of the Mayor, who had had to leave to keep another engagement.

A musical entertainment was provided by the Tuffley Revellers, supported by Messrs. H. Newman and J. Gillett. Handbell selections were given by Messrs. S. E. Romans, J. Williams, W. H. Harris and J. Austin.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**SOUTHGATE.**—On April 29th, for morning service, 1,281 Erin Caters: S. Wade 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, D. Pink 3, D. Ovington 4, E. H. King 5, G. E. Plater 6, N. H. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, A. G. Crane 10. First in the method by all the band.

**HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.**—At St. Lawrence's Church for evening service on Sunday, April 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. P. Stirland 1, A. Elliott 2, T. James (Mangotsfield) 3, P. Walker 4, W. A. James 5, W. Beresford (first quarter-peal of Stedman 'inside') 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, J. A. Stirland (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church except the ringer of the 3rd.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, April 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Norris 1, W. Paul 2, H. Long 3, A. Bruntton (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, C. Leman 5, A. W. Dix 6, R. Bell 7, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 8.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**—For evensong, at St. Peter's, on April 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: Mrs. A. Richardson (first quarter of Double Norwich) 1, W. Lutter 2, B. Collison 3, Miss G. Collison (first quarter of Double Norwich) 4, W. Collison 5, E. J. Ladd 6, H. Marshall 7, A. Richardson (conductor) 8.

## AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association have launched an appeal for assistance on behalf of Mr. J. R. Haydock, late secretary of the branch. Owing to long illness he is now in very poor circumstances. The branch will be glad to receive contributions to the fund. All donations should be sent to me. The list will be closed at the end of June.

J. BRACEWELL,

Hon. Secretary, Rossendale Branch.

8, Regent Street, Bacup.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT ADMIT MEN TO MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Central District was held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, April 14th. The bells, a nice ring of eight, were kept going from 3.30 p.m. till 5 p.m., when an excellent tea was partaken of at the new Parish Hall nearby.

After tea it was announced that any gentleman who cared to do so would be allowed to stay during the business meeting.

The business meeting then followed, Mrs. R. F. Deal (vice-president) occupying the chair.

Two new members were elected: Miss Phyllis Tillett, of Ipswich, and Miss Nixon, of St. Mary Magdalen, Holloway.

It was proposed, providing permission be obtained, that the next meeting, being the annual one, should be held at St. George-in-the-Borough, Southwark, on June 22nd.

Mention was made by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher of the annual general meeting to be held at Surfleet on July 14th. Any members of the district who desire to attend should communicate with her as soon as possible, in order that arrangements can be made with regard to travelling by coach or rail.

Mrs. Chas. Kippin asked whether it had previously been the rule to request gentlemen who attended the gathering to retire during the meeting. It was stated, in reply, that this had not been the case for some time past, as usually of their own accord the gentlemen returned to the belfry for further ringing while the meeting was taking place.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Fletcher to the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Cole Shcaune) for granting permission for the use of the bells, also to Miss Kathleen Bradford for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting and tea. Service was afterwards held, at which an interesting address was given by the Vicar, whose text was, 'The joy of the Lord is in thy strength.'

## RINGERS' DAY AT RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

## LARGE GATHERING OF RINGERS TRY THE NEW BELLS.

On Saturday, April 21st, the new peal of ten bells at the Church of St. John, Ranmoor, Sheffield, were open for ringing, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster), who desired that the bellringers should have a day of rejoicing at Ranmoor after the bells had been silent for two years.

The bells were set going shortly after 2.30 p.m. At 4.30 p.m. a splendid tea awaited the assembly in the Church Hall.

About seventy sat down to tea, including the Lord Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. Burrows), the Vicar of Ranmoor and the Rev. J. H. Foster, Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, Necpsend. After tea, the Vicar of Ranmoor extended to those present a hearty welcome, saying he was sure all were anxious to hear what the Bishop had to say about the bells.

The Bishop said he not only had to address the ringers of his own diocese, but the ringers from eight other dioceses who were with them that day. The ringers of to-day, he said, were an important body of churchworkers, and he himself recognised and appreciated very much their work and the great improvement effected in the belfries. The Bishop finished his short address by congratulating the Vicar of Ranmoor on having such a splendid peal of bells in his church.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who represented the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bellfounders, said it had been a great pleasure to do the work, for whatever they had asked for or suggested to be done was granted and attended to.

The Rev. H. C. Foster (Vicar) then announced that by the generosity of Mr. Johnston and a few friends at Ranmoor, the tea would be gratis.

Mr. C. Haynes, president of the Sheffield and District Society and Master of the Ranmoor company, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop for his presence and the interesting address he had given them, and said they were very grateful to Mr. Johnston and Ranmoor friends for their generosity, it being the second free tea within three weeks.

Mr. Potter, of Barnsley, supported the vote of thanks, and remarked that he envied the ringers in Sheffield having a Bishop who took such an interest in them.

The tower was again visited, and full use of the bells was made. The circle of the ropes, the tone and 'go' of the bells alike are splendid and a credit to those who had the work in hand.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 29th, St. Magnus on the 17th and 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 10th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 15th, and St. Andrew's on the 24th at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please come and make the meeting a success. Everybody welcome.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wormingford on May 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.30. Buses leave Colchester at 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock, also Sudbury 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock. All members from Essex and Suffolk Guild are invited. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 9 p.m. Meeting of the general committee in the Vestry at 4 p.m. General meeting afterwards. A cordial invitation is extended to members of neighbouring associations.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at East Peckham on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting at Allendale, on Saturday, May 5th. Dedication by the Bishop of Newcastle of two bells to complete the octave at St. Cuthbert's. Service at 3 o'clock. The Rector invites members to tea in the Parish Hall at 5, after which the bells will be available. Members intending to be present kindly advise me at once.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (six) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, May 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Middleton Stoney on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open afternoon and evening. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fownhope (six bells, recently rehung and retuned by Gillett and Johnston), May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea, Parish Hall 5.45.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom. All ringers welcome.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 5th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after. Please notify me early so that tea arrangements may be made.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Wootton, Oxon, on Saturday, May 5th. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church. 4 p.m., tea at the School, at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Woodstock (8), Bladen (6), and Tackley (6). Subscriptions for 1934 should be in my hands on or before spring meeting.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Fressingfield on May 5th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the Fox and Goose, 1/- each. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-under-Needwood on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Local Hon. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Fairfield, Buxton, on May 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Burbage bells will also be available after tea.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kendal on May 5th. Bells (10) at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. Will Furness District members come and help to make a joint meeting?—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Acle on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Bells recently rehung. Names for tea, please.—J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5th, at Collaton St. Mary (Paignton). Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. at Parish Room. Paignton bells (8) also available after 6.30. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Special Notice. The meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, May 5th, not at Rishton, as previously advertised, owing to sickness. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—May meetings. At St. Clement Danes', Strand; Sunday, May 6th, 10 a.m., service ringing; practices 14th and 28th at 7.30 p.m. Practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, May 29th, at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Gen. Hon. Sec., 67, Canonbie Road, S.E.23.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea 6d. each to all who notify Mr. A. S. Fearnhead, 256, Hyde Road, Gorton, not later than Wednesday, May 9th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The festival will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, May 12th. Service in the Parish Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. Canon Clarke. Luncheon and annual meeting in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers open: Holy Trinity and Christchurch, Bradford, Melksham, Westbury, Warminster (8), Holt, Hilpertown, Keevil, Steeple Ashton, Heytesbury, Longbridge Deverill (6). Those requiring lunch please inform the secretary by Monday, May 7th. All ringers welcome.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look up your methods.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service will be held, with tea to follow.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting, Northaw, May 12th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea (1s. each) at 5.30. Please advise me by May 9th. Bus service, No. 629 Victoria, Hornsey, Southgate, etc., to Potters Bar Garage, one mile. Train, L. and N.E. Railway to Cuffley from King's Cross, Finsbury Park, etc.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify the Vicar. Special method, Double Court. A good muster is desired and will be heartily welcomed by the Vicar.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**SILEBY, LEICS.**—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 p.m. Owing to limited catering facilities tea will only be provided for those who send in their names not later than first post, Wednesday morning, May 9th, to Mr. C. Harrison, Bellfoundry House, Loughborough.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Sat., May 12th. Meet at St. Oswald's at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4, and service in St. Oswald's Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, after which bands will be made up for St. Aidan's and All Saints'. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, not later than May 9th.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Wicken on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) available from 12 o'clock. Lunch 1.15 (2s. 6d. to non-members). Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Notify secretary before May 8th for lunch, tea, or both.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Shefford on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Capt. Podgee, Swan Hotel, Great Shefford, near Newbury, by Wednesday, May 9th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 by invitation, service after. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District.—The annual meeting will be held at East Haddon (six bells) on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing 2.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by May 7th, also applications for seats in special bus from Kettering.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting of Gloucester Branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) open at 3. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than May 9th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Kingham on Saturday, May 12th. Will all requiring tea notify by previous Tuesday?—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, May 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch. Grimsby District.—A district meeting will be held at Ulceby on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (5) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 5d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to H. Ebbatson, High Street, Ulceby, not later than Thursday, May 10th.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Pirbright on Saturday, May 12th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. You must notify Mr. F. Cherryman, Causeway Bridge Farm, Pirbright, by May 9th, if you require tea.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4 to make arrangements for shield contest at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Tea 1s. each for those who notify Mr. E. Cutt, Milnthorpe Green, Sandal, near Wakefield, by Wednesday, 9th. A good meeting desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. Notify me, if possible. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Will all those 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.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (10) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Church Hall at 5.45. A 'bumper' attendance is earnestly requested.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Nynhead on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after. Those wanting tea must let me know by Tuesday, May 8th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Polesworth, near Tamworth, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—The 35th annual meeting will be held at Stoke Doyle, Saturday, May 12th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please write by May 9th.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will take place at the Cathedral, Sheffield (bells 12), on Saturday, May 12th, at 2.30 p.m. Plenty of cafes for tea close by. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. Please notify me by or before Thursday, 17th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

**REV. C. D. P. DAVIES MEMORIAL.**—Tewkesbury Abbey, Saturday, May 19th. Dedication service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells available (8) before service and (12) after service by application only. Full details in next week's 'Ringing World.' All those requiring tea and a pull upon the 12 must apply before May 12th to Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**ROTHLEY, LEICS.**—The ring of five bells restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester at evensong on Whit Sunday.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The 55th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st.—F. N. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday. Committee meet St. Sepulchre's Church Institute at 11 a.m. Service in St. Sepulchre's Church at 12 noon, when the Vicar (Rev. G. P. H. Rowson) will preach. Hot lunch at 1 p.m. at the Angel Hotel (tickets 2s. 6d. each), followed by the business meeting. Application for tickets, with remittance, to be made not later than Wednesday, May 16th, to Mr. F. Browning, Cold Higham, or to the general secretary. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Sepulchre's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), Duston (6), and Kingsthorpe (6).—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, on Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in the Parish Church at 12.15 p.m. Luncheon and meeting in Parish Hall at 1.15. Towers open: St. Mary's Church (8), Upton (8), Babbacombe (8) and Tormshun (6). Tickets 1s. each to members.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Seaford on Wednesday, May 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service conducted by the Vicar, and tea and business meeting 5. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members. Names for tea (1s. 3d.) by Saturday, May 19th, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Mary's,

Merton (5), also available after tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 23rd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

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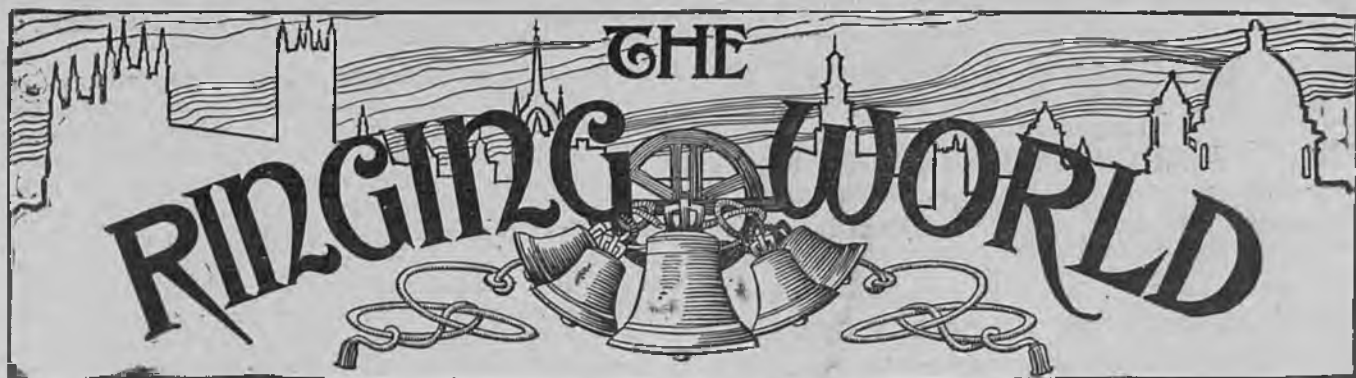
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The ways of Deans are sometimes wondrous strange. At Lichfield Cathedral, for instance, the bells are only available once in two years—and then only for about an hour—for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, who meet regularly in the city for their annual meeting. At a dinner at Gloucester recently it was announced that the use of the bells of the Cathedral for the occasion had been refused by the Dean—"owing to the weakness of the tower." In the case of Lichfield it is said that the restriction is due to the dislike of bells which has been expressed by people in the Close, where, too, the Dean lives. It would probably be equally true to say that the same reason is paramount at Gloucester, and that the condition of the tower is a convenient excuse. If the tower is sufficiently safe to allow the bells to be rung twelve times a year, there can be no additional risk to the fabric to ring the bells to a limited degree on one more occasion. This is not the first time that visitors to Gloucester have received a rebuff when applying for the use of the Cathedral bells. We recall an instance when a party of ringers who desired to call there and take part in the Sunday ringing were flatly refused. Instead of being welcomed, as visitors usually are to a belfry, definite orders were issued that they were on no account to be admitted to the tower.

Outsiders are not in a position to dictate to church authorities as to the times when their bells shall be rung or who shall ring them, but there are occasions when refusal of permission to ring, except for the very gravest reasons, is in bad taste and quite contrary to the spirit which ought to be fostered—and happily is in most places—between co-workers in the church. We can never believe that the people in the vicinity of Lichfield Cathedral would have, as a whole, any serious objection to the ringing of the Cathedral bells for an hour or two on one day a year, or that it would affect their nerves any more than does the ringing there in alternate years. Similarly at Gloucester there was good ground for the protest made against the ban. It is perfectly absurd to say that a short spell of ringing on one extra day would add one iota to the risk to the stability of the tower itself. If it would, it is the bounden duty of the Cathedral authorities to take immediate steps to safeguard the building, otherwise it may tumble about their ears on any of the other twelve occasions in the year when the Cathedral ringers ring the bells.

As a matter of fact the type of excuse to which we have referred does not 'go down' with ringers. The authorities might just as well say, 'We don't want you here,' but that, perhaps, would not appear quite so courteous.

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It is, however, a selfish attitude, and it is fortunate for the art of ringing that such cases are few and far between. The general experience is a much happier one, and has done a good deal in the creation of the good relations which now exist between ringers and the Church. But where cathedrals are concerned it is especially unfortunate if the diocesan ringing association cannot have access on special occasions to the belfry of their mother church. It is the place above all where the diocesan tie should be strongest and where the diocesan organisation should be most readily welcomed. Even a Dean, we think, ought to be prepared to sink his personal objection to bells or ringers outside his own band for the sake of occasionally helping to promote the spirit of co-operation between the ringers and the Church.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5051 CHANGES;

Tenor 2:1 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. Treble	J. LESLIE WILLARS ... .. 6
R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... .. 3	A. JAMES HARRIS ... .. 8
*R. FREDERICK ROE ... .. 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 5	JOHN CRANT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal on ten bells. This composition is now called for the first time.

OLDHAM, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight en Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*FRANK LAWTON ... .. Treble	JAMES LEES ... .. 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 2	ROBERT GREENWOOD ... .. 7
*HAROLD HAMER ... .. 3	VERNON SYKES ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. SHORER ... .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 9
BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 5	*HARRY MELLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

\* First peal of Caterers and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Arranged for Mr. R. F. Deal, of London.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRADLEY.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS COX ... .. Treble	SAMUEL F. HEAD ... .. 5
†ARTHUR GROVE ... .. 2	ARTHUR WYRE ... .. 6
HAROLD J. SHUCK ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. BLOOMER ... .. 7
HARRY WYRE ... .. 4	*WILFRED COX ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BLOOMER.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' on eight bells. Rung to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the church and the dedication of the stained glass windows in the chancel. All the ringers are members of the local band.

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## BOLTON.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*ERNEST PIKE ... ..	Treble	JOHN E. MARKLAND ... ..	5
ROBERT HOLDEN ... ..	2	HERBERT JOHNSON ... ..	6
*JOHN HELME ... ..	3	JACK KAY ... ..	7
*CHARLES BROWNLOW ... ..	4	NORMAN CRITCHLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JACK KAY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to welcome the new Vicar and his wife (the Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Harper). All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

## GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

*HARRY TREEDOM ... ..	Treble	JOSEPH DYER ... ..	5
AMBROSE MASON ... ..	2	GEORGE EVANS ... ..	6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... ..	3	WALTER ARNOLD ... ..	7
CHARLES W. BURTON ... ..	4	CHARLES BUTTON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

\* First peal of Bob Major. The above band are all bachelors, and wish to associate with this peal Bertie Webb, who was unable to stand in owing to recent illness. Rung as a wedding compliment to Bert Galley, nephew of one of the local band.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FRANK R. L. BLOWER ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... ..	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... ..	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... ..	6
ERNEST J. KING ... ..	3	CHARLES A. HUGHES ... ..	7
ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... ..	4	PERCY J. DAW ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal away from the tenor bellind.

## HODDESDON, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH LADLEY ... ..	Treble	STANLEY A. CARTER ... ..	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... ..	2	SIDNEY CARTER ... ..	6
GEORGE MAXIM ... ..	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... ..	7
CYRIL A. HOUSE ... ..	4	*GEORGE DITTON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... ..	Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	5
CHARLES H. MOORE ... ..	2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... ..	6
WALTER R. FARROW ... ..	3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... ..	7
GEORGE MAYERS ... ..	4	Cecil V. EBBERTSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Sunday, April 8th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. R. Sandover 1, T. Laver 2, J. E. Lilley 3, F. M. Rogers 4, C. G. Glass 5, W. S. Lethbridge 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, A. Mitchell 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor and tenor man.

## SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN E. CLARKE ... ..	Treble	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... ..	5
WILLIAM J. ROOT ... ..	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... ..	6
LESLIE J. WILLARS ... ..	3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... ..	7
DENNIS DALBY ... ..	4	HERBERT PERKINS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by S. O. CHENEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

## KETHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE ... ..	Treble	*B. JACK STUBB ... ..	5
FRANCES BALL ... ..	2	HARRY CHAMBERS ... ..	6
ALFRED H. MARTIN ... ..	3	WALTER PERKINS ... ..	7
MISS E. STEELE ... ..	4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal in the method.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

The first peal in the method by all the band and in the county.

## PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... ..	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... ..	2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... ..	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	7
JAMES TOPP ... ..	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal in the method on the bells.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

## MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JACK CRIPPS ... ..	Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... ..	5
HORACE BELCHER ... ..	2	JOSEPH MARKS ... ..	6
ERNEST BRETT ... ..	3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... ..	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

## WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

Rung for the anniversary of H.M. the King's accession, May 6th, 1910.

### HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH J. PRATT ... .. Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 5
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. JOINER ... .. 6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... .. 3	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 7
EDGAR HANCOX ... .. 4	FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOKE ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. 7
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

Rung on the eve of Accession Day. It was also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis and in honour of the Ven. Archdeacon Howson, of Liverpool, who recently attained his 80th birthday.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HENRY H. FEARN ... .. Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 5
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 6
* DENNIS SAYERS ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WILESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. Treble	GEORGE B. COLLINS ... .. 5
* EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 2	JOHN G. NASH ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First Surprise peal away from the treble.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CLAYDON ... .. Treble	CECIL NICE ... .. 5
JOHN W. STEADY ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 3	ALFRED J. BOLL ... .. 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung in honour of the anniversary of the accession of H.M. the King.

### CAVERSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Peter's Society, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

F. POUNDS ... .. Treble	MISS PAT. HOLLOWAY ... .. 5
E. ESSEX ... .. 2	W. SIMMONDS ... .. 6
J. HANDS ... .. 3	A. D. COLLUM ... .. 7
G. ESSEX ... .. 4	C. J. D. COLLUM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. D. COLLUM.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph Hands, who is 77, and George Essex, who is 70 years of age. They have now rung together at the Parish Church for 50 years.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* C. WILLIAM BALLARD ... .. Treble	FRANCIS R. DEACON ... .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2	T. KELHAM DEACON ... .. 6
WILLIAM NEWTON ... .. 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 7
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Transposed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS

\* First peal and first attempt. The above band consists of younger and elder brothers respectively.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.

### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Andrew,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Treble	* CLAUDE GIMBERT ... .. 4
RUSSELL KNIGHTS ... .. 2	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 5
* STANLEY FEW ... .. 3	GEORGE FEW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells, the oldest of which date back to 1602. First 720 of College Exercise by all except treble man. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor belong to local company. Mr. and Mrs. G. Few kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* GEOFFREY HUGHES ... .. Treble	* GEORGE GUNNELL ... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	CHARLES YOUNG ... .. 5
JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. 3	* LEONARD DOVEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LAWRENCE.

\* First peal at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

BEASTED, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

* CYRIL E. TOWNER ... .. Treble	† LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 4
* FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... .. 2	* CHRISTOPHER BARKER ... .. 5
* CECIL WARD ... .. 3	† JOHN O. WELLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Minor. The ringers of treble, 2, 3 and 5 are members of the local company; of 4th and tenor from Limsfield Chart. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising 12 extents of Plain Bob (four variations) and 30 extents of Grandsire (ten variations). Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

JAMES PECK ... .. Treble	REGINALD R. GOLDSMITH ... 3
SIDNEY SHINGFIELD ... .. 2	CECIL H. DOWNES ... .. 4

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal by all at first attempt except conductor. A compliment to James Peck, who was married the previous day.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS MILLICENT FEATHERS Treble	WILLIAM GAYES ... .. 4
*JOSEPH W. WITTAKER ... 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK ... .. 5
STANLEY NOBLE ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

GREAT GADDSDEN, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES JEFFS ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 4
BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in seven methods and first attempt at the first two methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWIN GRINDALL ... .. Treble	CHARLES BAILEY ... .. 4
*ARTHUR WILLIAM BIRD ... 2	FREDERICK WADE ... .. 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

\* First peal and first attempt. Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William C. Bunn, a local ringer, to Miss Doris Bird, which took place at the above church the same afternoon.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5940 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's, four callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

JAMES WATTS ... .. Treble	*SIDNEY WYBURN ... .. 4
WILLIAM HOYLE ... .. 2	*ISAAC FARMER ... .. 5
*HENRY W. LLOYD ... .. 3	*ALBERT J. STEVENS ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. The Vicar (the Rev. T. S. Dawson) congratulated the ringers after the peal.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Treble	*J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 2	WILFRED G. WILSON ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

PEASEMORE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS MORJORIE C. FIELD Treble	*JAMES W. BERRY ... .. 4
*ROBERT W. WARWICK ... 2	*REGINALD W. REX ... .. 5
MARK ROSIER ... .. 3	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK ROSIER.

\* First peal of Doubles. Rung after meeting short for Minor. Miss M. Field kindly made up the band, and so becomes the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 4
*CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. 2	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... .. 5
†H. CYRIL BURT ... .. 3	*WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*G. GABRIEL LINDOFF ... Treble	†ELVIN HOWSAM ... .. 4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 2	†GEORGE DOBES ... .. 5
GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First seven-method peal. First seven-method peal as conductor.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Spliced, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*RONALD HOUGH ... .. Treble	†NORMAN HOUGH ... .. 4
†KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 2	ALFRED FROST ... .. 5
ARTHUR WHITING ... .. 3	SIDNEY HOUGH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY HOUGH.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal. † First in three methods away from treble. Rung on the occasion of the annual 'Royal' May Day festival.

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HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sunday, May 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A.

JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4
ERIC A. STEVENSON ... .. 2	HENRY TOOE ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal by all in seven methods except the conductor, and first peal in seven methods on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

ARMLEY, LEEDS.  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,*  
 AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY ... .. 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	*FRANK RAYMENT ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE  
 \* First peal 'in hand.' Miss Olive Renton checked off the bobs throughout.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sunday, April 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*  
 AT LAVENHAM, WOODFIELD AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF ERITH LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5-6
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 3-4	S. SANDFORD ... .. 7-8

HARRY HOVERD ... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Umpires—Mrs. Cross and Mrs. E. J. Beer.

This method is rung to Royal for the first time. The band wish to couple the name of Mr. G. J. Butcher with the peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**  
*On Wednesday, May 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,*  
 AT 18, CLISSON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 13 in E.

*A. E. MILLS (King's) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
†REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

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**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, May 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,*  
 AT 'TRENTWOOD,'

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD ... .. 3-4	*ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 7-8

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.' The conductor's 150th peal.

LEICESTER.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sunday, May 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*  
 AT 326, NARBOROUGH ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7-8

FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witnesses—Mrs. R. Richardson and Mrs. H. J. Poole.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Richardson and the anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris.

**PEALS OF MINOR.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In his letter in your last issue, Mr. Stephen Wood says, 'An extent is not only the full number of rows possible on a certain number of bells, BUT THE FULL NUMBER OF CHANGES.'

I wonder how he proposes to get the full number of changes into any extent?

There are only 720 rows available on six bells, but there are far more changes than that. Let me give a simple example. If we call two seven hundreds of Cambridge calling the first W.R.W., and the second L.N. 4th's we shall get the same rows in each, but not the same changes.

Take the first bob in the second seven hundred. It is  
 146253

164235

Now that change does not come at all in the other seven hundred; nor is any bob-change in either seven hundred used in the other. No two seven hundreds in the same method can contain the same changes.

As a matter of fact there are 1,500 different changes on six bells in a Treble Bob method, though there are only 720 rows. For a plain method there are far more. It is impossible to introduce all these into an extent, with only 720 rows. Neither are we compelled to return to the row we started from, for we can have 720 true rows and 720 true changes without doing so.

I notice that Mr. Pulling, at the Guildford meeting, described my seven hundreds as false. I am wondering what his definition of false is? To my mind, if you never repeat a row and never repeat a change, the composition must be true. Now if Mr. Pulling will look at the first 720 rows in my peal he will find no repetition; neither will he find a change repeated in the first 720 changes. Where, then, does he find the falseness?

Mr. Wood suggests a definition for a peal of Minor in which, as he truly says, many arrangements would be included which the Exercise does not want. The following is the definition that I would suggest: 'A peal of Minor shall consist of seven or more blocks of 720 rows, in each of which no row or change is repeated.'

Seafield Park.

E. BANKES JAMES.

**THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.**

Dear Sir,—There has been a considerable amount of correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about what should be recognised as a peal of Minor; but, in spite of all that has been written about it, I have yet to meet the ringer who can tell me exactly what the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Surprise Minor is.

There may be a number of representatives on the Central Council who have but a hazy idea of this arrangement; yet they will be asked to vote on a motion (or motions) concerning it.

May I beg of you, sir, if space can be spared, to publish the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Minor in 'The Ringing World' in order that all those Central Council representatives who need to do so may have an opportunity of studying this arrangement thoroughly for themselves.

H. MILES.

Oxford University Society.

Here are the figures of the Bankes James Arrangement of Cambridge by the bob leads. The figures to the left of each column denote the number of leads between the bobs. The 5,040 is completed by the 'standard' 720.

23456	34256	42356	23456	34256	42356
1 35642	3 34562	3 42563	1 35642	2 62345	2 63425
4 42635	3 34625	3 42635	4 42635	5 36245	4 25163
1 23564	5 63425	4 35642	2 56423	5 23645	1 56342
4 64523	5 46325	1 54263	5 45623	2 56234	5 35642
1 42356	2 53462	5 25463	5 64523	5 25634	1 54263
4 56342	5 45362	1 56342	1 42356	5 62534	1 46325
1 64235	2 23456	1 64235	4 56342	1 23456	5 34625
4 35264	5 42356	5 26435	1 64235	5 42356	1 42563
1 56423		1 63542	5 26435		4 63542
5 45623		1 34253	1 63542		1 34256
1 52364		5 23456	1 34256		5 23456
1 26435					
1 63542					
1 34256					

Each of the above is a 720 beginning in turn with 23456, 34256 and 42356.

**MINOR RINGERS INADEQUATELY REPRESENTED.**

Dear Sir,—I have been much interested in reading your article in the current issue, 'Brass Button Brigade,' and in the sound 'logic' it contains on the indifference existing, and shown, with regard to this question. I could have agreed entirely with Mr. Melville had he said that not 5 per cent. of the ringers attending the Central Council meeting care a brass button about the whole thing, because that is, I believe, a fact—and the reason is not difficult to find. The great majority of Central Council members are interested only in such peal ringing as Double Norwich and other eight and ten bell methods. Minor ringing and all appertaining to it is not worth bothering about.

(Continued in next column.)

**DEVON GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Collaton St. Mary on Saturday, when there was a good attendance of ringers from Exeter, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Brixham, Paignton, etc., as well as the local tower. The bells, which are a ring of five installed in 1923, were made good use of during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung. A hearty service in church was conducted by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (Vicar), who gave a very helpful address. This was followed by tea in the Parish Hall, and Mr. F. J. Laxton presided over the subsequent business meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. E. V. Cox (president), Mr. T. Laver (general secretary) and Mr. J. Olding, of Cockington.

For the next meeting, to take place on October 20th, Ashburton and Brixham were proposed, and, on a vote being taken, Brixham was chosen.

One honorary member and four performing members were elected.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the visitors from other branches, and Mr. E. W. Marsh suitably replied.

An appeal was made by the Collaton band for help to practise other methods, and this was promised by the more experienced members.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the arrangements made and to the organist, and the Vicar suitably replied. The members afterwards visited Stoke Gabriel and Paignton, where Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

(Continued from previous column.)

Minor ringers are very inadequately represented on the Central Council. It matters but very little what excellent characteristics (other than ringing) a ringer may possess, if he hails from a six-bell tower in many cases he will not be considered anything near enough of a 'god' to even get nominated for Central Council honours, and it is largely owing to this indifference to Minor matters and Minor ringers generally on the Council that this question gets continually shelved. I have just picked up at random from my collection only three Guild reports (neither of them are up to date), and I find that in those three Guilds there are 236 towers affiliated, and out of that number 82 are six-bell towers—more than a third. I find it very difficult to agree with Mr. Melville when he states that not 5 per cent. of the ringers attached to those 82 towers care a brass button about what intimately concerns them. If Minor ringers had a third representation on the Central Council I believe this question would have been settled long ago.

R. WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

**THE YOUNGSTERS' PEAL AT CRAYFORD.****A RECORD LIKELY TO STAND FOR ALL TIME.**

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was largely responsible for the arrangements made for the youngsters' recent peal at Crayford, writes: I feel in duty bound to thank you for the excellent account you published on the 27th ult., together with the able leading article of encouragement extended to the young people concerned. Yes, it was a magnificent performance and reflects the highest credit on all the band, for many of us who heard the peal were agreeably surprised at the measured 'beat' and fine and accurate striking from first to last! The band was perfectly placed; never once was the issue in doubt, and we had it afterwards from all the band that, beyond the necessary 'calls,' the conductor only whispered *once*—and that was of a trivial nature!

I have, as you know, gone very carefully into the details of the birthday of each ringer, and the age works out at an exact average of 15 years and two weeks! This, of course, constitutes a distinct record, and one which I think will stand for all time—especially considering the many obstacles and difficulties to be surmounted in the multiplicity of arrangements that are necessary for success.

We cannot but admire the praiseworthy action of the conductor, who, without any suggestion beforehand, repeated the usual 'Ringers' Office' before calling 'Go'! Who amongst us will be bold enough to deny that this may not have had something to do with the marvellous success attained—for the clean run into 'rounds' was perfection itself!

True it was only 'Bob Major,' but this musical method was so well rendered that I am sure all who had the good fortune to hear it must have been quite as pleased as if it had been a band more advanced in years in the 'Surprise' category—say, for instance, 'Double Timbuctoo Astonishment,' 'Limerick Confusion,' or even 'Loch Ness Mystery'!

May I add that I am gratified with the splendid letters of thanks from the youngsters—together with certain local newspaper reports—entirely written by themselves!

The picturesque old stone tower at Crayford, partly covered with ivy, looked majestic when this peal was rung, for it was bathed in the glorious sunlight of a lovely afternoon and formed a beautiful picture. This, together with the mellow old, sweetly-toned bells, was unforgettable, and I trust the bells may never attract the attention of some 'anonymous and generous donor,' over-anxious that they 'be recast and IMMENSELY improved'!

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Just 25 years ago—on May 13th, 1909—Harry Withers, of Birmingham, did a thing which nobody had done before or has done since. At Selly Oak he 'called' a peal of Superlative Surprise by standing in the churchyard and pulling a cord which rang a small bell in the ringing chamber whenever a bob had to be made.

Thirty-one years ago to-day the record peal of 14,112 London Surprise Major was rung at King's Norton. Several attempts have since been made to ring a peal a lead longer, but up to now success has not been achieved.

Success can be a very elusive thing. Just 50 years ago Mr. F. E. Dave rang a peal at Chester Cathedral, and since then one of his ambitions, which he has been gradually fulfilling, has been to ring a peal at every Cathedral in England—every Cathedral that is that was not until recently a parish church. He has very nearly completed them, but Durham eludes him.

Four times within the last two years he has made the long journey from London for the purpose, and each time has come away empty-handed. Last Saturday week an attempt was lost after 2½ hours. But he has not yet lost hope. Like Bruce's celebrated spider, he will 'try again.'

The Bournville carillon is to be enlarged from 42 bells to 48, and 29 of the old bells are to be recast. Three heavy ones are to be among the additions.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. DEDICATION OF CHAPEL AND BELLS AT TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

The dedication of the Memorial Chapel and the augmented, retuned peal at Tewkesbury Abbey will take place on Saturday, May 19th.

The original eight bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. until 3.30 p.m., at which time the service will commence. The memorial bells will be given into the hands of the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester to dedicate by the president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis), on behalf of the ringers of England and overseas, and Mr. J. Gould, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on behalf of the Davies Memorial Committee. The preacher will be Canon G. F. Coleridge.

The dedication ringing will be carried out by representatives of twelve ringing societies. The opening touch will be rung by prominent officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Mrs. Davies invites all those attending the ceremony to tea at 5 p.m. Ringing after tea will be arranged in numbered groups, some Stedman Cinques and some rounds and Queen's.

Application for teas and ringing, stating whether Stedman or round ringing required, can only be arranged by writing before May 12th.

Special train leaves Bristol at 1 p.m., Bath 12.42. For down line visitors there is a special from Cheltenham at return fare 1s, leaving at 2.35, returning from Tewkesbury at 7.55 p.m. Bus service between Tewkesbury and Cheltenham is not frequent, viz., 6.45 and 9.45, arriving at Cheltenham 30 minutes later.

Buses leave Tewkesbury for Gloucester at 7.26 and 9.26, time taken 18 minutes. For visitors going on to Warwick or Birmingham, train leaves Tewkesbury at 7.8 p.m., arrives Birmingham 9.42. (There is also a fast train from Cheltenham at 8.42 p.m., arrive Birmingham 9.55 p.m.)

Please apply early for tea and ringing to

EDGAR GUISE, Hon. Sec.  
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## MOULTON'S NEW BELLS.

DEDICATED TO THE GREAT MISSIONARY, DR. WM. CAREY.

The new bells at Moulton, Northants, will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on June 9th, when the Rev. J. White, M.A., Rector of Pitsford, Rural Dean and president of the Northampton Branch of the Diocesan Guild, himself a keen ringer, will perform the ceremony. A unique feature of the occasion will be the presence of Dr. William Carey's great-grandson, the Rev. S. Pearce Carey, who has accepted the invitation to preach on this historic occasion, which will be an open-air service outside the belfry door, where the ceremony of handing the ropes may be seen by all. The lessons will be read by two prominent Baptists, both Church and Chapel thus uniting in this act of worship.

The singing will be led by an ex-Service member of the church on his cornet, the bellringers' hymn being led by the ringers on their four octave set of handbells.

A procession round the village will precede the service.

## 'LOCAL' PEALS AT HILLINGDON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The footnote of the peal of Grandsire Caters, rung at Hillingdon, Middlesex, in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' reads as the first peal ever rung at the church by an entirely local Sunday service band.

I should like to point out that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John's by an entirely local Sunday service band. There were only eight bells there at that time—on January 3rd, 1901. It was conducted by J. J. Pratt.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN.  
Bournemouth.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

### WHAT VISITORS TO WARWICK SHOULD SEE.

The annual meeting of the Central Council is to be held at Warwick at Whitsun. In addition to the day's business on Tuesday, an interesting programme has been arranged for members and their friends. Details of the arrangements appeared in our last issue, but for the benefit of those intending to share in the excursion here are some of the places of interest in and around Warwick which are worth a visit.

**WARWICK CASTLE**, which rises like a sheer precipice above the waters of Shakespeare's Avon, is the chief attraction of Warwick to visitors, not merely on account of its interest as a building, but for the rich collection of works of art, armour, old furniture, historical relics and curiosities which it contains. The dominating situation of the Castle is best appreciated from the stone bridge which carries the Banbury Road over the Avon, while if one wanders down Mill Street—a wonderful panorama in itself of old English architecture—and stands at the foot of Caesar's Tower, it is possible to understand how virtually impregnable such a fortress as this must have been before modern high explosives were invented.

According to tradition, there was a fortress here in Roman times. St. Dubritius, about 477 A.D., established his episcopal seat at All Saints' Church, within the Castle walls. In 916 Ethelfreda, daughter of Alfred the Great, made a fortress here, and this was extended in the time of the Conqueror. In 1264 the walls and buildings were destroyed, but were rebuilt by Thomas de Beauchamp in Edward III.'s reign. In 1469 the Earl of Warwick (the Kingmaker) brought Edward IV. to the Castle as a prisoner. The Castle eventually became the property of the Crown and fell into decay, but in 1605 James I. granted it to Sir Fulke Greville, who set about rebuilding and repairing it. The Castle has been visited by many Sovereigns, including Henry III. (during the Siege of Kenilworth), Henry V., Richard III., Elizabeth I., James I., William III. and Queen Victoria.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WARWICK.**—The chief features are: (1) The tower rising from four arches, three of which are open to the street, the other forming the principal entrance to the church; (2) the choir, a lofty and magnificent structure, and part of the church which escaped the fire of 1694; (3) a fine Norman crypt; and (4) the Beauchamp Chapel, the most magnificent part of the church. Mr. E. H. Adams, the sexton and head ringer at St. Mary's, will be pleased to show parties over the church at suitable times.

Other places in Warwick well worth a visit are:—

Leycester Hospital and West Gate, which dates back to the 14th century, and contains many relics of interest.

The Court House, built about 1725 on the site of an older one at the corner of Jury Street and Castle Street.

The County or Shire Hall in Northgate Street, built about 1757.

**LEAMINGTON SPA** is a very close neighbour to Warwick, the towns practically joining, although each is a separate borough. Leamington, in contrast to Warwick, is a thoroughly modern town in every respect, and the chief places of interest are the Jephson Gardens, bordered by the River Leam, the classic Pump Room building opposite, the Parish Church and the handsome Town Hall in the style of the Italian Renaissance.

**KENILWORTH CASTLE.**—It is probable that a fortress of some sort stood on this site in Saxon times. The earliest portions of the Castle now in existence were built by the Clintons in the 12th century, and King John extended the buildings. Henry III. used Kenilworth Castle as a royal palace, and the governorship of the Castle became an office of honour and dignity granted by the King to important personages in the State. It was in the Great Hall of the Castle that the weak and unfortunate Edward II. was forced to renounce the Crown. Queen Elizabeth granted the Castle to Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester.

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON.**—Among the places of special interest in Stratford are Shakespeare's birthplace in Henley Street, the Grammar School, which celebrated its quinqucentenary in 1928, Holy Trinity Church, where the poet and his family lie at rest, and the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Library and Picture Gallery.

**COVENTRY.**—The Cathedral.—St. Michael's Church became the Cathedral Church of the revived See of Coventry in 1918. St. Michael's is believed to have been founded in the middle of the 12th century. The original church was of Norman architecture. Then came the Early English church, with the enormous proportions which have made it a rival with the great parish edifices of the land.

St. Mary's Hall belongs to the 15th century, and was erected at the expense of the Craft Guilds. It is immediately opposite the entrance to the Cathedral and is well worth a visit. It is from the steps of St. Mary's Hall that Lady Godiva is supposed to have started on her triumphant journey through the town.

**WALTHAM ABBEY.**—On Sunday morning, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Mrs. Berry 1, G. Peace 2, C. House 3, W. Newnham 4, Miss G. Church 5, F. Perrin 6, A. House 7, G. Thurgood 8, G. Radley (conductor) 9, W. Perry (first quarter of Caters) 10. Rung to celebrate the 874th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE LONDON MEETING.

Minutes of the First Session of the Fifteenth Council (41st annual meeting) held in the Skinners Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, 1933, at 11 o'clock.

The Council was welcomed by the Worshipful Master of the Skinner's Company, Mr. R. D. Poland, who, on behalf of his company, placed the hall at the disposal of the Council and extended a cordial welcome. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the president.

The president took the chair, and prayers were offered by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge.

Present:—

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, E. Guise and W. Rose.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: G. L. Grover, A. C. Hazelden 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. Shaker 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. Tebbutt 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. L. Edwards, S. Hillier, G. 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. Sedgely 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: H. 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. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall and S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members: W. A. Cave, C. Deau, 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.

### REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 51 associations and guilds were now affiliated to the Council, with 128 members. Honorary members numbered 12. The alterations in membership were: Winchester and Portsmouth Guild from two to four members, the Truro Diocesan Guild from four to one member, the North Wales Association had lapsed, and all other subscriptions had been paid.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

**President.**—It was proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge and carried that Mr. E. H. Lewis (Cambridge University Guild) be president of the fifteenth Council.

**Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.**—On the President's motion, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (Middlesex County Association) was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

**Honorary Librarian.**—The Standing Committee recommended the election of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (Ely Diocesan Association) in place of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. On the motion of the president the recommendation was adopted.

**Honorary Members.**—The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the retiring members, viz., 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, and the election of Mr. C. Dean (a member of the Analysis Committee) who had not been re-elected by the Surrey Association. The recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. G. T. Coles.

On the President's motion it was agreed to leave one place vacant.

For the one remaining place the following were proposed: Mr. James George, proposed by Mr. J. Hunt, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett and the Rev. F. L. Edwards.—Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, proposed by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, supported by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee.—Mr. C. W. Roberts, proposed by Mr. C. J. Sedgeley, seconded by Mr. H. Knight. The voting was by ballot, and resulted as follows: Mr. James George 30, Mr. Hooton 26, Mr. Roberts 40. The president declared Mr. Roberts duly elected.

## PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS.

In accordance with Rule 10, the following new members were presented to the president: Messrs. J. Norbury, T. Wilde, T. Laver, W. J. Davidson, T. Clark, Miss K. Willers, Messrs. T. E. Sone, D. Clift, E. C. Gobey, R. T. Hibbert, A. E. Lock, H. Baxter, P. Page, F. W. Romaine, D. Cooper, G. Pullinger, A. Walker and S. H. Wood.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. W. H. Ingham, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and Messrs. T. Metcalfe, J. C. Pollard, J. W. Parker, G. R. Newton, J. Phillips, R. Richardson, J. D. Matthews and S. T. Rackham.

## LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The President referred to the deaths of the following members: The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. E. Barnett, H. W. Wilde, T. Faulkner, F. Hopgood, C. Player; and former members, Messrs. A. E. Parsons, W. Walmesley, H. Haigh and E. P. O'Meara. In memory of these, members stood in silence.

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes and carried, that the minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' on March 31st, 1933, and afterwards circulated to affiliated societies, be taken as read and be approved.

## REPORTS.

## REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN.

The hon. secretary presented accounts for the year, since published in 'The Ringing World,' June 23rd, 1933, page 393. On the president's motion the accounts were adopted. On the proposal of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. C. J. Sedgeley, it was agreed to supply copies of the Council's publications to the various libraries, i.e., British Museum, Bodleian, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and Trinity College, Dublin, to make up complete collections.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for the year, duly audited, were presented by the hon. treasurer, showing balance of £67 12s. 2d., and investments valued at £138 3s. 9d. On the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the accounts were adopted.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young reported for the trustees (see report published in 'The Ringing World,' June 23rd, 1933, page 393). On the proposal of Mr. E. A. Young, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the report was adopted, and it was also agreed that a fee of £1 be paid to the demonstrators for the official inspection made on May 27th.

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The committee reported that, as instructed by the Council at the 1932 meeting, it had considered its constitution and the constitution of the various committees. (a) It recommended that the Standing Committee consist of (1) the president, hon. secretary and treasurer, hon. librarian and conveners of committees ex officio, (2) twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than 12 names are proposed). The twelve retiring members to be the first names to be proposed. The committee to have power in the event of the services of any other members of the Council being considered by them desirable, to co-opt not more than two members. (b) It recommended that, as regards the other committees, the Council should appoint the convener in the first instance, but changes may be made at any time by the committees.

On the proposal of the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the report was adopted, and on the proposal of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, the following members were re-elected: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon H. J. Elsee, Alderman J.

S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, G. T. Coles, J. Griffin, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and E. Alex Young.

## REPORT OF PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

No formal report was presented, the absence being explained by a letter from the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. Arising out of this letter the Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the committee with the addition of Mr. G. Lindoff and Mr. G. E. Pye, with Mr. Lindoff as convener.

On the motion of the president, the Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted and the following members were re-elected: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. J. A. Trollope; elected, Messrs. G. Lindoff and G. R. Pye.

## REPORT OF METHODS COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope reported progress and proposed that the following addition be made to the statement under the Council's definition of a method, which states, 'Methods are formed from principles in two ways,' the addition to be, '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 proposal was seconded by the Rev. E. S. Powell and carried.

The Rev. E. S. Powell reported as to progress on the Triples book (see report in 'The Ringing World,' June 23rd, 1933, pages 393-4), and recommended, on behalf of the committee, that the book be completed and forwarded to the Standing Committee for publication. The book to include Stedman and Erin and all Triples methods with two hunts symmetrical about the leads—of methods with one hunt eight of nineteen which run to the natural six leads—of compositions, about eight quarter-peals and six peals of Stedman and shorter touches—Erin, two quarter-peals and three peals—Grandsire and Reverse Grandsire about twelve quarter-peals and ten peals, to include Holt's ten-part peal—Double Grandsire, one quarter and two or three peals, and in methods with one hunt, one quarter and two or three peals of each. The names of composers to be attached to their peals, except in the case of peals composed by members of the committee. Mr. Trollope supported the recommendation. On the president's motion the recommendations were adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended the election of the committee, consisting of Mr. J. A. Trollope (convener), Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. S. H. Wood, and on the motion of Mr. S. F. Palmer, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, the recommendation was adopted.

## REPORT OF THE VARIATIONS COMMITTEE.

Owing to the death of Mr. H. W. Wilde during the year, no report was presented.

The Standing Committee recommended that this committee be amalgamated with the Peals Collection Committee, and that Mr. G. R. Newton be asked to serve on the amalgamated committee. On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted, and it was also agreed to ask Mr. C. W. Roberts to serve on the committee.

## REPORT OF PEALS ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The report (published in 'The Ringing World' on May 26th and June 2nd, 1933) was formally presented. Mr. P. J. Johnson requested, and it was agreed, that the words 'silent and non-conducted' be added to a peal of Double-Norwich Court Bob Major rung on handbells by the Yorkshire Association. On the motion of Mr. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the report as amended was adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the committee, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (convener), Messrs. C. Dean, G. R. Pye and G. L. Grover, and on the President's motion the recommendation was adopted.

## REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee was presented by the individual members of the committee, and the report and the discussions on the points arising were published in 'The Ringing World' on June 30th, 1933, page 409. On the President's motion, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse, the report was adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the committee, Mr. E. H. Lewis (convener), Major J. H. B. Hesse, and Mr. E. A. Young, and that Mr. J. Hunt be asked to serve. The recommendation was adopted on the President's motion.

## REPORT OF THE STEDMAN COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee consisted of final accounts, presented by the hon. secretary on behalf of the committee, since published in 'The Ringing World,' June 30th, 1933, page 409, which showed that the sum of £13 16s. 1d. had been advanced by the Council to pay accounts. The President proposed that the fund be now closed by the Council voting the sum of £13 16s. 1d. and any further subscriptions received be paid into the Council's fund. The proposal was seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and carried.

After considerable discussion regarding the use of St. Benedict's bells by beginners, it was proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and carried, 'That this Council expresses the hope that the Stedman bells be rung regularly to the glory of God by a local band of ringers.'

#### REPORT OF THE LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and has since been published in 'The Ringing World,' June 30th, 1933, page 410. The committee recommended that a letter of thanks be sent to the B.B.C. for the broadcasts and references to bells during the year, and a suggestion be sent for still more use of ringing in the programmes.

The report and recommendation were adopted on the motion of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the committee, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (convenor), Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, C. H. Howard and A. Paddon Smith, and on the motion of the President, the recommendation was adopted.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards suggested the formation of a separate Broadcasting Committee, and on the motion of the President it was decided to give the committee power to co-opt two or three members who were wireless experts to take over this side of the work.

#### REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee embodying the proposed new rules was published in 'The Ringing World' on April 7th, 1933. The report had the support of the Standing Committee, and the adoption was moved by the President, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles. The motion was carried *nem con*.

On the motion of Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, it was agreed that as far as the general business of the Council was concerned the rules come into force for next year's meeting. In reply to a question, the President stated that the new rules did not imply that affiliated societies must ring changes.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO PREPARE PAMPHLET ON GOOD STRIKING.

The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge reported that the committee had prepared the pamphlet, and this, together with photographs, had been sent to the hon. secretary. The printing had been delayed as the book did not actually carry out the terms of the resolution passed last year, inasmuch as that it did not contain information on how to ring and call Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor for the benefit of young bands. He moved that the pamphlet as now presented be approved without any addition. This was seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke. The Standing Committee recommended this course, and that the price be restricted to 2d. per copy post free. The resolution was agreed to and printing authorised.

#### GENERALLY AS TO COMMITTEES.

On the motion of the President a vote of thanks was passed to all members of committees for the work done by them during the past three years.

#### MOTIONS.

It was proposed by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, '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.' By permission of the proposer and seconder, the following amendment, proposed by Mr. C. F. Johnston, seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman, was substituted: '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.' The resolution was carried.

In the absence of Mr. G. R. Newton it was proposed by the President: 'That this Council uses its influence to encourage five and six-bell companies to ring peals in more than one method. It also urges them to include whenever possible at least seven methods in their peals.' The motion was seconded by Mr. A. Tomlinson and carried.

It was agreed on the President's motion to debate items Nos. 13 and 14 together.

It was 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 in what is known as the "Bankes James Principle," notwithstanding that they do not conform to the above definition, shall be recognised as peals.'

The following note should have been added to the above proposal: '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.'

It was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins: 'That a peal of Minor should normally 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 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.'

As an amendment to the above two proposals, it was moved by Mr. W. E. White, and 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 without a cover bell.'

It was stated by the President that the question had been raised as to what, if the amendment was carried, 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, and there was confusion as to what was meant by the Council recognising peals or otherwise.

The peals that were rung came before the Council in the Report of the Analysis Committee, but this committee did not attempt to discriminate between legitimate or regular peals or otherwise, and included all peals published. The Council was not legislating for the past, and in his view they had taken no steps either to recognise or not recognise the various peals that had been rung.

Under the new rules there was a possibility of the Council recognising a peal in the future, as all guilds, societies and associations would be definitely affiliated to the Council, and agree to abide by its decisions. Being loyal to the Council they would withdraw from their records any peals not so recognised. What was most important was that what was rung should be recorded so that future generations could decide on the merits of it.

The amendment was carried, and on being put as a substantive motion was carried, but failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority under Rule 11.

#### PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The following places were proposed: Wolverhampton, proposed by Mr. H. Knight, seconded by Alderman J. S. Pritchett; Warwick, proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. J. H. White. The voting was in favour of Warwick.

#### GRANTS TO MEMORIALS.

On the motion of the President, the Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted to make the following grants: £5 5s. to memorial to Rev. H. Law James, £10 10s. to memorial to Sir A. Heywood, £3 3s. to memorial to Mr. H. W. Wilde, and £3 3s. to memorial to Mr. E. Barnett.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

To the president, on the motion of Canon H. J. Elsee.  
On the President's motion to the Worshipful Master of the Skinners' Company for his welcome; the Worshipful Master and the Skinners' Company for the use of the hall, and to Mr. J. J. Lambert (clerk) for making arrangements; to the following societies for their co-operation and generous subscriptions to defray expenses, thanks to members of committee: Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. A. A. Hughes), Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (Mr. G. Cross), London County Association (Mr. T. H. Taffender), St. Clement Youths (Mr. E. A. Young), Essex Association (Mr. E. J. Butler), Kent County Association (Mr. F. M. Mitchell), Middlesex County Association (Mr. C. T. Coles), Surrey Association (Mr. C. H. Kippin); to the Middlesex County Association for their hospitality in inviting members and friends to tea; the St. Paul's Cathedral authorities in making arrangements for the roll of honour to be inspected; the authorities at the Science Museum for permitting a demonstration of the Carter machine; H.M. Office of Works for allowing the use of the bells at the Imperial Institute; the authorities at all churches for allowing the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeepers; the Rector of St. Clement Danes for use of vestry for Standing Committee meeting.

**NEW TOWER AND BELLS AT ST. HELENS.****LANCASHIRE GAINS ANOTHER PEAL.**

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool on Saturday dedicated the new tower and peal of bells which have been added to complete the Church of St. Thomas, St. Helens, Lancs.

The first Church of St. Thomas was erected 95 years ago, but the new church has been without a tower for nearly 20 years. The new tower and bells have cost close on £4,000, most of which has been raised.

There was a crowded congregation. The Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. Thackray) attended with the Deputy Mayor (Councillor T. Wood). The Bishop was accompanied by Archdeacons Howson and Twitchett, the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Glendening), the Vicar-designate (the Rev. S. Winsland) and many other clergy.

Dr. David, in his sermon, said their church tower was a witness, an outward sign of something which could not be seen, but could be shown lifted high above the town to catch the eye and lead it upwards, and with it the thoughts of the heart. In a few years the outline of their half-finished Cathedral in Liverpool would be broken by the tower rising up from it, a witness in stone, and he would always think of those two towers together. Both had come at a time when they would not naturally expect great things to be done.

Then the tower served the particular purpose of sheltering and making available for use their bells. There was something peculiarly English about bells. The beautiful and fascinating art of peal ringing was invented and brought to perfection in this country. It was a great thing for them in the diocese that there should be one more team of change ringers there. The best bells in the world were made in England, and in the church towers of England there were more bells than any other land could boast.

The collection realised £79 5s., and on Sunday special services were held, the preachers being Archdeacon Twitchett in the morning and the Rev. Canon Child in the evening. The total collections amounted to £113.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN BRANCH SUCCESSFUL MEETING.**

On Saturday, the annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Acle. There was ringing during the afternoon, followed by tea, served at the Rectory. The Rev. J. E. H. Williams presided over the business meeting and expressed his great pleasure in having the meeting at Acle, as the bells had been recently rehung. It would also put life into the local company to have other ringers come to visit them.—In the election of officers for the district Mr. Denison Hayward was chosen as chairman, Mr. J. G. W. Harwood as secretary and Messrs. E. R. Goate, W. J. Lee, Clayton Parnell, J. Taylor and R. T. Woodley as committee.

The Rev. J. E. H. Williams was elected an honorary member, and Thomas William De Ville and Stanley William Gall, both of Halvergate, were elected members of the association.

Great Yarmouth was chosen for the next meeting on August 18th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for presiding at the meeting. Mr. A. L. Coleman, the secretary of the association, expressed pleasure at the presence of Mr. Denison Hayward, who is one of the three surviving members of the association who joined at its formation in 1877.

The branch would like to thank the Rector and also Mrs. Williams for the cordial way in which they received the company and also the enjoyable tea provided, to which 25 sat down.

This was the most successful meeting which the branch has held, and altogether 37 ringers attended. Ringing was carried on after tea till 9.30, everyone having a good word for 'the go' of this fine peal of six. Ringers attended from Norwich, Yarmouth, Reedham, Marham, Halvergate, Norton, Wymondham and Wroxham. Some of the methods rung were London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Spiced, Stedman Doubles and St. Simon's.

**DEATH OF WHITTLE-LE-WOODS RINGER.**

The death occurred on Saturday, April 21st, of Mr. Arthur Hartley, who had been a ringer at St. John's, Whittle-le-Woods, since the bells were installed in October, 1910, except for a short period when he answered the call to arms in the Great War.

The interment took place on Wednesday, April 25th, when he was borne to the grave by six of his fellow ringers, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Priestnall, M.A.). After the funeral, short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on the fully muffled bells, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the following: W. Beaver 1, Thos. Barker 2, Wm. Sharples 3, E. Lawson 4, Adam Blogg 5, P. G. Bradley 6, John Charnock 7, Alfred Blogg (conductor) 8.

The deceased, whose lifelong interest in sport (he was a footballer of no mean ability and a very useful member of the local cricket club until Anno Domini drove him to the less strenuous pastime of bowling, in which he also excelled) eminently fitted him for the team work in the belfry. His cheery disposition and readiness to help both in the service ringing and in peals, and also his kindness and patience with learners, will long be a pleasant recollection to those whom he has left for a time in the tower at Whittle-le-Woods.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING AT MARSHFIELD.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Marshfield on Saturday, April 28th, about 46 members and friends being present. The bells, a nice ring of eight, were set going at 3 p.m. and some useful practice was put in in the usual standard methods.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. C. H. Staley), and Mr. J. H. Beazer read the lesson. The organist also assisted in the service, which was exceptionally bright, while the Vicar's address was very interesting and helpful.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, having been very kindly provided by the local ringers and friends. A short meeting followed, at which, by the invitation of the branch chairman (Mr. J. G. Jefferies), the Vicar presided.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. John W. Jones (Newport), and suitably replied to by the Vicar and Mr. J. H. Beazer.

The secretary (Mr. F. Skidmore) reminded the meeting of the Davies Memorial dedication and opening at Tewkesbury on Saturday, May 19th, and gave particulars of the arrangements which had been made for travelling. He urged whoever wished to go to let Mr. E. Guise or himself know not later than Saturday, May 12th.

The members were very pleased to have with them Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. D. G. Taylor (Bath and Wells), Miss N. G. Williams and Miss I. Hastie (Ladies' Guild), Mr. John W. Jones (Llandaff and Monmouth Association), and others from Bath and surrounding district. Some of those present accepted the Vicar's invitation to walk round the Vicarage garden, whilst others continued ringing.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION****NORTHERN DIVISION MEETING.**

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Bocking on Saturday, April 21st, when 49 ringers were present from 17 parishes. Ringing commenced with a touch of Bob Major with one of the local hand, and afterwards various methods, including four Surprise, were successfully brought round.

A service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Rogers, assisted by the curate. Master J. Barkaway presided at the organ, and Mr. B. Holdaway read the lesson. Everyone appreciated the excellent address given by the Dean.

Tea was provided at the Church Hut, Mrs. Holdaway being responsible for an excellent repast. The Dean very kindly took the chair, and, with the curate and organist, the company numbered 54.

Mr. B. Holdaway, on behalf of the local company, gave the visitors a hearty welcome and wished them an enjoyable time.

The District Master (Mr. A. Saunders) reported that since the last meeting they had lost through death one of their old ringing friends, Mr. Lewis Wiseman, of Sible Hedingham, and, as a mark of respect, he asked the company to stand in silence for a few moments.

At the business meeting the Rev. C. W. Barlow, Vicar of Witham, was elected an honorary member, and five ringing members were elected from Pebmarsh. This is believed to be the first time this tower (5 bells) has been in union with the association.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Colne Engaine, the date to be fixed later by the district secretary.

Mr. A. Saunders proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the bells, for his excellent address and for presiding at the tea and business meeting, also to the curate, organist and organ blower, and to the ladies for preparing the tea.—The Dean, in reply, said it was a very high compliment that such a large number should be there that day. Perhaps it was they had the best church, the best bells, the best ladies and the best Dean at Bocking (laughter). He was very pleased to hear that the health of the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, was improving, but he was sorry he was not sufficiently recovered to attend that meeting. He hoped the secretary would write and convey those remarks to him.

**MEETING AT BOREHAM.**

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Boreham on Saturday, April 14th, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. Stone). Eighteen members were present from Broomfield, Great Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Danbury, Ford End, Maldon and Great Totham. The service was taken by the Vicar, who welcomed the ringers very heartily and gave an interesting address.

Tea at the Queen's Head was presided over by the Vicar, who also took the chair at the business meeting, at which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Danbury on June 16th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, taking the service and presiding at tea, also to Mrs. Stone for playing the organ at the service. Handbell ringing followed, after which a return was made to the tower.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—At the Parish Church on Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: G. L. Coleman 1, Miss P. Hind 2, E. Clarke 3, B. Wayman 4, R. Barnes 5, L. J. Flint 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 7, H. Fields 8. All of local company except 4th and 7th ringers.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The branch monthly meeting was held at Longbridge Deverell on Saturday, May 5th, representatives attending from Devizes (St. John's and St. James'), Southbroom, Bratton, North Bradley, Westbury, Rowde, Warminster, Holt, Melksham, Longbridge Deverell, Buckland Newton, Stourton and Bourton. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Vincent, M.C.). Tea (which was a bountiful one) was arranged by Mr. W. A. Avery and was laid in the Village Hall.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided at the usual short business meeting. The Vicar voiced a welcome to the Guild at the conclusion, and the members returned to the tower. Methods up to Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the meeting.

Although the attendance was smaller than usual, a very enjoyable time was spent, and some good practice was put in.

**DORCHESTER BRANCH.**

About 40 ringers, representative of various towers of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, were present at the branch meeting at Charminster. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. F. Clemeck, R.D.). The surpliced choir and lady chorists were in attendance, and the accompaniment was rendered by the church organist, Mr. F. W. Kibbey. The Vicar based an impressive sermon on the text, 'I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end' (Rev. xxi., 6).

After the service the members sat down to tea in the Parish Hall, arrangements for which were admirably carried out by Mrs. J. Watts and a willing band of helpers. In the absence of the branch chairman (the Rev. T. S. Tarrant, Vicar of Wool), the Rev. D. F. Clemeck was voted to the chair for the business meeting.

Four new ringing members were elected from Buckland Newton. The Vicar of Bradford Peverell (the Rev. A. F. Godley) extended an invitation to the branch to hold its next meeting, to be held in July, at Bradford.

Mr. C. H. Jennings (branch secretary) reported on the progress that had been made in connection with the Dorset Ringers' Fellowship meeting at Milton Abbey on June 9th, when an address is to be given by the Bishop of Salisbury.

Mr. R. J. Tompkins, the secretary of the Charminster tower, voiced the hearty appreciation that was felt for the invaluable help of Dorchester members in going to Charminster and giving instruction.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for conducting the service and allowing the use of the bells and supplying tea, and to the organist, choir and organ blower, was proposed by the Rev. A. F. Godley and seconded by Miss L. R. Clapcott.

A practice was afterwards held, during which some higher methods were rung, and practice was continued at St. Peter's, Dorchester.

The towers represented at the meeting were Bradford Peverell, Buckland Newton, Charminster, Dorchester, Fordington St. George, Frampton, Sydling, Upwey, Wyke Regis, Evershot and Rampisham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.****ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT'S FIRST MEETING.**

The first quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Blackmoor on Saturday, April 28th. Members were present from Alton, Bramshott, Blackmoor, Fareham, Petersfield, Prevett, Steep and Wickham. The bells were kept going to the standard methods until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar of Blackmoor (the Rev. F. G. Eyres), who gave an interesting address based upon the tuning of church bells. Tea was served at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room and the usual business meeting followed. About 30 members attended.

The company were invited by Lord Selborne to look over the grounds of Blackmoor House, and, after enjoying the beauties of nature for an hour or so, ringing was resumed until late in the evening.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**KILBURN, LONDON.**—At St. Augustine's Church, on Low Sunday, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: E. M. Atkins (conductor) 1, \*Miss B. Hart 2, \*Miss R. Shelvey 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, \*S. Pacey 5, Miss E. K. Fulton 6, G. R. Goodship 7, \*G. Hart 8. \* First quarter-peat. † First quarter-peat on a working bell.

**HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.**—On Monday, March 5th, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples: T. Robinson 1, J. Robinson 2, H. Ludkin (conductor) 3, G. Hesketh 4, C. Lomax 5, W. Robinson 6, J. W. Gardner 7, G. Young 8. First quarter-peat in the method by all except 3 and 4, and first quarter-peat of Stedman by a local band.—On Monday, March 19th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: G. Young 1, J. Robinson 2, T. Robinson 3, G. Hesketh (first quarter-peat as conductor) 4, H. Ludkin 5, W. Robinson 6, J. W. Gardner 7, J. Barker 8.—On Monday, April 30th, a quarter-peat of Bob Major (1,376 changes): G. Young 1, J. Robinson 2, T. Robinson 3, G. Hesketh 4, H. Ludkin 5, W. Robinson 6, O. Lomax 7, J. W. Gardner (first quarter-peat in the method as conductor) 8. First quarter-peat in the method by a local band and first quarter-peat in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 7.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 29th, St. Magnus on the 17th and 31st, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 15th, and St. Andrew's on the 24th at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The festival will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, May 12th. Service in the Parish Church at 12.30. Preacher, Rev. Canon Clarke. Luncheon and annual meeting in the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers open: Holy Trinity and Christchurch, Bradford, Melksham, Westbury, Warminster (8), Holt, Hilpertown, Keevil, Steeple Ashton, Heytesbury, Longbridge Deverell (6). All ringers welcome.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look up your methods.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**SILEBY, LEICS.**—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 p.m.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting, Northaw, May 12th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Bus service, No. 629 Victoria, Hornsey, Southgate, etc., to Potters Bar Garage, one mile. Train, L. and N.E. Railway to Cuffley from King's Cross, Finsbury Park, etc.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify the Vicar. Special method, Double Court. A good muster is desired and will be heartily welcomed by the Vicar.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Sat., May 12th. Meet at St. Oswald's at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4, and service in St. Oswald's Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, after which bands will be made up for St. Aidan's and All Saints'.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service will be held, with tea to follow.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—The annual festival will be held at Wicken on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) available from 12 o'clock. Lunch 1.15 (2s. 6d. to non-members). Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Shefford on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting of the above Guild will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, May 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Pirbright on Saturday, May 12th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge. Notify me, if possible. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Local Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (10) from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Church Hall at 5.45. A 'bumper' attendance is earnestly requested.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Polesworth, near Tamworth, on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will take place at the Cathedral, Sheffield (bells 12), on Saturday, May 12th, at 2.30 p.m. Plenty of cafes for tea close by. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch, Hants.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

**MANATON, DEVON.**—Ring of six (tenor 9½ cwt.). Frame repaired and bells rehung with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Re-dedication by the Venerable J. L. Cobham, Archdeacon of Totnes, on Sunday, May 13th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. Please notify me by or before Thursday, 17th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

**REV. C. D. P. DAVIES MEMORIAL.**—Tewkesbury Abbey, Saturday, May 19th. Dedication service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells available (8) before service and (12) after service by application only. All those requiring tea and a pull upon the 12 must apply before May 12th to Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available 2 till 8 p.m. Tea at Temperance Hotel.—B. Chilvers, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, 1, on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., and tea in the Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m., followed by a short discussion on any business that may have arisen. Short festival service at 6 p.m. All those desiring tea will please notify the hon. district secretary not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 16th. The charge will be 1s. per head.—K. A. Nicholson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Nuns Moor Crescent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, is the venue of the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, May 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea, etc., in the Church Hall 5.30 (1s. per head). Trains from Liverpool Street to St. James' Street, thence by tram or ten minutes' walk.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, E.1.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley (eight bells) on Saturday, May 19th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 16th inst?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Harwell on Saturday, May 19th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify before 16th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**ROTHLEY, LEICS.**—The ring of five bells restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester at evensong on Whit Sunday.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m. Hot dinner, Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. to members who notify secretary beforehand). Business meeting afterwards. Towers available: All Saints' (8) and S. Nicholas' (6), morning and afternoon; Cathedral (10), 5 p.m.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday. Committee meet St. Sepulchre's Church Institute at 11 a.m. Service in St. Sepulchre's Church at 12 noon, when the Vicar (Rev. G. P. H. Rowson) will preach. Hot lunch at 1 p.m. at the Angel Hotel (tickets 2s. 6d. each), followed by the business meeting. Application for tickets, with remittance, to be made not later than Wednesday, May 16th, to Mr. F. Browning, Cold Higham, or to the general secretary. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Sepulchre's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), Duston (6), and Kingsthorpe (6).—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, on Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in the Parish Church at 12.15 p.m. Luncheon and meeting in Parish Hall at 1.15. Towers open: St. Mary's Church (8), Upton (8), Babbacombe (8) and Tormshun (6). Tickets 1s. each to members.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 55th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon I. L. Seymour, Vicar of All Saints', Maldon, Essex. 12.30 p.m., lunch (members 1s. 6d.), to be followed by the annual meeting at the Golden Fleece Hotel, Duke Street. 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 15th, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, May 21st. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) are available all day. Service 12 noon. Address by the Vicar of Northallerton. Dinner will be provided at the Russell Cafe at 1 p.m. Members 2s. 3d., non-members 2s. 6d. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, May 16th.—T. Metcalf, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Seaford on Wednesday, May 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service conducted by the Vicar, and tea and business meeting 5. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members. Names for tea (1s. 3d.) by Saturday, May 19th, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weedon (six bells) on Saturday, May 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Mary's, Merton (5), also available after tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 23rd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

#### HANDBELLS FOR SALE.

Two good peals of 12 handbells for sale, 15 size tenors.—T. Miller, 70, Mott Street, Birmingham.

#### APARTMENTS.

**APARTMENTS,** Bed and breakfast; home from home.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare, Secretary, Axbridge Deanery.

**LAKE DISTRICT.**—Board-residence or apartments; central; no thoroughfare; change ringers' home.—Mrs. Tyson Hogarth, Ellergill, 22, Stanger Street, Keswick, Cumberland.

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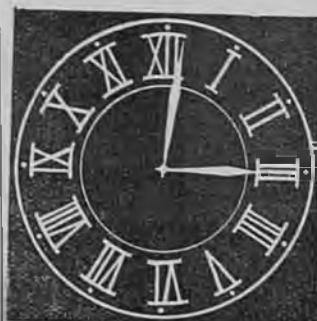
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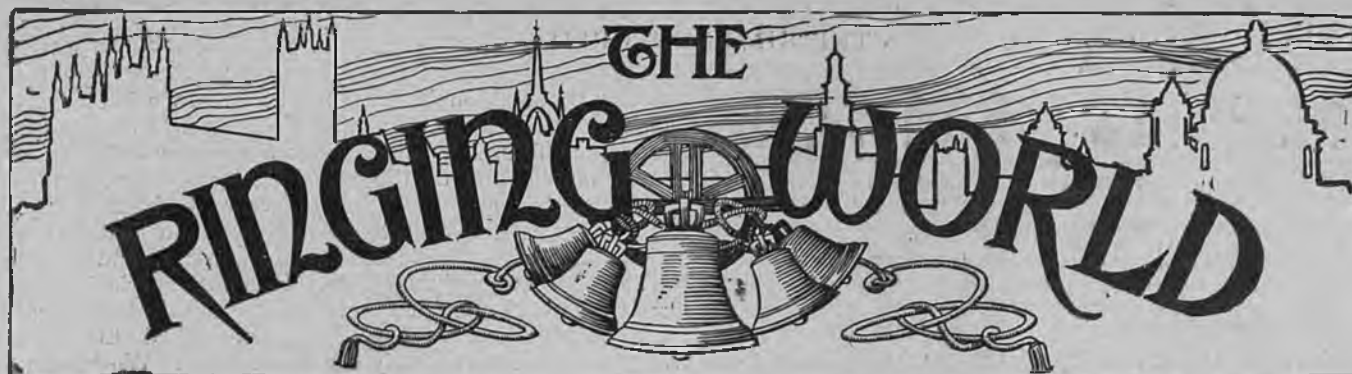
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Of more present interest, however, is the committee's report to be presented to the Council next Tuesday. It is largely devoted to the authorship of compositions, a subject brought into the committee's purview from the fact that peal compositions, applicable to the methods printed, now form part of the 'Collections.' The committee, it will be seen, look forward to the time when peal compositions will be accepted merely as mathematical formulæ, and as such, they say, should not be treated as the personal property of the 'composer.' For that reason, they tell us, all new peals which are printed in future 'Collections' will appear anonymously. We are not sure that this procedure will altogether commend itself to ringers, and especially to composers whose peals have been the result of much thought and study. It might be possible to get over the difficulties of identification, which is essential to all compositions that are rung, but there seem to us to be two strong reasons which should make the Council hesitate before they accept this dictum of the committee. First, ringers desire to have the guarantee of an author's competence behind the peals they ring, because it is not every conductor who can

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prove a composition before he calls it. In a book published by the Central Council the competence behind the anonymous figures would be taken for granted, but a general application of the principle, established under the Council's lead, might be of very doubtful value. Secondly, we believe such a practice would lead to a serious loss of initiative among composers, and might rob the committee of their help. It is not everybody who likes to work in anonymity—there is a certain kudos and satisfaction in having one's name attached to one's work, which not everybody cares to forego. We remember that even the Methods Committee, not very long since, put up a fight in the Council to have the right of printing their names exclusively on the cover of one of the 'Collections.' Whatever future generations may think of a man's personal claim to a composition, it is early days yet to talk of denying to a composer the rights of his authorship.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

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AT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

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Tenor 30 cwt.

JACK SPILLER ... .. Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 6
STANLEY SHELLOCK ... .. 2	ERNEST SPILLER ... .. 7
FREDERICK LERSON ... .. 3	EDWARD ALLEN ... .. 8
THOMAS GRICE ... .. 4	BENJAMIN BAKER ... .. 9
HARRY BAKER ... .. 5	FRANK BELSEY ... .. Tenor

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Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

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RICHARD A. POST ... .. Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
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†JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 4	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9
†WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5	FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOE

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Grandsire Caterp. First peal as conductor on ten bells. This is the only peal of Grandsire Caterp ever composed with the 6th behind the 9th throughout, and the band offer their heartiest good wishes to the composer, Mr. George Holifield, sen., of Appleton, whose 76th birthday was on May 8th.

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Tenor 19½ cwt.

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ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 4	JACK WAUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... Treble	JOHN FEARNHEAD ... 5
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EDWARD F. MAWLEY ... 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7
CHARLES OLLIVER ... 4	JAMES CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. SEDDON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. All are service ringers at the above church with the exception of the treble ringer, to whom the thanks of the band are due for standing in at very short notice.

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SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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EDWARD H. KING ... 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 6
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Composed by the Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DIX ... Treble	CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 5
*WALTER PAUL ... 2	†RICHARD G. BELL ... 6
†HARRY LONG ... 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DEXTER.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. All are service ringers at this church.

## HURST, BERKSHIRE.

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On Wednesday, May 9, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*GEORGE H. LIMMER ... Treble	*EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
GEORGE GILBERT ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. Leonard Stilwell's 150th peal, and the conductor's 50th peal as such.

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GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 2	EDWARD J. BEER ... 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDELEY ... 7
*STANLEY T. SHELLOCK ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method.

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NORMAN G. LEECH ... 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 4	*J. GEORGE RIDGWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

\* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

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Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ERIC J. SARGENT ... Treble	B. JACK STUBBS ... 5
RONALD H. DOVE ... 2	FRANCES BALL ... 6
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 3	HARRY CHAMBERS ... 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

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GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
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WILLIAM LINTER, SEN. ... 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

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Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 5
ALEXANDER EVANS ... 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
HARRY J. SANGER ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
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Composed by N. V. ANDREWS.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES HAYNES ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 5
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FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... 3	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 7
CHARLES DAVIES ... 4	OLIVER HINES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

\* First peal.

## NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 7168 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp

*WILLIAM MUSK ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5
ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... .. 7
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Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble	GEORGE PIPER ... .. 5
ERNEST J. RONTNER ... .. 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. 6
HAROLD TOWNSEND ... .. 3	WALTER SMITH ... .. 7
*ARTHUR SMITH ... .. 4	JOSEPH J. JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. ROSTRON.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method, also on the bells. Rung as the monthly peal for the division and as a birthday compliment to A. Ribbans and A. Perry, members of the local company. The band were kindly entertained after the peal by Messrs. A. and W. Smith.

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On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

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HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 2	†ARTHUR NEWTON ... .. 6
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Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

\* 200th peal and his 71st of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to James W. Wilkins, who was 71 on the previous day.

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On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*GEORGE A. HOLLOCK ... .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2	†JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 3	†SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
†Dr. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. This peal is dedicated to the memory of the Rev. G. A. Poole and W. H. Poole, grandfather and father respectively of the ringer of the 4th. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 5
FRANK W. PERRINS ... .. 2	*WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... .. 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS

\* First peal in the method.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## OTLEY, IPSWICH.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*A. WHITING ... .. Treble	G. BENNETT ... .. 4
J. BENNETT ... .. 2	L. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
C. PRYKE ... .. 3	L. BRETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. PRYKE.

\* First peal on six bells. \*First peal as conductor. This was the first peal on the bells in seven methods and first peal on the bells since they were rehung by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

## LITTLE CHART, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*MAURICE C. JOHNSON ... .. Treble	*JOHN R. WOOD ... .. 4
†FRANK J. ROBERTS ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... .. 5
*MISS JOCELYN H. JOHNSON ... .. 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells, which were restored and augmented to six in May, 1932, by A. Bowell, of Ipswich. Ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th are members of the local band.

## LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES H. CARTWRIGHT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. DAVIES ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... .. 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... .. 5
ARTHUR M. BLAKEWAY ... .. 3	*HAROLD CORFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES SPROLES ... .. Treble	CHARLES HARNELL ... .. 4
*PHILIP CRICKSHANK ... .. 2	GEORGE MIZEN ... .. 5
ALBERT SPROLES ... .. 3	SIDNEY G. RICHES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY G. RICHES.

\* First peal. First peal of Minor for all except the ringer of the 4th, who has rung the treble to a peal previously. Rung at first attempt.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Sunday, April 8th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: R. Fletcher 1, L. Parkin 2, S. Briggs 3, N. Chaddock 4, C. Poulteney 5, H. Chaddock (first 720 as conductor and first attempt) 6, P. Mangham 7 (covering).

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, May 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE...	1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY	...	5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE...	3-4	OLIVE RENTON	...	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE  
\* First peal 'in hand.'

**WOODFORD GUILD'S EXCURSION.**

When, at the beginning of the year, the St. Mary's, Woodford, Guild decided to hold an outing on April 30th, there were some who thought that it was somewhat early for such an event, but, as subsequent events proved, the venture was eminently successful.

The party, consisting of the Woodford band and six guest ringers, left Woodford at 8.30 a.m. in a comfortable motor-coach, and the first stage of the journey was made through thick mist, but, despite this, Dunstable was reached 20 minutes before schedule, and the party were thus afforded the opportunity of looking round the fine old Priory Church, which is a splendid gem of Norman work with a particularly impressive west front.

Mr. A. E. Sharman arrived very shortly afterwards, and the fine toned ring of eight were set going to a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, followed by other touches, from call changes to Kent Major, and a service touch of Double Norwich.

The journey was continued, passing Whipsnade Zoo and on to Ivinghoe Beacon, which is one of the highest spots in the Chilterns (762 feet). An ascent was made, but the normally fine views were partially obscured by the still lingering mist. At Tring the ringers were met by Mr. F. J. Reeve, one time president of the Herts County Association. A very pleasant hour was spent with the mellow ring of eight.

After dinner the route took the company through some beautiful country to High Wycombe, where they were met by Mr. R. Coles and others, including the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, the Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. With the assistance of these gentlemen, proceedings commenced with a touch of Stedman Cinques, followed by call changes and Grandsire Triples on the back eight, three leads of Treble Ten and a concluding touch of Stedman Cinques. This was undoubtedly the 'high spot' of the day's ringing.

A short run of two miles brought the party to West Wycombe, which is a village of considerable charm. The church stands on a hill some three or four hundred feet above the village, and was built by an eccentric nobleman, Lord Francis Despencer, or Dashwood, whose large and imposing mausoleum adjoins the church. The tower is surmounted by a large ball, in which seven or eight people can sit, and rumour has it that this was the scene of many a drunken carousal. The view from the tower is an entrancing one, and the sight of the village nestling as it does at the foot of the hill and surrounded by trees is one well worth the strenuous climb. The stay in the tower was rather short, but touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before the bells were lowered in peal.

Tea was served in the village, and at the conclusion of a very happy meal, Mr. W. H. Seabrook, on behalf of the guests, thanked the Woodford band for inviting them to such an enjoyable affair. He was sure that it was a day that would not speedily be forgotten by any of the party. Mr. Morris, on behalf of the Woodford company, said that it had given him and his ringers great pleasure to have the guests with them. He also thanked his assistant, Mr. J. A. Waugh, for the admirable organisation of the day's programme.

Amersham was the last stopping place, and an hour's ring on the six bells was much enjoyed, methods rung being Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, and, with the assistance of Mr. W. Redrup, of the local band, a course of Cambridge Minor.

The homeward journey was started at 9.30 p.m. and Woodford reached at 11 p.m., when a tired, albeit extremely happy, party dispersed to their various homes. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' the Guild would like to thank the towerkeepers and incumbents at the various churches for their ready permission and assistance, which made the outing the unqualified success it was. The assistance of Mr. A. D. Barker, secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks District of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was also very valuable. The bob calling was shared by Messrs. W. H. Seabrook, J. A. Waugh and J. G. A. Prior.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT.**

Lincoln 'Fair Saturday' (April 28th) brought round another very enjoyable annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Ringing commenced at two o'clock at the Cathedral, and also at the two six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's. At 3.15 a special ringers' service was held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral. This was conducted by the Dean of Lincoln (Dr. R. A. Mitchell), who also gave the address, in which he mentioned the great loss the Guild had sustained by the death of its late president, Canon Jendwine. He paid a very warm tribute to Canon Jendwine's great interest in the work of the Guild.

An excellent tea was served in the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, after which the business meeting was held. Mr. Rupert Richardson took the chair at the commencement, and the Dean of Lincoln was then unanimously elected president of the Guild, and took over the chairmanship of the meeting.

Mr. Rupert Richardson and Mr. F. W. Stokes were unanimously re-elected Master and hon. secretary respectively.

The meeting heard with very great regret that Mr. F. F. Linley, owing to continued ill-health, wished to relinquish the office of hon. treasurer. Mr. Linley has been treasurer of the Guild ever since its formation in 1899, and has always taken the greatest interest in Guild affairs. He has also been president of the Northern Branch since 1905.—On the proposition of Mr. G. Chester, seconded by Mr. F. S. W. Butler, Mr. E. Dawber, of Gainsborough, was elected to the vacant office.

The report and balance sheet were adopted. Referring to the former, the Master said that he had during the past year attended meetings in all the branches of the Guild, and he was particularly struck with the number of young and enthusiastic ringers who were coming along. He also said that although there had been a big drop in the number of peals rung (65, as against 94 in the previous year), he did not consider this as an unfavourable sign, as the quality of the peals rung had been well maintained. He mentioned one of the chief events of the past year, namely, the completion of the Rev. H. Law James memorial fund for adding two trebles to the peal of ten at Surfleet Church. There had been a wonderful response to the appeal, and the sum of £176 0s. 6d. had been raised in ten months, no less than £76 15s. 4d. having been subscribed by friends outside the Guild, showing in what great esteem the late Master was held.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the incumbents of the other two churches in the city for the use of the bells, and to the Dean for presiding and so kindly arranging the service.

Immediately the meeting closed, members made their way again to the several towers, where ringing took place until nine o'clock.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, on Saturday, May 12th. Quite a pleasing feature of the afternoon was the opening of the bells at the advertised time by the local band.

A service was conducted by the minister (the Rev. Fred Cottier), who, in his address, took notice of opinions of ringers as expressed in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' concerning the sermons of clergy at ringers' meetings, and kept off the subject of 'Bells,' with the result that the congregation had the pleasure of listening to a very enlightening talk on the uses and misuses of mental and physical powers in mankind extracted from Plato's re-related story of 'Atlantis.'

Tea was afterwards served in the Schoolroom, where later the business meeting was held.

The minister took the chair, supported by the branch president (Mr. C. Ollier), and, after offering the members a hearty welcome, referred to the bereavement of two of the local ringers, who were burying their mother that day.—The meeting stood in silence as a tribute of respect, and the bells during the day were rung half-muffled.

Places chosen for the forthcoming quarter's meetings were: June 16th, Christ Church, West Didsbury; July 21st, St. Peter's, Swinton; and August 18th, quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Prestwich.

Two new members were elected, viz: Walter Dalley, Pendlebury, and Albert Smith, Reddish.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman for conducting the service, the address, the use of the bells and for his services in the chair; to the organist, Mr. F. Ellis, and to the ladies and local ringers.

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## PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I express a hope that members of the Central Council will not lose sight of the fact that the Exercise is a body of men bound together by common interest in a science; and that, therefore, when the Council meets, its members will treat this question in a scientific spirit, remembering that it is not in accordance with that spirit to seek to restrict ingenuity merely or mainly out of deference to conventions about form.

### ACCEPTED CANONS VIOLATED.

Sir,—The challenge of the Rev. E. B. James to Mr. Pulling is unfair. Both Mr. Trollope and I have said that the 'Symphony in C (Cambridge) Minor' is false. If Mr. James will condescend to direct his guns on me, I will be pleased to entertain him. To say that 'there are 1,500 changes' on six figures is a travesty on the English language and unworthy of a man of his brilliant achievements. Fortunately, it requires neither a Sherlock Holmes nor a university education to understand this matter of commonsense. He says, 'neither will he find a change repeated in the first 720 changes.' Let us see. The 720th change is 34256. The same row 34256 comes up at a plain lead, ten leads previously. The second 720 (the rev. gentleman has erroneously quoted this) ends with 42356. That row repeats at the ninth lead (a plain lead). In the third 720 rounds comes twice. First at a plain lead (9th), again at the end. The majority of ringers know by now that there is a great difference between theory and practice. In theory, counting rounds before you go off as one of the rows, it is true that in the triplex blocks the first 720 rows of each are true, but NOT THE CHANGES. Here's the snag. If the last row in each 720 belongs to the NEXT, why bring up rounds at the end with a BOB, seeing that the hand-strokes, bobbed or plain, are alike? Further, if the round at the start is included, it must have been rung in a previous peal at the end.

The cold fact is that the composition, though superb as such, violates the accepted canons of ringing, and neither admiration for the illustrious composer—nor sycophancy—ought to override principle. It contains no quality not already obtained in the orthodox extents. Those who want to foist it on the Exercise have betrayed their ulterior motives. Last week at a meeting a supporter said, 'One bit at a time.' Another year it will be the Grandsire Doubles rammel, and once the keystone of an arch is down we know what follows. Holt's singles were invented to obtain what could not be got otherwise. Tom Lockwood's homing single in his 9,120 Treble Bob got every change tenors together, for the same reason, but for what purpose was the James 'symphony in C minor' produced? I note that the resolution is No. 13. Ominous, I hope. I just wonder if the agenda was deliberately framed, for the next item, 14, is another attempt to play 'ducks and drakes' with the new rules.

W. WILSON.

### SIX-BELL REPRESENTATIVES.

Sir,—Mr. Whittington is giving a wrong impression to other Guilds and not playing the game to his own Guild by his remark, 'that no one from a six-bell tower is good enough for the Central Council.' He knows the Guildford Diocesan Guild had one representative who was elected when his tower had only six bells. When that member speaks at either the Central Council or his own Guild he is always listened to with respect. Since his election his tower has got two more bells, but I certainly have not noticed he wears a bigger hat for that reason.

A. H. PULLING.

### THE TREBLE'S BACK STROKE LEAD.

Sir,—My words at last year's Central Council meeting and at our own Guild meeting were: 'On paper the composition is true, but in practice, as we ring, hand and back stroke, it is false.'

Will ordinary ringers look at the last five leads of the first 720, commencing at the plain lead before the bobbed 45623? In the first place, would any other peal of Cambridge Minor be allowed to have five bobbed leads? In all the thousands of compositions in the Exercise it will not be denied that the back stroke of the treble lead is the main change. In the Bankses James peal the poor treble has no back stroke lead at part ends, as we are told it belongs to the next. So it goes on right to the end of the peal; then, if he has it, he has had eight lots of rounds—if he doesn't, where does he finish? Being in the grip of pleurisy, it is difficult to write a letter, and I would suggest to the Rev. E. B. James that he writes to the two gentlemen who, some weeks ago, signed a letter saying the composition was false; also to the association which refuses to print the composition, if he wishes for further information.

A. H. PULLING.

### 'NEW MEANING' TO FAMILIAR TERM.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. E. Bankses James introduces a new meaning to the familiar term 'changes,' which I do not think will be generally accepted. He states that 164235, bobbed from 146253, is a different (Continued in next column.)

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

One of the most successful meetings of recent times in the Liverpool Branch was held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday. Almost forty members were present. The bells, raised about 3.30 p.m., were kept going in various methods (including Double Court, which had been particularly specified for practice) up to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a useful message to the ringers on 'Ascensiontide.' Afterwards the whole of the members present were entertained to tea by the Vicar in the Parish Hall.

The necessary formal business meeting was quickly despatched under the chairmanship of the Vicar. Five new members from the local tower were elected. Sincere thanks were expressed to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. A return was then made to the tower.

## OXFORD GUILD'S LOSS.

### DEATH OF POPULAR BERKSHIRE RINGER.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild sustained a great loss on Thursday, May 4th, by the death of Mr. James Abery, of Englefield, Berks. 'Jimmie,' who was 66 years of age, was ringing on the Saturday previous in an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Aldermaston, so that his death came as a great shock to his many old friends. He was a born teacher and could get a young band along quicker than most men. A very steady ringer and a first-class striker, he was an asset to any band and had rung upwards of 70 peals, including Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major.

The funeral took place on Monday, May 7th, in the church, which stands in Englefield Park. Many were present, some from a considerable distance. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Miss Robinson 1-2, A. Wiggins 3-4, R. T. Hibbert 5-6, J. Swain 7-8. The tower bells, which he had loved so well, were rung immediately after the service half-muffled to a good 560 Bob Minor: H. Tucker 1, W. Edwards 2, Miss V. Robinson 3, H. Smith 4, J. Swain 5, R. T. Hibbert 6. The bells were rung muffled in the evening by the local ringers.

So we left 'Jimmie' near the tower in which he had spent many happy hours, knowing full well that we shall miss him every time we journey Englefield way. May he rest in peace. R. T. H.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### MEETING AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

The pre-Whitsun meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday last. The very fine peal of ten in the tower of St. Oswald's Church was kept going during the afternoon, and in the evening the eight at St. Aidan's, another good peal, were tried in addition.

A very pleasing innovation was a short service at St. Oswald's, the association form, hitherto used only at the annual festival, being used. The organist and members of the choir attended, and the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Lilburn, in the course of a short address, welcomed the visitors. Referring to the modern neglect of public worship in our churches, he said that the command which Moses received from God to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies showed that those who claimed to worship God in nature were ignoring God's plan revealed to the Israelites of old.

After an excellent tea in the Parish Hall, thanks were accorded, on the motion of Mr. W. Story, J.P., Newcastle, to the Vicar, organist and choir for the very inspiring service they had arranged; to the clergy of St. Oswald's, St. Aidan's and All Saints' for the use of the bells, and to the ladies who had attended to the material wants of those present.

Mr. F. Robson, West Hartlepool, welcomed the visitors, Mr. T. Metcalf, Middlesbrough, and Mr. Hudson, of Sharow, members of the Cleveland Association.

## PEALS OF MINOR—Continued from previous column.

change to 164235, plained from 162453. Well, so it is, but not in the sense that the word 'change' is used by the Exercise. If this meaning to the word is accepted, applied to higher numbers a great deal of repetition would be admissible, and the Painswick 17,000 Grandsire Cinques would constitute a true peal!

No, sir, a change, as generally accepted, is a row different to the preceding row. Hence an extent of Minor must consist of 721 rows/720 changes, and, as stated by Mr. Stephen Wood, must come back to the point from which it started.

C. T. COLLES.

Other letters have been received from Mr. E. C. Goby and Mr. C. Severn disagreeing with the Rev. E. B. James' statements that his composition consists of seven true 720's and that there are 1,500 'changes' to be had on six bells.

**A LEICESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.****BELLS OF SILEBY RETUNED AND AUGMENTED.**

The bells of Sileby Church, Leicestershire, were dedicated on Saturday by the Bishop of Leicester. The old five, which had got into an unringable condition, the oak cage, which had done duty for 200 years, having got into a state of decay, have been retuned and rehung in an iron and steel frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have also added a new treble bell. In addition, two new floors have been provided, and the whole cost, nearly £800, was raised by the parish in about six months.

The new treble weighs 7½ cwt., and the tenor, cast in 1622, is 23 cwt.

There was a public procession before the dedication service, in which all classes and denominations of Sileby residents joined. The Parish Council, the Methodist and Baptist Churches were represented, and, in addition to the Sileby ringers, there were members of the Goswote and District Society and representatives of the Midland Counties Association. The clergy and Bishop brought up the rear.

The service itself was a stirring one, and as the procession left the church 'the bells of the Parish Church sounded down the ways the peal of jubilee.'

The inscription on the bells are as under:—

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2nd Bell.—In honorem gylielmi cymbriae dyvis rebelles Scotos victribus armis debellantis 1745.

3rd Bell.—Jesus be ovr spede.

4th Bell.—Celorum Chrste Platiat Tibi Rex Sonvs Iste 1622.

5th Bell.—Henry Penn made mee, 1707-8. John Wooldrige, Thomas Kilborne, Chvrchwardens.

Tenor Bell.—Cvm Sono Si Non Vis Venire Nvnqvam ad Preces Cvpies Ire, 1622.

**WEDDING BELLS**

On Saturday, May 12th, at St. George's Church, Mossley, Lancashire, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, F. Welham 3, H. Pickles 4, J. Clayton 5, R. Walker 6, E. Garside 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. Radcliffe and Miss Edith Concadden, which took place prior to the quarter-peal. The bridegroom is a ringer at the church.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,284 changes): E. Martin 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, Miss A. M. Eager (first quarter-peal of Bob Major) 3, F. A. Burnett 4, P. Giles 5, E. R. Warner 6, W. Tate 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, May 13th, at St. Paulinus' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the late E. Barnett, sen.): J. A. C. Abson 1, E. Barnett 2, G. V. Murphy 3, Miss M. Redpath 4, H. E. Audsley 5, E. A. Barnett 6, H. Hoverd (conductor) 7, W. E. Bond 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1 and 3, and first away from the treble by 4.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 13th, on handbells, at the Technical Institute, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: John W. Humphreys (first quarter-peal) 1-2, William Saunders 3-4, Alfred S. Bagley (conductor) 5-6. Ten and a half different callings.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Goldsmith (first quarter of Triples) 1, O. Waghorn 2, F. Relf (first of Triples as conductor) 3, R. E. Weller (first quarter 'inside') 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, J. Powell 6, W. Goring 7, F. Chapman 8.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. Chapman 1, F. Relf 2, W. Haigh 3, O. Waghorn 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, F. Lambert, jun., 6, W. Goring 7, J. G. Powell (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major for treble, 2nd and 5th ringers, and first as conductor in the method.

DARLEY DALE.—On Wednesday, April 18th, after an attempt for a peal, which broke down after an hour's ringing, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Ron. Allsop 1, W. Blagshaw 2, H. Taylor 3, B. Allsop 4, Robert Allsop (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, J. Taylor 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, J. Howe (first quarter-peal) 8.

DEPTFORD.—On Monday, April 9th, for an evening service, at St. John the Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. James 1, J. J. Lamb 2, C. Elliott 3, A. S. Richards 4, J. Foskett (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. G. Bennington 8.

**THE KING'S ACCESSION.**

At Twyford, Hants, on Sunday evening, May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Mansell 1, L. Lampard 2, S. J. Sanders 3, S. Mansell 4, H. Mansell 5, H. J. Wilkinson 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, G. Allen 8. Kindly arranged for the conductor and rung in commemoration of the 24th anniversary of the King's accession.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Many happy returns of the day' to Mr. E. Alex. Young, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and formerly hon. secretary of the Central Council, who will be 69 on Tuesday.

Mr. William Latter, who has been a ringer at Tunbridge Wells and a member of the Kent County Association for over 50 years, has intimated to the Tunbridge District his intention of relinquishing the office of district secretary next October. He has filled the post for 40 years.

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, is suffering from an attack of pleurisy. We are pleased to say that he is making satisfactory progress, and, as will be seen in another column, has been able to write two letters.

When home on leave from Northern India last year, Mr. C. Norman Sharples, of Blackpool, took back with him a set of eight handbells. On Easter morning the guests staying with him were awakened in time for early Communion by Bob Major tapped on the bells. An unusual 'waking up' indeed for that part of the world.

A 'new' name appears among the peal reports this week. The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Old Windsor is usually known as 'Tony.'

The report of a peal of Doubles rung at Croft, Leicestershire, has been sent without the date.

The peal of New Cambridge rung at Welford, Northants, on Saturday, May 12th, is dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. G. A. Poole, who was Vicar of Welford for over 30 years (1844-1877), and the late W. H. Poole, who was a member of the Oxford University Society, and instructed one of the first bands of ringers at Welford over 60 years ago. They were grandfather and father respectively of the ringer of the 4th (Dr. F. Stedman Poole).

The peal at Hillfarnace, Somerset, was rung for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and not the Midland Counties Association, as published.

Mr. Ted Jenkins has changed his address. We are informed that certain malicious persons have set it abroad that this is a retreat from 'Kate' or a prelude to an engagement to 'Sally.' This is utterly refuted, and any person or persons repeating this atrocious libel will, we understand, be communicated with by the solicitors concerned, viz., Messrs. Dodg-'em, Snap-'em and Catch-'em.

The band who rang the recent peal at Hillingdon are quite content to make their claim to the first peal on the ten bells over rung there by a local Sunday service band. The earlier peal of Triples had been lost sight of as a 'local peal.'

## THE DAVIES MEMORIAL

### RINGING ARRANGEMENTS AT TEWKESBURY.

A large gathering of ringers is expected at Tewkesbury on Saturday, when the Ringers' Chapel and the new bells at the Abbey are to be dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. O. D. P. Davies. The dedication will be performed by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester and the sermon preached by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge.

The visitors are to be entertained to tea by Mrs. J. Davies.

Before the service ringing will be open to anyone, but only the back eight bells will be used. The twelve bells will be heard for the first time during the service, when they will be rung by No. 1 band, representing various associations and guilds.

After the service a touch will be rung by No. 2 band, consisting of officers of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Other bands have been made up as follows:—

No. 3	Band	5.45	Stedman Cinques
No. 4	"	6.0	Stedman Cinques
No. 5	"	6.15	Rounds and Queens
No. 6	"	6.25	Stedman Cinques
No. 7	"	6.35	Rounds and Queens
No. 8	"	6.45	As arranged
No. 9	"	6.55	Rounds and Queens
No. 10	"	7.5	As arranged
No. 11	"	7.15	Rounds and Queens
No. 12	"	7.25	As arranged

The bells will be open to anyone at 7.35 p.m.

Photographs of No. 1 and No. 2 bands will be taken immediately after service.

Photographs of groups of all attending will also be taken. Orders for photos should be given to Mr. E. Guise, hon. secretary.

Anyone wishing to reach Warwick from Tewkesbury should catch the 7.8 p.m. train from Tewkesbury to Stratford-on-Avon, and then travel by bus to Warwick.

## MUFFLED BELLS FOR DEAD ORGANIST.

At the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon, for evening service, April 29th, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. A. Gacoon, organist for 40 years, who died suddenly on the previous day: F. Atwell 1, J. Bullen 2, T. Butler 3, C. Greedy (conductor) 4, F. Greedy 5, F. Crabb 6, W. Phillips 7, A. Thomas 8. On Tuesday, May 1st, the day of the funeral, several courses of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung by All Saints' and St. Woolos' bands.

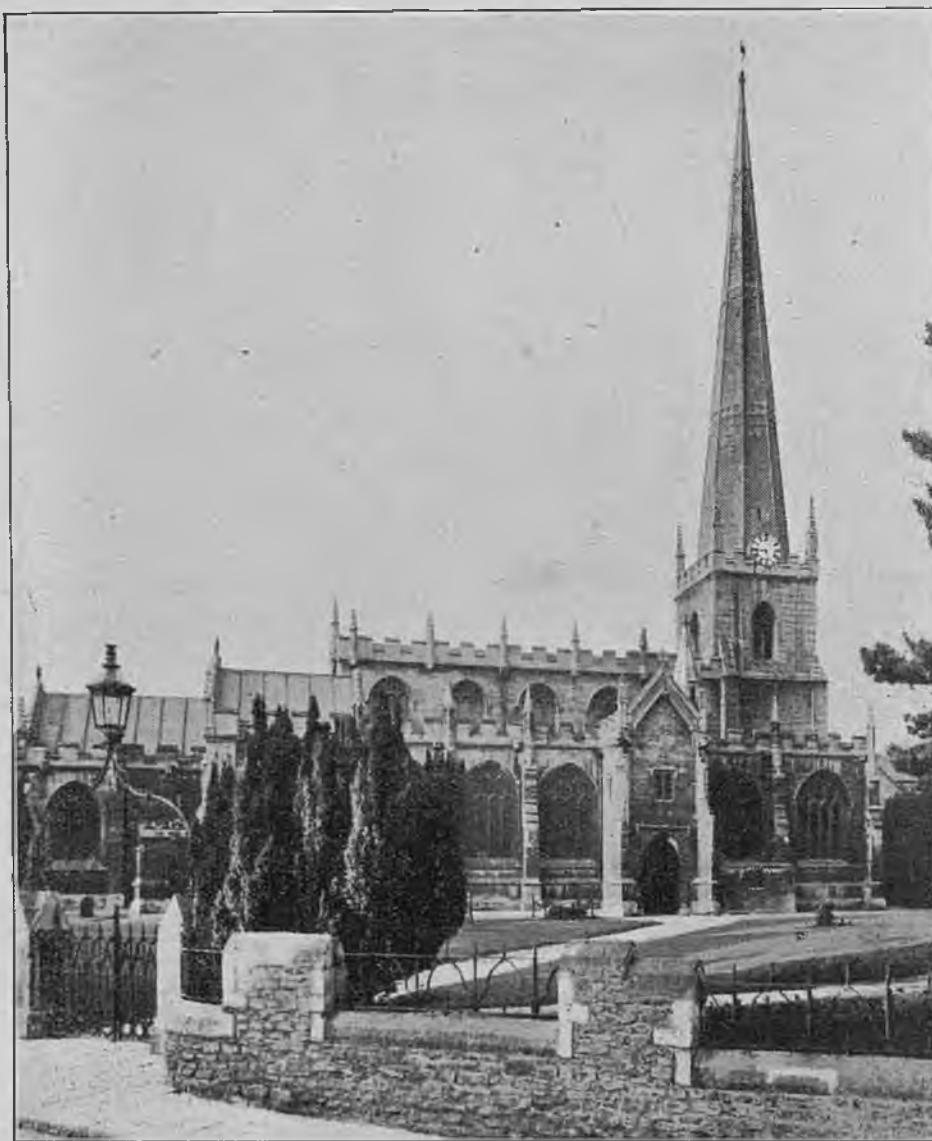
## GENEROUS GIFTS TO TROWBRIDGE.

### NEW PEAL OF BELLS, CLOCK AND CHIMES.

Trowbridge Parish Church, Wilts, which is of great beauty and historic interest, is, as we have already announced, to have a new peal of 12 bells. The present 10 have been silent for some time owing to bearing trouble, etc. The Church authorities not being in a financial position to carry out the recasting and rehangings of the bells, the ringers are to be allowed to take upon themselves the task of raising the money for the work. At a public meeting of the towns-

The work has been placed in the hands of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry, which is a sufficient guarantee as to the quality of the peal to be obtained.

The Salvation Army Band gave a concert in order to raise their 'target,' to recast a bell, and at this concert the Chairman, Mr. T. C. Usher, said he would like to make an offer to the town. If they would back up the peal by raising the total sum of £1,100 for the bells, he would give a new clock with chimes. The present clock, bearing the name of I. D. Harris, Southcote Street, Bath, 1847, has practically done its work, the striking gear having been out of action since 1912. The Loughborough Foundry referred Mr. Usher to Messrs.



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people interested a Bell Fund Committee was formed, and all were soon putting a 'shoulder to the wheel.'

The bells were allotted for 'adoption,' and they were soon booked for recasting and making into one 'family.' The enthusiasm was so great that it was decided to add two more, which would make the first ring of twelve bells in the county of Wilts and the Diocese of Salisbury. The effort still 'going strong,' it was thought that a new peal was worthy of a new 'H' frame, with all the bells hung in the totally enclosed pattern of ball bearings.

J. Smith and Co., of Derby, who will supply the latest electrically-driven movement.

The directors, staff and employees of Messrs. Usher's Wiltshire Brewery, Ltd., are bearing the cost of recasting the tenor bell in Mr. Usher's honour, and without any assistance from him, thus leaving him free to provide the new clock and chimes.

Any Trowbridgians afar who would like to add their names to the list of subscribers may send to Messrs. Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Trowbridge, or Mr. C. Raison, 113, Newtown, Trowbridge, Wilts.

The new bells are to be dedicated on July 25th, and a Ringers' Day is to be held on August Bank Holiday.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### WARWICK PROGRAMME.

The final arrangements for Warwick meeting are as follow:—  
SUNDAY.

Ringling, Warwick St. Mary's (10), 10-11, 5.30-6.30.  
Ringling, Lillington (8), 9.15-10, 5.20-6.20.  
Kenilworth Castle, 2.30.  
Ringling at Kenilworth Church (6), 3.20-4.15.  
Tea at Pump Rooms, Leamington, 4.45.  
Ringling at Leamington Parish Church (8), 5.20-6.20.  
Headquarters 8 o'clock.

### MONDAY.

Warwick Castle, St. Mary's Church, etc., 10.30.  
Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford, 3.  
Ringling at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford (8), 5.45-6.45.  
Headquarters 8 o'clock.

### TUESDAY.

Council meeting 11 o'clock.  
Lunch at Headquarters, 2s. 6d., 1.15.  
Tea at Headquarters, 5.30.  
Ringling at Warwick St. Mary's (10), 6.30-7.45.  
Ringling at Lillington (8), 6.30-7.45.  
Social at Headquarters, 8 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY.

Daimler Works, Coventry, 10.30.

If any Council members or friends wishing to take lunch or tea on Tuesday, or visit the Daimler Works on Wednesday, have not already notified Mr. F. W. Perrens, will they please do so by to-morrow's post? His address is 45, Engleton Road, Coventry.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

### THE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

The following report of the Methods Committee will be submitted to the Council:—

During the past year the MS. of the Collection of Triples Methods has been completed and the book (the publication of which has already been authorised by the Council) will shortly be on sale.

In accordance with a promise given at the meeting at Liverpool, the next task will be to prepare a book on Surprise Major Methods. We wish to point out that though it would be comparatively easy to issue a collection of 30 or 40 excellent methods complete with suitable compositions, yet the lines on which we have hitherto worked necessitate a complete survey of the whole ground as a preliminary. In the case of Doubles, Minor, Triples and Plain Major methods, we worked out every possible method before attempting any selection. Such a plan is hardly feasible with the Treble Bob Major methods, owing to their enormous number. But since the aim is to produce a definitive collection, other means must be sought of finding out what are actually the best and most characteristic Surprise methods possible. This will take a lot of work and time, although it may not appear obviously in the result. But if (as we imagine is the case) the Central Council thinks the job worth doing, we are prepared to put it in hand.

While presenting this report, we should like to call the attention of the Council and the Exercise to a question which has always been of considerable interest to ringers and which forced itself somewhat prominently on our notice when we were preparing the book on Triples, and is almost sure to arise in the case of Major methods. We mean the question of the authorship and ownership of methods and peal compositions.

The subject is a large one and we do not intend to deal with it fully. Still less do we intend to try and suggest any final solution of the problem. The question is one which must be settled (if it is settled at all) by the general consensus of the Exercise and not by any rule laid down by authority. We wish merely to give ringers and composers some direction on general principles.

Opinion on authorship of compositions has varied and developed considerably in the course of time. During the 19th century it was generally held that a composition was an independent thing and the composer (once he had satisfied people that he was the first to produce it) was considered to own it and to have exactly the same rights that a writer has in a poem or a musician in a song. In the circumstances, any question of legal copyright did not arise, although there was always a latent possibility of its doing so.

(NOTE.—The question of copyright in peal compositions did actually arise when I wanted to include a number of peals of Treble Bob collected by Jasper Snowdon and published by him in the early 'Bell News.' Mr. William Snowdon formally gave permission for them to be used and thus reserved his copyright.—J. A. T.)

So long as composition was done on entirely experimental lines (and all the older composers did work thus), this view of authorship was justified. Men like Holt and Reeves and Thurstans and Johnson could say that they had created something which did not exist before, and they could fairly claim ownership rights in their peals.

The first of the influences which ultimately were to undermine this opinion was the publication in 1878 of Jasper Snowdon's 'Treble Bob.' It was there shown that a peal composition is not an inde-

pendent thing, but is closely and definitely related to other compositions. It can be reversed, and it can be begun at a different lead or course-end; and the resulting compositions will differ widely in appearance from and yet be essentially the same as the original. Composers accepted this; but for a while it did not affect their ideas of authorship. The composer still owned the peal, only he extended his bounds of ownership to include the variations—bounds which were clearly defined, or at least were assumed to be so.

These opinions are probably still held more or less by the great majority of ringers. But for some years past new ideas of composition have arisen (new for all practical purposes; actually Fabian Stedman treats of ringing as a mathematical science) which have made it impossible for our more advanced composers to accept these old ideas. The pioneer of the new style of composition was perhaps the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, while the man who first fully used it was Mr. W. H. Thompson. The difference between the old and the new is that while the old composers thought they were producing artistic creations analogous to the writing of music, the new considered that they were solving mathematical problems. And it depends entirely on which way a man looks at the question what his views about authorship and ownership will be. When composers and the Exercise are sufficiently educated on the subject (and that will be when a later generation has grown up), then people will recognise that a peal is an expression of mathematical law, and no question of authorship or ownership will arise.

Meanwhile, the old ideas prevail and are producing difficulties quite unknown in former times. The production of methods and peals has been so enormous and the range of mechanical variation has been so widely extended that, so far as most compositions are concerned, it is absolutely impossible to say whether they are original or not; and the suggested remedy—a register of peals—will not help us in the matter. In many methods it is impossible for a man to know with certainty what has already been composed and what variations of extant peals will apply; and it would be unreasonable to expect him to refrain from putting his name to a peal until he had found out. After all, if a man has by fair means and honest work composed a peal, he is entitled to credit, even though somebody previously had, unknown to him, done the same, although he could (but did not) have got it by variation from an older peal. In ringing we always trust the honesty of the ringer. Our committee could have (as, in fact, we did) produced a peal of St. Clement's Triples by hobbing the same Q sets as Holt's ten-part. We put Holt's name to it. But if a man had composed it independently and rung it, it is difficult to say that he would have had no justification for putting his own name to it.

So much for general practice. But for Central Council publications we suggest that a higher standard is necessary. We should recommend that in no instance should any author or composer's name be put to any method, and that in the case of peal compositions names should be omitted except to old and well-known productions or such modern ones in which the proofs of originality are unmistakable. We suggest that this recommendation shall apply to all future publications by the Central Council. In the case of the Triples book we felt that it would not be fair to adopt it in its logical completeness. Two gentlemen, who were not members of the committee, provided a number of peals for the book, and in every case we have attached their names to these compositions. On the other hand, all peals composed by any of us, whether obtained specially for the purposes of the book or got previously, are being published anonymously. Our proposal is that in later books of the Central Council of a similar character, anonymity should be the rule and not the exception.

(Signed) EVERARD S. POWELL.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

## ASCENSION DAY.

CHESHUNT.—For evensong on Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*P. Nicholls 1, \*E. J. Newnham 2, E. Pickett 3, C. A. House (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, G. Maxim 5, W. J. Newnham 6, A. J. House 7, \*J. Springbett 8. \* First quarter-peal.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—For evensong on Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire: H. C. R. Vine 1, \*Miss P. J. Palmer 2, \*W. P. Lambert 3, E. T. P. Field 4, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, W. J. Gosney 6. \* First quarter-peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's Church on Ascension Day for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Lucas 1, E. Hancock 2, R. Darvill 3, P. E. Jones 4, C. Nicholls 5, W. S. Childs (first quarter 'inside') 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, E. Preston 8.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—At St. Barnabas' Church on Ascension Day for evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor: F. Dedman 1, W. Insley 2, F. Vickers 3, W. Jeffs 4, F. Jeffs 5, E. Belson 6, C. Vincent 7, First 720 London Minor on the bells and first by all the band. Also rung as a birthday compliment to F. Dedman.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—For Ascension Eve service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): F. B. Yates 1, H. H. Fearn 2, H. Williams 3, H. J. Turner 4, C. Webb 5, J. E. Eaton 6, G. E. Fearn (conductor) 7, J. Withers 8.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## 'BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE'S' BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild saw the usual large crowd of smiling faces gathered together at Boyne Hill, and it is worth recording that the secretary had so many notifications of attendance that some forgot to turn up after sending their names. The weather was of the usual kind, sunshine and showers, with the annual thunderstorm during the service.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Guild, again conducted the service, and continued his address from the previous year, with especial reference to the ringers' service and duties to religion, society and themselves.

Mrs. W. E. Taylor and helpers succeeded in putting up a wonderful tea despite some worries, the excellent fare receiving such attention that there was little left to be cleared away.

Letters were read from Canon Coleridge and Sir Charles Bennett expressing regret at their absence. Lord Meston was also unable to come, but the Mayor of Maidenhead, Councillor A. E. Norris, managed to turn up in spite of his busy civic life.

The accounts, showing the healthy financial condition of the branch, were passed. The secretary's report followed, and it was noticeable to some that he had 'the calling' (M.B.W.H.) on the back.

In making this brief report on the working of the branch, he said, 'I would remind you that it covers a period of practically ten years. As most of you know, the state of affairs in the area covered by this branch was not too good when, partly through a request from our late Master, I took over the duties of branch secretary and treasurer. The financial position should speak for itself. In June, 1924, there were no funds in hand and a debt of 10s. The balance in hand on December 31st, 1924, was £5 5s. 4½d. At the end of 1933 the amount was £31 4s. 2½d. Of course, our working expenses have risen, but this is natural as our branch increases in size. For six months' working in 1924 they were £4 1s. 10½d. For 1933 they were £7 12s. 6d. Subscriptions were received in 1924 from 181 members for the current year and arrears from 21 members. In 1933, 249 members paid for the current year, with arrears from some 41 members. These arrears are no pleasant thought to any secretary, although they may be worse in other parts of the country. Our branch now numbers about 320 members, of which some 295 ringing members are due to pay annual subscriptions, and you will notice from the financial statement that only 242 of these paid for 1933. However, 40 of these have since cleared up their debts. In 1924 our number of towers was 18; at the end of last year it was 29. Now it is 30, although we have members from 35 different towers in our area, and one may be pardoned, perhaps, for feeling just a little proud of our success, not a little of which is due to the kindness of our late Master and also to the publicity given to our doings by our friend, the Editor. In passing, I would commend his journal to your notice. Don't say that you don't like "The Ringing World" because there is nothing interesting in it. Write to the Editor, and when you have read your grouse in print, you may change your mind. (A better plan would be to edit "The Ringing World."—Ed., "R.W.") There are quite a number of ringers in various parts of the country (and some non-ringers, too) who look for the reports of our monthly meetings with interest. Some of them would like a contribution every week, but this is too much of a good thing for our scribe. In conclusion, we look forward to the time when the East Berks and South Bucks Branch represents one-quarter of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which state of affairs can be accomplished by the kind co-operation of all our members.'

This report was received with acclamation, as was also that of the Branch Ringing Master, who gave a brief summary of the meetings in the past year and peals rung by members of the branch, which included 12 Surprise methods. The attendance at the meetings, though good, can always be improved upon, as the meeting tries and caters for all with 'rounds' to Surprise.

A grant of two guineas was voted towards the new organ at Bray, which is to be a memorial to the late Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, some time chairman of this branch. A hope was expressed that a move would be made to add two trebles to the existing six bells, which would receive sympathetic consideration by the Guild.

An honorarium of £2 was voted towards the Branch Ringing Master's expenses.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Sir Charles A. Bennett; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; seven representatives on General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Messrs. F. D. Boreham, T. J. Fowler, J. L. Kirk, W. E. Redrup, W. E. Taylor and J. C. Truss.

A sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds towards the memorial to the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, which will be further augmented by towers in the branch area.

Mr. A. J. Wright said that the amount received to date was £29 18s. 6d., and any sum would be accepted with thanks and acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) thanked the members for their handsome donation, and, in congratulating the branch on re-electing their officers, said that he was glad to see that they had not punished the chairman for playing truant, but hoped that they would not let it become a habit. As for

the branch secretary, he said, 'Don't rub him up and don't try and smooth him down, but take him and keep him as secretary.'

An invitation to a joint meeting with the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association at Hillingdon was accepted, and a suggestion for something similar at Denham was left to the secretary to arrange.

One new member was elected, and it was decided to try and hold the next monthly meeting at Clewer. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. C. E. Wigg for conducting the service, giving the address and acting as chairman for the business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor and friends for arranging tea, and to the organist (Mr. Slater). In proposing this, Mr. T. J. Fowler remarked how grateful the members were for the presence of the Mayor of Maidenhead in spite of his busy life.—Mr. J. W. Wilkins, who seconded, remarked on the pleasure it gave him to be present at this prosperous branch meeting, particularly as it was in this tower where he first learned to ring nearly 60 years ago.

Mr. W. H. Fussell paid a compliment to the acting chairman, saying what a great debt they owed him for keeping the members of the branch interested during the day. He also mentioned that this was the branch of the 'Bright Young People.' In reading of their doings, he said, it made him feel about 16 himself. He hoped they would all turn out in their blazers and badges in the summer, but was one of the qualifications going to be a bright (and shiny) place on top?

The Mayor of Maidenhead remarked that when he came in he felt entirely out of his element, as he had no knowledge of bellringing. He expressed astonishment that there was such an organisation in that part of the country and wished them every success. He had enjoyed the whole of the proceedings.

Mr. A. J. Wright apologised for the lateness of the reports. It was hoped that they would be out shortly.

Ringling continued in a variety of methods until 21.00 hours (9 o'clock).

## OLDEST RING OF SIX.

## YARNTON BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

A grant of three guineas to the restoration of Yarnton bells, said to be the oldest ring of six in England and one of the heaviest, was made at the annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Wootton on May 5th. The total cost of the restoration will be about £80. Yarnton bells are all dated 1620, and the name of the donor, Sir Thomas William Spencer, a former lord of the manor, appears on all but one.

Ringers attended the meeting from Northmoor, Standlake, Stanton Harcourt, Woodstock, Yarnton, Ducklington, Eynsham, Cassington, Tackley and Wootton, and among those present was Mr. R. T. Hibbert, the Guild secretary.

Mr. W. Everts, jun., the branch secretary, in his annual report, stated that two more towers, Coombe and Brize Norton, had joined the Guild, and he was hoping that Northleigh would join shortly. He pointed out that the number of honorary members was beginning to dwindle, and said he thought that every churchwarden should be an honorary member. As regarded ringing members there were 111 this year, a slight decrease, owing to Clanfield having dropped out. Their total number was about 130.

The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £27 10s. 11½d., compared with £23 18s. 1½d. last year, and, in addition to the three guineas voted to Yarnton, it was decided to give a guinea towards the memorial tablet of the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, which is to be placed in Christ Church Cathedral.

The Rural Dean, the Rev. G. H. Stuart Gmelin, who was in the chair, was re-elected chairman, with Mr. Everts as secretary and treasurer, and the following representatives on the General Committee of the Guild: Messrs. T. Bond, N. Spindlow and G. Clarke.

Before the meeting there was a service in Wootton Church, when the sermon was preached by Mr. Gmelin. The service was taken by the Rector of Wootton (the Rev. F. R. Marriott), and the lesson read by the branch secretary.

After the meeting peals were rung at several towers in the neighbourhood.

## DEATH OF VETERAN RINGER.

On Wednesday, April 18th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Knighton, Leicester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled by G. Clarke 1, H. Farmer 2, S. Shelton 3, H. Laker 4, W. H. Clarke (conductor) 5, as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Wilson, for many years a ringer at the above church, who was interred at Gilroes Cemetery, Leicester, on April 13th. Deceased, who had reached the advanced age of 84 years, was an honorary life member of the M.C.A.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At Dodleston, Cheshire, on Friday, April 6th, with clappers half-muffled, 720 Oxford Bob: J. Dryland 1, G. Case 2, J. Hughes 3, C. Dryland 4, J. W. Clarke 5, H. Roberts 6. Rung as a last token of respect, following the funeral of Mrs. C. S. Yarwood, wife of Mr. J. Yarwood, schoolmaster, organist and choirmaster for over 40 years.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NORTHAW.

A perfect day brought quite a crowd to a North and East District meeting, held at Northaw on Saturday last. Still unspoiled by the builder, and not yet reached by the inevitable motor bus or coach, Northaw is one of the few remaining places near London where a real 'country' meeting may be held; and this, as well as the weather, was no doubt the cause of the attendance reaching the very satisfactory total of 36, a record for a meeting at this tower.

At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. L. Sparkes) took occasion to welcome the association to Northaw, and to remind ringers that this meeting coincided with the jubilee of the placing of the bells in the tower.

After a real country tea, the business meeting was held. In the reading of the minutes it was noticed that at the last meeting a vote of congratulation was passed to the band of youngsters that rang a peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, in December last, the youngest band then to ring a peal of Major. The hon. secretary pointed out that this record had not lasted long, and had already been beaten by a band whose average age was about two years less. Further, the Hart Street band obviously had no chance of regaining the record, as, like the rest of us, they were getting older every day. Mr. Coles proposed a vote of congratulation to the Crayford peal band.

This was seconded by Mr. E. M. Atkins, who stated that he was glad to do so as the conductor of the previous youngest band to ring a peal (Minor at an average age under 17).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Pinner on June 9th, and, in reply to a question, the hon. secretary stated that the usual joint meeting with the Hertford Association was arranged to be held at North Mimms on July 28th.

Mr. Coles welcomed to the meeting two district secretaries of the Herts Association, Mr. W. Nash and Mr. W. Ayre.—Mr. Nash said that they of the Herts Association were grateful to the Middlesex Association for looking after the tower of Northaw, which was actually in Hertfordshire, and added that there 'are no boundaries in these parts.'

Mr. Ayre said he was very happy to be present, and asked members to book November 3rd for the jubilee festival of the Hertford Association at St. Albans.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, which was carried with acclamation, and to which the Vicar replied with thanks to the association for attending in such strength.

Some handbell ringing by Messrs. E. M. Atkins, W. Ayre, G. R. Pye, A. J. House, C. T. Coles, Miss Prockson and others was listened to with great interest by some liking visitors to Northaw, but an attempt for Stedman Triples came to an untimely end, it not harmonising with Bob Minor on the church bells. Needless to say, the Bob Minor won.

Ringling on the pretty peal of six, placed in the tower 50 years ago by Taylor and Co., consisted of rounds for some very promising youngsters of both sexes and all sorts of methods, from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, for the 'old 'uns,' the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) having a pretty busy time in seeing that everybody had a pull. The Primrose Surprise convinced at least one ringer that he could not learn a method without knowing what to do at the back stroke lead of the treble, in spite of what experts in writing had to say about it.

### A PLEASANT RIVERSIDE MEETING.

On Saturday last, about 35 persons wended their way to that pleasant spot on a bend of the Thames where stands Isleworth Parish Church. And a pretty picture it made, too. The water was high and the delightful weather had coaxed many of the younger generation to bathe, while the rowing fraternity were much in evidence. But those 35 did not visit Isleworth for that. The locals wondered what was on. The reason was a meeting of the South and West District of the association. Isleworth bells have a peculiar charm, and at times on Saturday they could be heard at their best. Numerous touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, while Kent and Cambridge Royal were just as popular.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Shepherd Smith), the lesson being read by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope). A very tasty and plentiful tea was partaken of in the Church Hall. Handbell ringing followed, some of the experts managing a touch of Bob Major after fearful effort!

The business, of a routine nature, was quickly over. The chief items were thanks to all kind friends in Isleworth who had helped in making the meeting so successful, and a decision to visit Sunbury for the next meeting, probably on June 2nd.

It was with regret that news of the illness of Mr. C. S. Bird was heard, and congratulations were extended to Mr. F. G. Baldwin on his recent marriage.

Further ringing in the tower followed, and all tastes catered for, under the guidance of Ringing Master Collins.

## YOUTH AND ENTHUSIASM.

### A GUILDFORD GUILD MEETING.

About 25 ringers gathered at Farnborough, Hants, on May 5th, for a meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. This old church is well worth a visit, and the wooden tower is particularly interesting to ringers. Its main structure is a series of massive timbers, which carry the bell frame and spire, the exterior being weather boarded. Despite the 'skeleton' nature of the building, however, the light peal of six bells run like 'tops' and ringing on them is a real pleasure, although in the ringing chamber they are rather noisy.

The main contingent of ringers (more than a dozen) came from Aldershot, where youth and enthusiasm go hand in hand, and other members were present from Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Frensham and the local tower, with the hon. treasurer and general hon. secretary of the Guild. The ringing, with the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) in charge, covered the usual ground, from rounds to Cambridge Surprise, and one band, including five of the Aldershot band (among them three ladies) rang a short 'touch' in six methods of Doubles and Minor alternately without interval.

Canon Challacombe, the Rector, visited the tower in the afternoon to welcome the ringers, and looked in again in the evening. He conducted the Guild's service, when, with Mr. T. A. Stroud (the Guild's 'own organist') at the organ, and the congregation including a number of choristers, the singing was a real delight. The Rector, in his address, referred to the sacramental aspects of the ringers' work.

At the subsequent tea and business meeting the Rector presided. Mrs. J. Corbett (wife of the hon. treasurer) was elected an hon. member, and the following new members were elected: E. H. Stradling (Aldershot), J. Henderson (Ash) and H. Hughes (Farnham).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and to the local band, especially Mr. Gasson, for the arrangements.

### NORFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Moy, of Aylsham, Norfolk, who passed away on May 5th at the age of 65 years. Mr. Moy was elected a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association on May 6th, 1890, and was for a number of years Ringing Master of the Aylsham band. He was a keen ringer and took part in 48 association peals (46 on tower bells and two on handbells).

The funeral took place on May 9th and was attended by several members of the local band, the Norwich Diocesan Association being also represented by Mr. A. L. Coleman, the hon. secretary.

In the evening the bells of St. Michael's Church were rung muffled as a tribute to the deceased's memory.

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### LATE NOTICE.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Perrott on Saturday, May 26th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Martock bells have just been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor & Co., and will be open to visiting ringers on Whit Sunday afternoon.—F. Farrant, Hon. Sec., North Street, Martock.

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## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 29th, St. Magnus on the 31st, and St. Andrew's on the 24th at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, May 19th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea.—C. H. Stone, Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available 2 till 8 p.m. Tea at Temperance Hotel.—B. Chilvers, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, 1, on Saturday, May 19th. Bells available between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., and tea in the Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m., followed by a short discussion on any business that may have arisen. Short festival service at 6 p.m.—K. A. Nicholson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Nuns Moor Crescent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, is the venue of the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, May 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea, etc., in the Church Hall 5.30 (1s. per head). Trains from Liverpool Street to St. James' Street, thence by tram or ten minutes' walk.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, E.1.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Harwell on Saturday, May 19th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, to-morrow, Saturday, May 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**ROTHLEY, LEICS.**—The ring of five bells restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester at evensong on Whit Sunday.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m. Hot dinner, Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. to members who notify secretary beforehand). Business meeting afterwards. Towers available: All Saints' (8) and S. Nicholas' (6), morning and afternoon; Cathedral (10), 5 p.m.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, on Whit Monday, May 21st. Service in the Parish Church at 12.15 p.m. Luncheon and meeting in Parish Hall at 1.15. Towers open: St. Mary's Church (8), Upton (8), Babbacombe (8) and Tormshun (6). Tickets 1s. each to members.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday. Committee meet St. Sepulchre's Church Institute at 11 a.m. Service in St. Sepulchre's Church at 12 noon, when the Vicar (Rev. G. P. H. Rowson) will preach. Hot lunch at 1 p.m. at the Angel Hotel (tickets 2s. 6d. each), followed by the business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Sepulchre's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Giles' (10), Duston (6), and Kingsthorpe (6).—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, May 21st. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) are available all day. Service 12 noon. Address by the Vicar of Northallerton. Dinner will be provided at the Russell Cafe at 1 p.m. Members 2s. 3d., non-members 2s. 6d.—T. Metcalf, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 55th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon I. L. Seymour, Vicar of All Saints', Maldon, Essex. 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), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Seaford on Wednesday, May 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service conducted by the Vicar, and tea and business meeting 5. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members. Names for tea (1s. 3d.) by Saturday, May 19th, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davenport Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weedon (six bells) on Saturday, May 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Davenport, Northants.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Mary's, Merton (5), also available after tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 23rd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch will take place at Ramsbury on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringing friends welcome, but please send a card to A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, May 26th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-resident members 1s. 6d.) for those who notify the caterer, Mrs. A. Long, Church House, Bull Ring, Grimsby, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available 2.15 to 4.10 and 7.45 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea five o'clock. Bells (5) just rehung.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea (8d. per head) please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 24th?—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington (eight bells) on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock. Will intending visitors please let me know as soon as they can if they require tea?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Egham, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, if possible. Tea and meeting after.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cott., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham Parish Church on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer, Windsor (six bells) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me not later than May 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marnhull on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Hellins) at 5. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify early.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at moderate charge at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please notify me by May 24th if you intend to be present.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by the Wednesday previous?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than May 23rd to me.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch will hold their next quarterly meeting at West Lydford on Saturday, May 26th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stow Bardolph, Norfolk, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 3.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify by May 23rd.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Great Chishill on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be at Guiseley on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton and Bedford Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—Frank C. Tysoe, Bromham, Bedford, and A. E. Sharman, Dunstable, Dis. Secs.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A combined meeting of the Western and Eastern Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 26th, when we hope for a good attendance. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson and F. Robson, Secs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 23rd inst. Frequent bus service from Prince Street.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—Rousham bells (6) recently rehung by T. Bond, of Burford will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop E. D. Shaw, D.D., on Trinity Sunday, May 27th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Bells available during the evening. If requiring tea, please notify in good time.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxford.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch meeting at Frodsham on Saturday, May 26th, commencing at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me by the 24th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Joint practice at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Thursday, May 31st. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, and tea at the Red Lion afterwards. Please let me have numbers for tea as early as possible.—A. H. Smith, Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at High Ongar on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly entertaining the members to tea, and it is essential that all those intending to be present must notify me by Wednesday, May 30th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, June 2nd. All Saints', Hastings, open for ringing 2 p.m. and after meeting; Christ Church, St. Leonards, 6.30 till 8 p.m. Special service at All Saints' 4.30. Meat tea, Corner House Restaurant, Fishmarket, 5.15, followed by meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (members 1s. 3d.). Half rail to resident members (maximum 2s. 6d.). Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, May 29th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Cavendish on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting at the George Hotel.—Harold G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., Sudbury and Clare.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Reopening North Forest Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newent, Glos, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc. Please notify by June 2nd how many will attend from your tower so that I can make arrangements for tea, which is by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. C. J. K. Burnett.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynham Road, Trowbridge.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. E. Jenkins has removed to Cambridge, Leeds and Whitehall Road, Wyke, Bradford, Yorks.—Mr. Frank Bennett's address is now 93, Bonchurch Road, Brighton.

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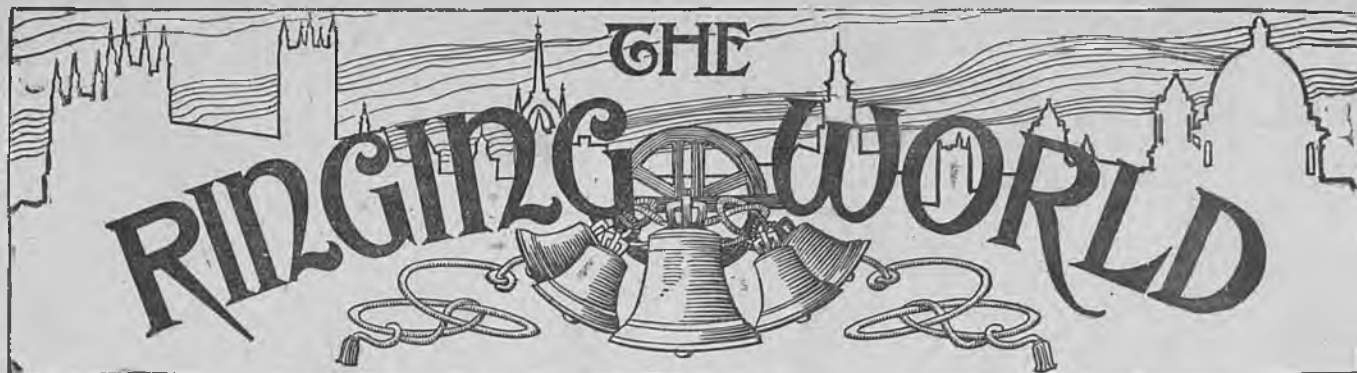


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## THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

Esteem and admiration for the life and work of the late Rev. Charles Douglas Percival Davies was manifest at Tewkesbury on Saturday, when the ringers' memorial, provided by national effort, was dedicated at an impressive service. To the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which Mr. Davies was a co-founder more than fifty years ago, was due the initiation of the scheme and with its officers rested the carrying out of the project, but the Exercise at large has joined readily in providing a suitable memorial to one of its greatest intellectual figures and one of its most valued members. Mr. Davies devoted a large part of his fairly long life to the furtherance of the art of ringing and the raising of ringers to an acknowledged place in the organisation of the Church. To him, indeed, was in no small measure due the idea of building up modern ringing associations on diocesan lines, and the Gloucester and Bristol Association was the first to be given a diocesan title. But this was only one of the directions in which he rendered service to the Exercise. By his investigations into many knotty problems, his writing and the diligent manner in which he served the Central Council for nearly twenty years as its Secretary, he left his mark upon our art, and there are few who have an equal claim upon the recognition of the ringers of this country.

Of the place and form of the memorial there could have been no happier choice. Tewkesbury Abbey was to him the dearest place on earth, and, as Canon Coleridge, speaking from personal knowledge, said in his address on Saturday, he loved every stone of it. The furnishing of the remaining deserted chapel of the old Abbey is an act in which Mr. Davies would have delighted and seems to complete the wonderful work of restoration which his father began more than half a century ago. The augmentation and improvement of the bells was a natural direction in which his memory should be perpetuated; for it was at Tewkesbury that he learned to ring. It is to the interest in the art which Tewkesbury bells gave him that the Exercise to-day owes much of its knowledge and was enriched by a personality so kindly, so lovable and so universally respected.

Those who seek to master some of the intricacies of the science of change ringing in these days have had their way made easier by the work done by Mr. Davies and some of his contemporaries, but the patience and meticulous care exercised in the work he did for the benefit of ringers are things which others might well endeavour to follow. Many of the problems of Mr. Davies' time have been settled, through his and others' investigations,

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but there are fields remaining to be explored in which men of knowledge and mathematical attainments can utilise their skill. But for all time the name of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies will stand out as one of the most conspicuous in the annals of ringing. St. Dunstan's Chapel in Tewkesbury Abbey will remain a hallowed spot to ringers, while the bells will be a constant reminder, that, in the words of their inscription, 'He being dead yet speaketh,' recalling the lines of Longfellow:—

Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints in the sands of time.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 2	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 8
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... .. 9
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged for Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis, Dorset.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 8
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 9
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. COX ... .. Treble	F. H. ABBOTT ... .. 5
H. K. WHITE ... .. 2	A. H. WEBB ... .. 6
G. F. JAMES ... .. 3	W. V. WEBB ... .. 7
W. LAMBELL ... .. 4	W. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WEBB.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Andrew's Society.)

On Tuesday, May 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

JOHN GLUYAS ... .. Treble	G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 5
H. FREDERICK MYERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HAMLYN ... .. 6
SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 7
ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... .. 4	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

The first peal on the bells since restoration by Gillett and Johnston.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Key 1, J. Williamson 2, W. Padley 3, E. Brooks 4, C. Allsop 5, W. Allsop 6, F. Fretwell (conductor) 7, R. Hopson 8. Rung for evensong and in honour of the christening of the son of J. Williamson.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WEBB ... .. 1	ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 5
OWEN H. GILES ... .. 2	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 6
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 4	EDWARD D. CHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

The ringer of the 3rd is from Warkton, Kettering.

## SOUTHAMPTON.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*REG. C. H. CONNOLLY ... Treble	*ERNEST G. WHITEMAN ... 5
JOHN W. FAITHFUL ... .. 2	WALTER LINTER ... .. 6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
THOMAS W. THIRKELL ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Major.

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... Treble	CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 5
*BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 2	HENRY GOLDING ... .. 6
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 3	HERBERT GATES ... .. 7
FRANCIS TOMPKINS ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Golding.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MOLLIE REDPATH ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	WILLIAM E. BOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Groombridge, jun.

## STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST BIRCHALL ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
JOHN JACKSON ... .. 2	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 6
JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 3	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 7
E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. Tenor

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## NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*JAMES L. BOYLIN ... Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	JOHN E. EATON ... .. 6
JOHN F. ATKINS ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	*KENNETH J. DAVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples, the treble man kindly standing in at a moment's notice. The peal was arranged for the Hampshire veteran, who was on a visit to the Midlands in connection with the Central Council meeting.

## HARLOW, ESSEX.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Hugh,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STANLEY A. CARTER ... Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 5
GEORGE MAXIM ... .. 2	JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 6
CYRIL A. HOUSE ... .. 3	JOSEPH LADLEY ... .. 7
FREDERICK C. PERRIN ... 4	JOHN WELCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

## BUXTED, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

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

## BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

FRANK BUCKLAND ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A peal for the Whitsuntide festival, with birthday compliments to the ringers of the 2nd and 6th bells. The band thank Mr. and Mrs. W. Fletcher for the welcome tea after ringing.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 120's of Plain Bob and 36 of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*MISS MARIE E. DUNN ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4
FRANK BAILESS ... .. 2	JOHN H. BAILESS ... .. 5
†GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... 3	SYDNEY BAILESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BAILESS.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal in two methods by all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung by local band for the sixth anniversary of the installation of the three new bells.

## NEWBURN-ON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 4
*JACKSON EWBANK ... .. 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... .. 5
†THOMAS W. DODD ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Ewbank, of Birstwith, Yorks.

## OTTERSHAW, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Bourne Surprise, Annable's London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*DAVID SLEET ... .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 4
†MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	†EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 5
†WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. First peal of seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

## NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

SAMUEL B. BAILEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 4
JAMES STANWAY ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WALLEY.

This is the conductor's 50th peal, 47 of them having been rung with Mr. J. E. Wheelton.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## PUSEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

JOHN AMBLER ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 'LAVENHAM,' WOODFIELD AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 1-2	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 5-6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 3-4	STUART SANDFORD ... .. 7-8

GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by the association and by the ringers of the 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. First peal of Royal 'in hand' in the method by the conductor.

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## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 18, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. E. FEIRN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 1-2	ELVIN HOSWAM ... .. 3-4
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Witness—William Middleton.

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## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

## TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT ST. NEWLYN EAST.

A meeting of the Truro Branch of the above Guild was held at St. Newlyn East on Whitsun Eve, by a coincidence the last meeting here being on the eve of the same festival three years ago. Those present included Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Diocesan Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewheila (general secretary), Mr. H. Dunstan (treasurer), and ringers from Truro Cathedral, Camborne, Tuckingmill, St. Gluvias, and the local band. During the afternoon and evening the splendid ring of six, which within recent years have been augmented from five and hung in a new frame with entirely new fittings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., were rung in rounds, call changes, Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. Montague May), who also gave a 'straight from the shoulder' talk on the words, 'Whatever you do, do it unto perfection.' Tea followed, after which Mr. A. S. Roberts proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and lady helpers, and also took the opportunity of extending the best wishes of the branch to the Rev. W. H. R. Trewheila, who would be representing the Guild at the Central Council meeting at Warwick on the following Tuesday. The Rev. W. H. R. Trewheila seconded the vote of thanks. Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president) occupied the chair for the business meeting, and Gwennap was chosen for the next meeting, with Hlogan as an alternative. It was decided to restart the monthly combined practices, and arrangements were left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## ANOTHER TOWER FOR NEWBURY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Great Shefford on Saturday, May 12th. This was the first meeting at Shefford for nearly 30 years. The following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beedon, Compton, Chieveley, East Ilsley, East Garston, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham and Great Shefford. Visitors were present from Abingdon, Bramley and Overton. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. Dewe), who gave a very helpful address, the lesson being read by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford. Miss E. Brown was at the organ. Tea was served at the Swan Hotel by Capt. and Mrs. Pobgee, and 45 sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presiding.

The Rev. T. Dewe was elected an honorary member, and six new ringing members from Shefford tower were also elected.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. T. Dewe for his address and welcome to the ringers, to the organist, and to Capt. and Mrs. Pobgee for the tea, were proposed by the chairman, seconded by the secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis), and carried with applause.

Mr. G. Caudwell and Mrs. A. E. Lock played tunes on the handbells, which were much appreciated. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

## CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The spring meeting was held at Kingham on Saturday, May 12th.

There was ringing in the afternoon, followed by a service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Hugh B. Richardson), Rev. E. C. Freeman being also present. The Guild's special form of service was used. The Rev. Wade gave a very interesting address to a large congregation. After tea, partaken of in the Village Hall, and to which upwards of 55 sat down, the annual business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Rev. C. Freeman). The Branch Secretary presented his report and balance sheet for the past year, which were passed and considered most satisfactory.

The Secretary said he was pleased to welcome Mr. Shute from the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Alderman Hemming and Mr. George King (Badsey), of the Worcestershire Association, and visitors from other branches of the Oxfordshire Guild.

The officers were all re-elected, viz.: Rev. E. C. Freeman, chairman; J. Keyte, secretary; A. Miles and F. Green, Guild committee representatives.

It was proposed to hold the autumn meeting at Charlbury.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, the Guild secretary, referred to the Jenkyn Memorial Fund, and stressed upon all to contribute a little and attend the dedication of the memorial in Christ Church cloisters on Saturday, July 21st.

Mr. Wright (Guild treasurer) spoke of the strong financial position of the branch, and asked for a grant towards the memorial fund. The sum of £3 3s. was then voted.

The Rev. Elliott Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild) said how pleased he was to be there with the branch for the first time, and hoped he would be able to be with them again.

Special votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Kingham for welcoming the Guild that day, to the Rev. Wade for his address, and to the organist and blower. They all suitably replied, and this concluded the business.

The ringers then returned to the towers at Kingham, Shipton-under-Wychwood and Churchill, where some excellent practice was put in, and brought to a close a most successful day.

## DEATH OF MR. A. W. CUTMORE.

## A VETERAN LONDON RINGER.

Death has removed a veteran London ringer in the person of Mr. Arthur William Cutmore, who passed to his rest on May 14th. The deceased, who was 73 years of age and had been a cab driver, was a native of Stisted, Essex, but he learned to ring at Bow-in-the-Road, Stratford. Of late years he had been a member of the band at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington. Mr. Cutmore had rung about 50 peals altogether, his last having been at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, on December 10th, 1932, when a band of veterans, whose aggregate ages totalled 594 years, rang a peal of Stedman Triples. This record age was exceeded in another peal at the same church last October, but Mr. Cutmore was not in this. He was, however, ringing up to a short time before his death, his last quarter-peal being rung for service at Barnes at the end of April. He was a keen and devoted service ringer.

The funeral took place on May 17th at Fulham Cemetery, North Sheen, the mourners being his daughter and son-in-law, his brother and sister-in-law. He was buried in the same grave as his wife, who predeceased him some four or five years ago. After the committal, four College Youths, Messrs. W. Roughton, C. F. Winney, H. R. Pasmore and H. Langdon, rang on handbells over the open grave three whole pulls in rounds thrice, in slow time, and then a course of Stedman Triples. Other ringers who were present were Mr. A. B. Bennett, an hon. member, and Mr. Percy Miles, of the St. Mary Abbott's company.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD  
BIG MEETING IN GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

Youth again gathered in force on Saturday week, when a meeting of the Guildford District was held at Pirbright. Several of the neighbouring towers in the district were represented, but there was a big contingent from places over the border in the Farnham District. Pirbright is on the extreme edge of the Guildford District and almost inaccessible by train, except by long detour, but the ubiquitous bus, motor-cycle and car and push bike brought an almost record gathering, which made an impressive congregation in church. The choir (Capt. H. J. Cann, nephew of Canon Coleridge, is choirmaster) was augmented by several of the ringers, and the musical portion of the service was really enjoyable. The Vicar's sermon emphasised the fact that the ringing was not just a preliminary to a service, but really an act in the service itself, and should be regarded as such by the ringers.

The choirboys joined the tea party at the Village Hall, where over 70 sat down. Afterwards the Vicar (who presided) welcomed the Guild and thanked them for the donation which the Guild had given towards the restoration of the bells. The cost had been something like £224, of which £118 had been raised. He also thanked the ringers of Aldershot, Ash, Seale and Worplesdon for allowing the Pirbright members to practice at those towers while their own bells were out of order, and the ringers of Aldershot and Worplesdon who had since given instruction to Pirbright beginners. There were, he said, many young people present at that gathering, some of them too young, perhaps, yet to begin ringing, but he hoped in time they would take up that branch of service to the Church and always remain faithful members of the Church of England.

Misses Winifred, Amy and Hazel Thompson, Miss Phyllis Sayers and L. Wiggins, of Pirbright, were elected members of the Guild.

A sum of two guineas was voted from the district funds towards Pirbright bells.

A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. G. Cole, a Woking ringer, who had recently suffered a double bereavement. One daughter, who was married and leaves a husband and four children, died and her sister expired suddenly on the day the other was buried.

On the motion of Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), a vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir and those who had made the arrangements was passed and acknowledged by Capt. Cann, while the Vicar expressed thanks on behalf of the guests.

The ringers then returned to the tower, but ringing had not been long in progress when, while a band of six ladies were ringing Treble Bob, the tenor clapper broke in the shaft. This effectually put an end to the ringing at Pirbright, but a telephone call to the Rev. G. J. Chitty in Worplesdon, three miles away, gained a ready consent to the use of the bells there for the rest of the evening, and motor-cycle and car quickly transferred a large party to the fresh tower, where a very nappy time was spent. Among the welcome visitors were the Misses P. and J. Kingdon, formerly attached to Worplesdon tower, but now living at Brede in Sussex, who made the long journey on purpose to be present at the meeting.

## ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

## NEW BELLS AT BECKENHAM TO CELEBRATE CENTENARY.

The members and friends of Court 'St. George' No. 5106, of Beckenham, Kent, are completing their scheme to perpetuate the centenary of the society, which was founded in 1834. Two treble bells are to be given to the Parish Church of St. George, Beckenham, and these will be dedicated by the Bishop of Rochester during the 'Forester's service' to be held on June 3rd. A suitable tablet is also being provided in the church to record the gift.

Another £50 is still required to complete the scheme in every detail, so that assistance from any 'ringing brother' will be very welcome. Subscriptions will be acknowledged direct by the secretary of the court, Bro. W. J. Rawlings, 41, Monivea Road, Beckenham, Kent.

## A 'FAMILY' AFFAIR.

At Benhilton, Surrey, on Easter Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Williams (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Reed 2, F. Randall 3, G. Rayner 4, E. Enticknap 5, H. Smerdon 6, W. O. Smith 7, R. Foreman 8. This quarter-peal was also rung to commemorate the birth of the undermentioned: To the ringer of the 2nd, a daughter; to the ringer of the 5th, a son; to the ringer of the 6th, a son; and to G. Chiverton (another member of the company), a daughter. Mrs. Enticknap, mother of one of the infants, is also a member of the local band.

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

Members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from all parts of Wiltshire and Dorset attended the annual festival at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday week.

The Guild service was held in the Church of Holy Trinity at 12.30, conducted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Rector of Kington Magna and hon. general secretary of the Guild).

Canon Clark (Vicar), giving the address, based it upon an extract from the lesson (Ephesians iv. 1-17), 'Speaking the truth in love.'

Lunch was provided in the Town Hall, and was followed by the annual meeting, over which the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild) presided, supported by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Canon Clarke (Vicar of Bradford), and Mr. F. Green, Devizes (assistant hon. secretary). Amongst others present were the following: Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), Mr. W. C. West and Mrs. West (Melksham), the Rev. C. F. H. Brewis and Miss Brewis (Holt), the Rev. H. V. White (Broad Hinton), Canon Peters (Bremhill), Mr. L. A. Willson (Wootton Bassett), Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis), Rev. C. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), Mr. F. W. Townsend (Poole), Mr. H. J. Ralph (Kington Magna), Mrs. F. Green (Devizes), Messrs. W. Bolwell (Ealing), S. Hillier (Devizes), J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), F. W. Romain (Salisbury), etc.

Apologies for absence were received from Lord Shaftesbury, the Rev. C. C. Cox (Vicar of Lyme Regis) and Mr. Scott. Before commencing the business the Master gave the toast of 'The King.'

The balance sheet was adopted. The retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, with thanks for past services, the hon. secretary being congratulated on completing 21 years in office. Amongst other matters discussed, mention was made of a huge ringers' rally which is being held at Milton Abbey in June.

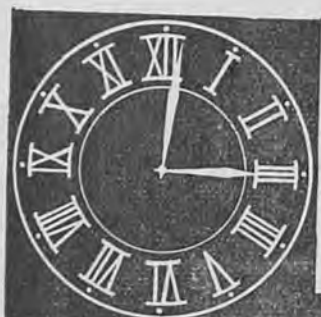
The secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation to the Earl of Shaftesbury on the Masonic honour conferred upon him in recognition of his long and distinguished record of service as Provincial Grand Master of Dorset.

With the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed. The Vicar opened the Vicarage grounds and conducted members to the Saxon church, which was greatly appreciated.

The members subsequently dispersed to the various towers in the district for ringing. The towers available, besides the two Bradford churches, were those at Warminster, Melksham, Holt, Keovil, Steeple Ashton, Hilperton, Devizes St. John's, Longbridge Deverell and Heytesbury. The number of members attending during the day was between 150 and 160.

**SHROPSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.**

We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. George Williams, of Oswestry, Shropshire, who passed away on May 15th, at the age of 57 years. Deceased was a native of Montgomery, where he learned to ring a bell, and had been a ringer at Oswestry Parish Church for 30 years. He was a very safe and steady ringer of Grandsire and Stedman, and had rung several peals in those methods. He was a regular Sunday service ringer whenever his duties as railway engine driver allowed, and will be greatly missed in the tower. The funeral took place on May 18th, the bearers being two ringers and four G.W.R. footplate men. The bells were rung muffled before and after the funeral service, and as a last token of respect a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Whit Sunday by Miss A. Kynaston 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, R. T. Evans (conductor) 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, T. Marshall 8.



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**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****WELL-ATTENDED MEETING AT OVER, CAMBS.**

A joint meeting of the Hunts and Central Branches of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Over on Saturday, April 14th, about 35 ringers attending. The association service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. G. Weston, M.A.), who based his address on Galatians v. 13, 'But by love serve one another.' All enjoyed the Vicar's words. He laid stress on the maintenance of a body, or band, of workers to a common cause, in this case to the cause of God. He welcomed the ringers to the meeting.

Among those present were Rev. E. B. Shepard, Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton, F. E. Haynes (Birmingham), Mr. H. Chapman (Kington), Mr. B. King (Royston), Mr. and Mrs. F. Hurry (Sawston), Mrs. F. W. Lack (Great Staughton). The methods rung included Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and no twelve baskets were left.

There was no business meeting, but votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, to Mrs. Weston for kindly acting as organist, and to the ladies for looking after the needs of the company.

The secretary has been invited to hold the next meeting at Wilburton, and due notice will appear in the proper columns of this paper.

**CYCLE TOUR IN NORTH BUCKS.**

The Stagdsen bellringers and Mr. A. P. Cannon, of London, recently had a very successful cycle tour in North Bucks. A start was made at North Crawley, but, owing to illness, no ringing was done. Then over to Chicheley, where 720 Bob Minor was rung. These are an old-fashioned peal, with a timber 'diamond' frame (tenor 17½ cwt.). After 360 Bob Minor and tea at the local public-house, Sherington was visited. The church, dedicated to St. Laud, and one of the few so dedicated (presumably to Archbishop Laud, martyred in 1643, approx.), contains a pleasant peal of five bells (tenor 14 cwt.). Here touches of Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung, after obtaining permission in about five minutes from the sexton, Mr. Watts, the Vicar being away.

Proceeding to Emberton, where the party were met by Mr. F. C. Mynard, the local captain, 720 Bob Minor was rung and touches of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The last tower to be visited was Clifton Reynes at 8 p.m. The Vicar kindly led the way into the church and switched on the electric light. The 720 Bob Minor rung here enabled a young Stagdsen ringer, aged 14, to ring his first 720 on the treble, which he did without a trip. The ringers were: H. Clarke 1, F. C. Tysoe 2, H. Walsh 3, P. Bazley 4, P. C. Bonnett (conductor) 5, A. P. Cannon 6 (tenor 10½ cwt.). Mr. P. Beard took part in the previous 720's. Altogether a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

**SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**

The annual meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Nottingham (the headquarters of the society) on Saturday, April 14th. The Master, Mr. Albert Coppock, presided at the business meeting, at which all the retiring officers were re-elected, with Mr. W. E. White as trustee. Several new members were also elected.

A suggestion was put forward that a visit, on similar lines to a very enjoyable one made a few years ago, might be made to Norton-by-Gabry, known locally as King's Norton, a village somewhat famous in the history of Mr. W. D. Crofts, Nottingham's celebrated ringer and composer of former days. The suggestion was favourably received by the members present, and it was decided to think the matter over and bring it forward again at a future meeting.

Mottesford was chosen for the next meeting to be held on May 26th, provided permission could be obtained.

Good use was made of the bells during the time available, but, owing to the heavy going, ringing was confined to the simpler methods.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Soberton on Saturday, April 21st, when members attended from Alton, Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Fareham, Hambledon, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Soberton, Swanmore and Wickham. The Guild's service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. Godefray) officiated. After tea in the Parish Hall the business meeting was held, the Vicar, who occupied the chair, being elected an honorary member of the Guild. A Steele (Bishop's Waltham) was elected a ringing member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Titchfield on July 21st. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for officiating at the service, also for the use of the bells and Parish Hall. Members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of rounds and methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

**SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR.**

MORE NEW PEALS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I sincerely congratulate Mr. Turner on having composed and conducted his peal of Spiced Surprise Major. His composition is a very good one.

I have a few compositions not yet published, and send below the figures of two, which may also be useful to conductors.

A. J. PITMAN.

5,280.

23456 M. W. H.

36452 1 2

45362 1 1

53462 2

42635 1 1 2

64235 1

43265 2

46532 2 1 1

56234 1

63542 2 2

54632 1 1

65432 1

43652 1 1

43526 2 2 1

35426 2

42356 1 1

Repeat twice.

Reduced by calling one Home lead of Bristol anywhere which cuts out next course, viz.:

36452 M. W. H.

53462 1 3

or

63542

65432 1 2

This is the first three-part peal in these four methods.

5,440.

23456 M. W. H.

52436 1

34625 1 1

23645 \*1

65432 \*1 1 2

43652 1 1

35642 2

36452 1 2

53462 1

46532 1 1

34562 1

Repeat four times.

Ring Bristol from the bob

Wrong marked \* to the bob

Middle \*. All other courses

consist of London, Cambridge

or Superlative, London, with

leads of Bristol inserted where

more than one bob is called at

M., W., or H. Reduced by

calling one Home lead of Bristol

anywhere, which cuts out

next courses, thus:

65432 M. W. H.

36452 1 3

These compositions may also

be reduced by omitting three

consecutive bobs M. or W.

**RINGING AT KENT SCHOOL, U.S.A.**

PROGRESS BY THE STUDENTS.

The ringing at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., where Mr. I. J. Attwater is instructor, progressed slowly and steadily through the winter term, although the short periods available there for ringing during this term stopped the students from attempting long touches. Numerous shorter ones have, however, been rung at the regular times.

There are some promising ringers in the second band, but, being very young, it is rather difficult for them to strike their bells correctly and to acquire the necessary ropesight. For this reason Caters have not been attempted on the tower bells, but in the next school year, beginning in September, it is hoped to have all ten bells going in change ringing if present progress is maintained.

On Sunday morning, March 18th, 742 Grandsire Triples was rung, and on Tuesday, March 20th, for evensong, 840 Grandsire Triples by: A. H. Terry 1, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 2, W. Abbe 3, A. D. Bosson 4, R. Westlake 5, R. Abbe 6, S. M. Wheelock 7, R. Davies 8.

For practice on handbells on March 22nd, 532 Grandsire Triples: H. Van Rensselaer 1-2, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 3-4, A. D. Bosson 5-6, S. M. Wheelock 7-8. These three touches on the tower and handbells are the longest yet rung by the Kent School Guild.

**PRESENTATION TO MR. H. A. HEYWOOD.**

AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

An interesting ceremony took place at Christleton on Saturday, April 28th, when Mr. H. A. Heywood was presented with a silver bell-shaped inkstand by his fellow-members of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on the occasion of his retirement from the office of vice-chairman.

Mr. Heywood, who is a cousin of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, although not a ringer himself, has been keenly interested in all things appertaining to bells and ringers for many years, especially in the welfare of the Chester Guild. He is one of the few now with us who were present at Chester Cathedral in 1887 when the Guild first came into being, and he has held office in one way or another, including that of Master, ever since. Recently he reluctantly resigned from the office of vice-chairman of the Chester Branch, a position which he has occupied for over a quarter of a century.

The presentation was made by Mr. James Morgan, the only other member of the branch who was present at the inaugural meeting of the Chester Guild 47 years ago.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Essex Association, at their annual meeting on Monday, accepted with deep regret the resignation of the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard). Mr. Howard held the office for 25 years, and during that time did yeoman service for the association. Recently Mr. Howard has been incapacitated by illness. He is succeeded in the mastership by Mr. Edward P. Duffield.

'Twenty-stone Bell-ringing Canon wants a 7ft. Bed!' was the heading of an article on Canon G. F. Coleridge which appeared in the 'Sunday Pictorial' on Sunday. It was spoken of as 'a delicate problem' which had arisen at Warwick in connection with the Council meeting, as 'no one in Warwick seemed to have a 7ft. bed specially reinforced to hold a man weighing 20 stone.'

The article spoke of 'pulling a noise 5,000 times out of a Cathedral three-ton bell,' and was illustrated with an excellent photograph of the Canon holding a model of Exeter Cathedral tenor. Naturally Canon Coleridge had put in a good word for ringing, which he emphasised as 'the finest exercise out.'

In the peal at Gorton, on May 7th, the name of the ringer of the 3rd was Edward F. Mawby, and of the 4th Charles Ollier.

Is it true that the mysterious Kate has made a capture at last? The bachelors' band, who rang a peal on February 29th, 1932, agreed to meet again on the same date in 1936. We hear on good authority, however, that they will be 'let down.' One of them is shortly to be married!

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Soberton on May 12th, and recorded in your issue of the 18th, should have recorded for the ringer of the 4th his first peal of Stedman. Mr. Linter rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) on these bells 45 years ago.

## TAUNTON RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

**FORTY YEARS' SERVICE AS RINGER, STEEPLEKEEPER AND VERGER.**

On Friday, April 13th, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, of Taunton, celebrated their golden wedding, and St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers, of which Mr. Fowler is a member, presented him with a handsome chiming clock. On the eve of the wedding anniversary a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on St. Mary's Church bells by: W. White 1, A. Wyatt 2, A. Reed 3, E. Wyatt 4, W. H. Tarr 5, F. J. Sudd 6, P. Merson (conductor) 7, J. Fowler 8. Mr. Fowler has put in 40 years' service at St. Mary's Church as ringer, steeplekeeper and vergier.

## BEGINNERS NEED PROPER TEACHING.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—The motion down for discussion at the Central Council meeting, and with which you dealt so ably in your leader of April 27th, as to how ringers may help and encourage beginners to progress and so reach the peal ringing stage, must be of interest to ringers everywhere. But does not the trouble lie long before the learner reaches the peal ringing stage? There must be hundreds of ringers who have learnt to handle a bell improperly and have found it impossible to progress in change ringing and have either lost interest or given up in despair, simply because when they need all their attention looking at the other ropes they are trying to handle their own. If every learner is taught to handle his bell PERFECTLY and is given more attention and help in ringing rounds and hunting, both in the home tower and at meetings, beginners will be encouraged by the progress they will easily make, and will not be afraid to enter fresh towers or attend meetings as they are at present. Then we shall get better ringing, more progress and enthusiasm which end in peal ringing.

Hayes.

W. H. COLES.

## C. W. PLAYER MEMORIAL FUND.

The following subscriptions to the fund for providing a memorial to the late Mr. C. W. Player are acknowledged: Mr. E. P. Smith, Stone-in-Oxney, £5; the Rev. R. C. J. White, Stone-in-Oxney, £2 2s.; Miss V. Gill, Stone-in-Oxney, 3s.; Mr. A. G. Cooke, Stone-in-Oxney, 5s.; Anonymous, 3s. 6d.; Mr. V. Williams, Stone-in-Oxney, £1 1s.; Miss Morgan, Stone-in-Oxney, 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Bates, Stone-in-Oxney, £1 1s.; Lord Wakefield, Hythe, £5; Mrs. E. G. Titterton, Stone-in-Oxney, £2 2s.; Mr. E. Holden Stutely, Rye, £1 1s.; Mrs. Felham Papillon, 10s.; Romney Marsh and District Guild, £3 3s.; Mr. F. White, Cranbrook, £1 1s.; the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Canterbury, 5s.; Stone-in-Oxney School Children's Lenten Services, 13s.; Kent County Association, £5; Dr. G. D. Lander, Tenterden, £1; Mr. F. M. Isemonger, Stone-in-Oxney, £5; Mothers' Union, Stone-in-Oxney, 5s. 8d.; whist drive, organised by Mrs. Kenneth Pattenden, £11 1s. 4d.; collection at the Kent County Association annual meeting, £3 16s. 9d.; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone, Paddock Wood, 10s.; Mr. W. Button, Rolvenden, 7s. 6d.; Mr. F. Bennett, Brighton, 4s.; collection by Mrs. Burt, Stone-in-Oxney, 10s. 8d.; collection by Miss V. Gill, Stone-in-Oxney, 5s.; Mr. G. Johnson, Appledore, £2 2s.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Underdown, Stone-in-Oxney, 5s.; Mr. T. Dennis, Cambridge, 10s.; Mr. R. Dawe, Lewes, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. S. Humphery, New Romney, 2s. 6d.; Anonymous, £4. Total to April 22nd, 1934, £59 3s. 5d.

# NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

## DEDICATION OF BELLS AND CHAPEL AT TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

### Ceremony Attended by Representative Gathering of Ringers.

The venerable Abbey of Tewkesbury was, on Saturday, the Mecca of ringers from all parts of the country, gathered there to do honour to the memory of one who, far above most others, did so much during a long life for the art of change ringing — Charles Douglas Percival Davies, Priest, who was born at Tewkesbury in 1857, whose last resting place is in the quiet cloister garth of the Abbey he knew so intimately and loved so well, and



THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES

who through more than fifty years devoted his great talents to furthering the science of ringing and uplifting the status of the ringer. The occasion was the dedication of a national memorial, which consists of a ringers' chapel, the provision of two bells to increase the ring to twelve and the recasting of the two former trebles, as well as the tuning of the other eight.

There are in Tewkesbury Abbey fourteen chapels which, during the last fifty years or so, have gradually been refurnished until but one remained. In the lights of one of its windows is the stained-glass memorial to the Rev. C. G. Davies (father of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), Vicar of Tewkesbury, under whose fostering care the great restoration of the Abbey was begun, and who died at the age of 73 years in 1877. What more fitting, then, than that, as part of the memorial to his son, this remaining chapel should be equipped, henceforth to be known as St. Dunstan's Chapel? And how better could his association with bells, and particularly with the bells of Tewkesbury Abbey, where he learned to ring, be commemorated than by raising them to the dignity of a twelve-bell peal?

The memorial scheme was promoted by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was one of

the founders, and, so greatly is the lifelong work of Mr. Davies valued throughout the Exercise, that the suggestion to make the appeal on a national basis met with a ready response, and the Central Council and associations and guilds throughout the country contributed. The total cost has been £328, of which £75 went to the refurnishing of the chapel, and when the dedication took place on Saturday, the whole of the necessary funds had been raised.

The furnishing of the chapel has included provision of an altar—a marble slab supported on stone corbels—upon the embroidered frontal cloth of which is a design emblematic of bells, while the adornments include a cross and candlesticks.

The work in the tower, whose massive proportions are the crowning glory of a wonderful pile begun in the days of the Normans, was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. All the old bells were removed to the foundry, and a vast improvement has been effected in them by the retuning to which the back eight have been subjected, and the recasting of the trebles. With the two new bells, a very pleasant ring of twelve has been made, whose mellow tones fall in nicely modulated sound over the old town and in the ringing chamber are perfectly comfortable for the ringers.

On each of the memorial bells is the inscription:—

A.M.D.G.

IN PIAM MEMORIAM.

C. D. P. DAVIES, M.A.,

FEBRUARY 5th, 1931.

'HE BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH.'

A tablet in bronze mounted on oak is to be erected in the ringing chamber. It is worded as follows:—

To the Glory of God and in thankful remembrance of the life and work of the

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, M.A.,

Co-founder of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and its Master, 1885, 1903, 1927,

The two treble bells were added and the whole peal retuned by ringers and friends at home and overseas.

For over 50 years he devoted his Great Talent to the furtherance of the Art and Science of Change Ringing.

May 19th, 1934.

Some idea of the huge size of the tower of Tewkesbury Abbey may be gained from the fact that it would hold four rings of twelve all on one level. The bells are in one corner of the tower, nearest the stairway, and the ringing chamber has been made into a comfortable apartment by a partition which encloses a portion of the available space, although in the days when there were only eight bells there the ringers were open to the great area of the chamber and stood in insignificant occupation of a fraction of a huge and gloomy hall. The climb to the ringing room is a fairly big one, which takes the ringers up two long spiral stone staircases, connected by a 'gangway' over the vaulted ceiling of the abbey and among the roof timbers.

The dedication was arranged to coincide with the meeting of the Central Council at Warwick, and consequently the large gathering of ringers that attended the ceremony of Saturday was representative of the whole Exercise—from Yorkshire to Somerset, from South Wales to Kent, with a large contingent of Midland ringers, and, of course, a big muster of members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Before the service short touches were rung on the back eight bells, and when the service began the great nave of the Abbey was well filled with ringers and members of the public. The congregation included the Mayor of Tewkesbury, Mrs. J. Davies (widow of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), and the following members of the family: Lt.-Comdr. John D. R. Davies, R.N. (younger son), Mrs. Cole (daughter), Mr. W. Cole (grandson), Miss P. Cole and Miss M. Davies (granddaughters), Mrs. Handcock (cousin), Mrs. John Davies (daughter-in-law), Major F. W. Cole (son-in-law), etc. The first portion of the service, which began with the processional hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' consisted of evening prayer. Then the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, attended by the clergy and choir, proceeded to the chapel, where the altar and its ornaments were dedicated. Next, from the central space in the chancel beneath the tower, the dedication of the bells took place.

The president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) and the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Mr. J. Gould) handed ropes to the Bishop, with the request that he would dedicate the bells 'to the Glory of God and the memory of the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies, who devoted his life to our Art and Science of Church Bellringing.'

The Bishop, having received the ropes, offered suitable prayers and then performed the act of dedication in these words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles Douglas Percival Davies, priest and church bell-ringer.' Then, when the Bishop had committed the bells as a sacred

trust to the Vicar, the sound of the augmented peal, faintly as from a distance, fell upon the ears of the hushed congregation. A representative band of visiting ringers, selected from twelve different ringing societies, was entrusted with this task, which consisted of two minutes of well-struck rounds. The ringers were: A. Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) 1, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild) 2, C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association) 3, G. R. Pye (Central Council representative of Essex Association) 4, J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association) 5, F. Wilford (Master, Peterborough Diocesan Guild) 6, F. W. Perrens (Central Council representative of Warwickshire Guild) 7, W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) 8, S. Holt (Worcestershire Association) 9, J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild) 10, G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council) 11, R. Richardson (Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 12.

The service was resumed with the anthem 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones,' the solo being magnificently sung by Lt.-Comdr. John Davies, and after some further special prayers the hymn, 'O Heavenly Jerusalem,' preceded the sermon.

It was more than appropriate that the address should be given by Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. Davies' closest friend for more than half a century. He took for his text, Ecclesiasticus xli. 19, 'In my doings I was correct.'

It is recorded, he said, that when Calais, the last English possession in France, was taken by the French, Mary, the Queen, was so overcome that she averred that the name 'Calais' would be found, at her death, engraven on her heart. If that were true, it would be equally true to say that the hallowed name 'Tewkesbury' was engraven on the heart of him who is foremost in our thoughts to-day. He loved this stately Abbey from boyhood to old age. His thoughts were ever reverting to it all through his life. I never knew him in boyhood days, when he lived here during the incumbency of his father. It was at Oxford, near 58 years ago, when I met him first, whether in belfry or at handbell practice I cannot remember, but I thank God for that meeting in that he then began to impart his knowledge of change ringing to me, teaching so painstaking and exact that I feel I should never have been asked to speak to you to-day had it not been for the thorough grounding I received from him during four years of undergraduate life, happy years to follow all through life, even to the end—a friendship I valued more than I can say.

Having given some brief, biographical details of Mr. Davies, Canon Coleridge proceeded: I like to think first and foremost of that pure, fragrant and high-souled life; of his very real and deep devotion to the things of God. His religion was a very real thing with him; it meant everything to him: so in the practice as well as in the knowledge of the Faith 'he was exact'; careful, too, in the ordering of the services in the churches in which he led his people; reverent in all things; careful of small things if only they would add dignity to the service. I do not now dwell on his life as a faithful parish priest, continued the preacher, nor his work in the realm of astronomy as a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and president of the British Astronomical Society. Such offices are 'out of course' to-day. It is as a ringer, a leader of the Exercise, that we recall him to-day—the mathematician and scientist, the writer and speaker on all that pertains to our art. It was here in Tewkesbury that he began his ringing career as a boy, mainly with the aid of his old friend, Josiah Wathen, engineer at the waterworks. At Oxford, as Master of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, he had the happiness of bringing on several of us for a peal Grandsire Triples, he himself conducting—the first peal by the society, on June 9th, 1879. Never shall I forget his excitement as the last single came up, nor his ecstatic leap into the air as he called, 'That's all.' At Oxford, too, in the second year of his residence as scholar of Pembroke College, he, with his old friend, G. H. Phillott, three years our senior, and then in an architect's office at Cheltenham, founded the first purely diocesan association of ringers. What joy was his when he was elected as Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association—a still greater joy when he was re-elected as Master for the year of its jubilee; its anniversary festival kept at St. Mary Redcliffe, with a notable service, and much enthusiasm at the subsequent proceedings; verily, it was a great day in his life: verily has the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association good cause to be grateful to him for all he did for it.

But a larger interest among ringers claimed the exercise of his talents. The Central Council of Church Bellringers had lost its secretary, a man of outstanding personality, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. Another well fitted to cope with the onerous task had to be found. No wonder the choice fell on our good and trusty friend. For 19 years he carried on the work so effectually and so well that I one day, after a Council meeting, heard our chief, Sir Arthur Heywood, say to a few of us gathered round, 'I have nothing to do except sit in the chair; Davies does it all.' It was true. Only those behind the scenes know with what care and labour and toil he prepared the work for each meeting of the Council, to the great satisfaction of its members. No wonder they presented him with a piece of plate in token of appreciation of the wisdom and skill, cheeriness and affability with which he carried out his duties—duties well performed, for 'In my doings I was exact,' an exactness greatly appreciated by all of

us. And all through those years, as well as for years before, and even afterwards, when bodily health was declining and his office as secretary had perforce to be given up, his pen was ever busy, not merely in articles and letters in the Ringing Press but also in more solid literature, for example, his volumes on Grandsire and Stedman Triples, on Surprise Methods, and towards the end the composition of a peal of Grandsire Triples with properties never before attained by any composer. Truly his pen did much to further the art and science of change ringing. Truly 'his "works" do follow him.'

We meet to-day, continued Canon Coleridge, to render praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his life and work among us. We meet, moreover, to do honour to his memory here in the Abbey he loved so well. It is natural for us so to do; it is natural that the association which he founded should take the lead and inaugurate a scheme for commemorating him for all time; it is natural that those who honoured, revered and love him should meet here to-day to take their part in the dedication of his memorial, set up in the one place most fitting in the whole earth. Others there are, unable to be present, who are joining with us in spirit, notably at Deane, his last parish, where a memorial service is at this very hour being held, with ringing on the six bells, the treble added by our friend in memory of a deeply-loved grandson. On the day of its dedication he conducted a 720 of Bob Minor, ringing the new treble, hearing the voice of the little lad singing out clear and sweet above the rest in that country tower, set in the midst of most peaceable surroundings. Here to-day are two bells added in his memory, bearing the words, 'He being dead yet speaketh'—a voice among us clear and pure in tone, ever to remind us of him in the years to come. Here, too, is 'furnished and prepared' a ringers' chapel in which the holy sacrifice may be offered on an altar with frontal emblematical of the mystic voices of the bells. Little did he think that such a memorial would be set up here; yet I know well he would have desired nothing better. I can tell you why I can say that. Fifty years ago last December I paid him a short visit at Chaceley. One whole morning we spent in this sacred building. Then it was that I first learnt the secret of his love. Every stone almost, every bit of carving, every tomb and effigy, every window—he knew them all; he revelled in telling me the Abbey's history and all its former glories. But there was one thing which made him sad—sad beyond measure, and that was the neglected state of the chapels. Funds for their thorough restoration to their former glories were not, as I imagine, sufficient, and so far as I know chantry chapels were not, 50 years ago, deemed necessary. How different to-day. A deserted chapel becomes a ringers' memorial, a thing of beauty, a memorial after his own heart, a place where ringers may go and, remembering him and all that he did for the lasting benefit of the ringers of England, may offer an offering of praise and thanksgiving, coupled with the heartfelt, good old prayer, 'Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.'

I began with a line from the prayer of Jesus, the son of Sirach, known among his fellows as Ben Sira, 'In all my doings I was exact.' Let me end with a few of the lines which follow. I don't think they are familiar to most of those present to-day. They speak of wisdom, but I should like to use them as an apt illustration of the love our revered friend had for this sacred building. 'I have had my heart joined with her from the beginning, therefore I shall not be forsaken. My heart was troubled in seeking her, therefore have I gotten a good possession.' Here is the story of his life as regards his well-loved Tewkesbury: 'My heart joined with her from the beginning,' 'My heart was troubled in seeking her.' Yes, indeed! No longer able to minister actively as a priest in the Church of God, he longed with a longing deep and yearning that his tired body might some day rest at least within sound of the Abbey bells. He had to resign his living; he came to end his days in the near neighbourhood, and there he had his desire fully satisfied. Appointed to an office pertaining to the belfry, he indeed got 'a good possession'—a little strip of hallowed ground in the cloister garth, a possession granted to but three or four since the Reformation. There we laid him in God's gracious keeping, the ardent desire of his heart abundantly satisfied, yet not before another lasting joy has come to him, the privilege of preaching from this pulpit on a Sunday morning in commemoration of the jubilee of the Abbey restoration begun by his father and carried on by his successor, Archdeacon Robeson, whose son in turn preached at the evening service. That was indeed a joy to him, the crowning joy of his life. A long letter told me all about it, how his enfeebled frame was assisted into the pulpit by his son and the vergers, and how, seated in a chair he preached his sermon—his last—and that in the place he loved best on earth.

The sound of that voice is still, concluded Canon Coleridge, but is ever eloquent. 'He being dead yet speaketh.' The message he would give to you and to me to-day, we may well believe, would be found in the last line of the prayer of Ben Sira, as he lifted up his voice to God, the Giver of Wisdom and of all good gifts, 'Work your work betimes, and in His time He will give you your reward.'

During the singing of the hymn 'For all the saints,' a collection for the memorial fund was made, and the impressive service came to a close with the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### TUESDAY'S MEETING AT WARWICK.

The Central Council held their 42nd annual meeting at Warwick on Tuesday, the attendance numbering exactly 100—88 representative and 12 honorary members. Warwick is a centre of great interest, and many of the members and their friends had spent an enjoyable week-end, visiting such places as Stratford-on-Avon, Kenilworth and Warwick Castles, and ringing at many of the churches in the district.

The business meeting began on Tuesday morning in the Court House, where the members were welcomed by Alderman Malins (Deputy Mayor), on behalf of the Mayor of Warwick, and the Bishop of Coventry. Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) presided over the meeting. The attendance was as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Brown, J. T. Dyke and J. Hunt.  
Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. A. King and A. E. Sharman.  
Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. E. M. Atkins and E. H. Lewis.  
Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Norbury and T. Wilde.  
Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell and Messrs. T. Laver, E. W. Marsh and G. C. Woodley.  
Dudley and District Guild: Mr. F. Colclough.  
Durham and Newcastle Association: Mr. W. H. Barber.  
East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Mr. T. Clarke.  
Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Miss K. Willers.  
Essex Association: Messrs. E. J. Butler and G. R. Pye.  
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. Austin, E. Guise and W. Rose.  
Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. L. Grover and A. C. Hazleden.  
Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Clark and A. W. Davis.  
Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.  
Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff.  
Kent County Association: Messrs. T. Groombridge and F. M. Mitchell.  
Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.  
Lancashire Association: Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee and Messrs. G. R. Newton, W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson.  
Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. R. Richardson and J. Phillips.  
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. D. G. Clift and J. W. Jones.  
London County Association: Messrs. A. D. Barker and F. E. Dawe.  
Middlesex County Association: Messrs. C. T. Colcs, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier and W. Pickworth.  
Midland Counties Association: Messrs. E. Denison Taylor, E. C. Gobey, J. H. Swinfield and W. E. White.  
Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. A. L. Coleman.  
Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge and Messrs. W. Evetts, jun., R. T. Hibbert and A. E. Lock.  
Oxford Society: Mr. W. Collett.  
Oxford University Society: Mr. H. Milcs.  
Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. H. Baxter, R. G. Black, T. Tebbutt and F. Wilford.  
St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.  
Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. S. Hillier, C. H. Jennings and F. W. Romaine.  
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.  
Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. T. J. Elton and H. Knight.  
Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.  
Surrey Association: Messrs. D. Cooper and C. H. Kippin.  
Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. Gwyn Lewis.  
Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. H. R. Trehella.  
Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. F. W. Perrens and J. H. W. White.  
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Messrs. G. Williams, H. Barton and G. Pullinger.  
Worcester and Districts Association: Messrs. H. G. Bird, R. G. Knowles and J. D. Johnson.  
Yorkshire Association: Messrs. J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson and S. F. Palmer.  
Honorary members: Messrs. W. A. Cave, C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, A. Walker, S. H. Wood and E. Alex. Young.  
The Hon. Secretary reported that there had been no change in the membership of the Council since the last meeting, and the subscription of the Shropshire Association was the only one unpaid.

**A NEW HONORARY MEMBER.**  
The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. S. H. Wood were re-elected hon. members of the Council, and on the recommendation of the Standing Committee a vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, of Ealing, who, later, was appointed a member of the Methods Committee for the purpose of assisting in the work of preparing a 'Collection of Surprise Major Methods.'

Members who had not previously attended a meeting of the Council were presented to the president, and the following apologies for absence were received: Archdeacon Parry (Lincoln Guild), Canon C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire Association), Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (An-

cient Society of College Youths), J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle Association), T. Metcalfe and J. C. Pollard (Cleveland and North Yorks Association), W. J. Nevard (Essex Association), F. W. Rogers (Winchester and Portsmouth), J. Griffin (hon. member), F. N. Golden (Norwich Diocesan Guild), G. H. Cross (St. Clement's Youths), G. Chester (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), T. E. Sone (Kent County Association), C. W. Roberts (hon. member), A. Coppock (Sherwood Youths), C. E. Borrett (Norwich Diocesan Guild), J. H. Cheesman (Kent County Association), T. H. Taffender (London County Association), W. J. Davidson (Durham and Newcastle Association), A. H. Pulling (Guildford Diocesan Guild), E. Bishop (Gloucester and Bristol), C. Matthews (Royal Cumberland Youths), and Rev. J. B. Frith (North Staffs and District).

It was reported that one member (Mr. J. D. Matthews) and two former members (the Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen.) had died during the year, and the Council marked their regret by standing in silence.

After the minutes had been disposed of, the Hon. Librarian presented his report, which showed that the year had been one of great activity. The publication of 'Hints' provoked a large demand. Nearly 3,000 sales, the report said, must surely be a record for one year, but a vast quantity of books remained in stock and seemed to be wanted at a very slow rate. The sales had realised £35 12s. 10d., and a balance of £24 0s. 10d. had been handed over to the general fund.

### GIFTS TO THE COUNCIL'S LIBRARY.

The Librarian added that Mrs. Jenkyn (widow of the late hon. librarian) had presented to the Library the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's copies of 'The Ringing World' up to 1932, and Mr. Fletcher had kindly given the volume for 1933. A copy of a county bell history had been acquired, and the Standing Committee thought it desirable that other similar histories should be obtained as opportunity offered.

The Standing Committee recommended that the hon. librarian be given power to renew stocks of publications that were in demand, and that a sum of £5 be available in any one year for the purchase of books for the library; also that the officers may at their discretion reduce the price of surplus stocks.

The Librarian's report was adopted and the recommendation of the Standing Committee agreed to.

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £64 11s. 9d., against £67 12s. 2d. last year, and investments of the present value of £143 14s. 7d. The accounts were adopted, and Messrs. A. A. Hughes and C. T. Coles elected auditors under the new rules until the end of the Council's term of office.

The trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine (Messrs. E. A. Young and A. A. Hughes) reported that it was in a satisfactory condition, and the Council gladly accepted an offer by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse (of Sedbergh), made through the Rev. Canon Elsee, to exhibit and operate his ringing machine at the next meeting of the Council.

The Standing Committee, in their report, stated that the MS. of the 'Collection of Triples' had been received from the Methods Committee, and that they had ordered 750 copies to be printed. They recommended that Mr. E. Denison Taylor should be elected to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the death of Mr. J. D. Matthews.

Mr. G. Lindoff presented the report of the Peals Committee, which proposed the publication of a small collection of peals of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Lincolnshire, and, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, it was resolved that the articles on 'Variation' by Mr. J. A. Trollope, published in 'The Ringing World' in 1930 and 1931, should be the basis of a pamphlet to be issued on this subject.

The Methods Committee's report, which has already appeared in 'The Ringing World,' came up for consideration, and the committee withdrew the references in it which appeared to commit the Council in future publications to the printing of peal compositions without the names of the composers. With this amendment the report was adopted.

The report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which has also appeared in these columns, was adopted.

The Towers and Belfries Committee report dealt with the dangers of Ellacombe chiming hammers if not properly attended to, and the Council decided to send a letter on the subject to all Archdeacons and secretaries of Diocesan Advisory Committees.—The President made an interesting statement on the effects of lengthening clapper fights; the frictional differences between plain and ball bearings on bells, and the action of some church authorities who, on the ground of 'danger' to towers, permit ringing only at intervals.

The Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee presented a lengthy report dealing with the Press and bellringing and upon ringing broadcasts, which was adopted.

The committee business was completed before lunch, and in the afternoon there were animated discussions on the motions of which notice had been given.

Mr. J. A. Trollope proposed 'That no decision of the Council relating to the ringing of peals shall be binding unless passed by a two-third majority of the meeting.'—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher seconded.

An amendment was accepted altering the last words to 'two-third majority of the members present.'

Opposition was forthcoming on the ground that what applied to peals should apply to all resolutions of the Council, and also that such a provision was likely to be a bar to progress.

An amendment to apply the motion to all resolutions of the Council was defeated, and, on being put after further discussion, the motion itself was rejected by a considerable majority.

#### 'BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT' ACCEPTED AS A PEAL.

The chief interest in the day's business centred in a motion relating to the 'Minor Controversy.' Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed 'That, notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, peals in any recognised Minor method or methods containing compositions in what is known as the "Bankes James Arrangement" are, in the opinion of this Council, permissible.'

Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded, and a rider was added, at the suggestion of the Standing Committee, defining as the Bankes James Arrangement the compositions of Minor in the Appendix of the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' with the exception of those known as the 'Law James London.'

Mr. W. Avre, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. S. H. Wood, Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. R. Richardson spoke in favour of the motion, and Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. A. E. Sharman, Mr. T. Clarke, Mr. C. Mee and Mr. W. A. Cave against.

On being put it was adopted by a large majority, the President declaring that it was 'carried by a two-thirds majority.'

A motion proposed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, seconded by Mr. J. Parker, was agreed to, nem. con., in the following terms: 'That this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren.'

The Council accepted the Standing Committee's recommendation that the next meeting should be held at Shrewsbury.

On the suggestion of Mr. F. E. Dawe, a small committee was appointed to confer with the Editor on the best method of increasing the sale of 'The Ringing World.'

The President proposed that in view of the forthcoming centenary celebration in Melbourne the greetings of the Council be sent to the ringers of Australia, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith outlined a scheme, which the Council approved, to send a suitable collection of photographs of notable cathedrals and churches to the ringers at Melbourne and Hobart, Tasmania.

An omnibus vote of thanks to all who had organised the proceedings and helped to make them so enjoyable, particularly to Mr. Frank Perrens, who had been indefatigable in arranging and supervising the social programme, was accorded by acclamation.

A vote of thanks to the president terminated the meeting.

Afterwards the members and their friends were entertained to tea by the Warwickshire Guild, when the president of the Guild and the Mayor of Warwick expressed pleasure at the visit of the Council to Warwick.

Mr. E. H. Lewis replied and thanked the Warwickshire Guild for their hospitality and for the arrangements made for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors. To this Mr. Perrens replied.

Ringling on the fine bells at St. Mary's Church was followed by a social at the Woolpack Hotel (which had been the headquarters during the visit), and in the course of the evening much interest and entertainment was got from Mr. R. Richardson's exhibition of his 'movies,' in which many well-known ringers figured.

#### DEVON GUILD.

##### ORIGINAL TITLE TO BE RETAINED.

The 60th annual general meeting of the Devon Guild was held at St. Marychurch, Torquay, on Whit Monday, and, the weather being fine, drew an attendance of 222 members from 30 towers in union with the Guild.

The Vicars of St. Marychurch, Babbacombe, Upton and Torre had kindly granted the use of their bells for ringing, and these were made good use of throughout the day.

Service in the Parish Church of St. Marychurch was conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild) and Rev. R. A. H. Bate, with an address by the Archdeacon of Totnes. The Archdeacon aptly pointed out how the good qualities of a bell in being in tune with itself as well as the other bells in the ring should be imitated by members in their upright conduct and harmony with their brethren.

Luncheon was served in the Parish Hall, followed by the meeting, with the president in the chair.

The Rev. E. V. Cox was re-elected president, and the general secretary, treasurer, auditor and vice-presidents, with three additions, all re-elected. Ilfracombe was selected by vote as the place for the annual meeting in 1935.

The revised 'Code of Rules,' as circulated among members, was adopted, and it was resolved to retain the original title of the society as the 'Guild of Devonshire Ringers.'

The report and financial statement as published, showing a balance in hand of £45, was adopted. The President mentioned that he had recently made an enjoyable visit to a meeting of the Tamar Valley Guild, and he hoped that a message of fellowship would promote a real friendly spirit between all engaged in the work of the Church.

#### A LEICESTERSHIRE RESTORATION. MEMORIAL TO FORMER VICAR.

At evensong, on Sunday, May 20th, the dedication took place at Rothley Parish Church, Leicestershire, of the Rev. L. H. Pearson memorial bell and five bells restored, by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Leicester, D.D.

After the third collect, Mrs. Pearson (who attended the service with her two daughters) accompanied the Bishop and Vicar to the tower for the dedication ceremony.

The Vicar, addressing the Bishop and handing him the ropes, asked him to dedicate the bells, 'one being in memory of Lewis Henry Pearson.'

The brass plate recording the memorial bell was then unveiled by Mrs. Pearson.

After the dedication the opening rounds were then rung by the local Sunday service band, while the Bishop and Vicar returned to their seats.

After the prayers, the hymn, 'Lifted safe within the tower' was sung, and the service proceeded. After the service the bells rang out again and were kept going till nine o'clock.

The old five bells have been retuned and rehung with the most up-to-date fittings, the ball bearings being totally enclosed, the carriages being fixed to strong bed-plates securely bolted to the old wood frame. The tone of the bells was very much admired by all who remembered them before the tuning. The new bell is in perfect accord with the old five, making an excellent ring of six, their 'go' being splendid.

Lewis Henry Pearson, in whose memory the new bell was dedicated, was Vicar of Rothley 1916-1926. Being a ringer himself, he did much for the Rothley band, and was greatly respected by them. His two daughters were also ringers.

The restoration work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in their customary efficient manner.

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#### National Memorial to Rev. C. D. P. Davies—Continued from page 330.

Immediately afterwards the bells were heard again, rung this time by twelve officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, consisting of J. Gould (Master), S. Romans (Master elect) and A. Maggs (vice-presidents), P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), A. Wright (hon. peals secretary), E. Bishop, J. Austin and W. Rose (Central Council representatives), F. G. Leaker and J. H. Shepherd (bell advisers), W. H. Fussell and J. Williams (branch officers).

In the adjoining Parish Hall a large party sat down to tea as the guests of Mrs. Davies, who unfortunately was unable to be present, as she has not yet fully recovered from her recent serious operation. She was, however, represented by her son and daughter, and among those present were the Vicar of Tewkesbury (Rev. E. P. Gough), Canon Coleridge, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. Gould, Mr. E. Guise (hon. sec. of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mr. H. Miles (representing Oxford University Society), and Mr. E. Denison Taylor (representing the bell founders).

Afterwards the Vicar thanked Mrs. Davies for her hospitality and the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the ringers of England for having provided for the Abbey so excellent a memorial.

Lt.-Comdr. Davies, on behalf of his mother, welcomed the ringers, and in expressing delight at the presence of the Vicar said it was a great happiness to his father to know, before he died, that the Abbey was in the safe keeping of the Rev. E. P. Gough. They were all delighted also to have Canon Coleridge with them. In a few jocular remarks Lt.-Comdr. Davies said in his childhood's days Canon Coleridge was known to him as 'Uncle Fred,' and he was taught to regard him as the final limit of human stature. He, however, always hoped that one day he would grow sufficiently tall to be able to look down on the top of uncle's head (laughter). But Nature ordained otherwise, and having grown to complete manhood he was only able to look into his ear (laughter). Comdr. Davies welcomed Mr. Lewis, the president of the Council, and congratulated Mr. Taylor on the excellent work which his firm had carried out. The speaker added that his mother and he had the privilege of seeing the new bells cast, and he felt that for many years to come they would ring out, and, as they had been reminded in the sermon, would say of his father, 'He being dead yet speaketh' (applause).

The bells were available to ringers throughout the evening, and various bands rang touches of Stedman Cinques, while others used them in rounds and queens.

There were many apologies for absence. Mrs. Laura Snowden and Miss Snowden, of Cartmel, Lancs., in expressing sorrow that they could not be present, added that 'the memory of a very gracious and dear friend will be in their minds as they rejoice with you in so befitting a memorial at Tewkesbury.'

A letter was also received on behalf of Mr. R. K. Knight, of Leytonstone, who, having been practically bedridden for the past eleven years, was quite unable to accept the invitation. His daughter wrote: 'He personally knew the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and was acquainted with many of the founders of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Although he is now in his 80th year, he takes the keenest interest in bellringers and bellringing. He sends his kind regards and warm thanks, and wishes every success to the gathering; his thoughts will be very much with you all.'

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on May 29th, St. Magnus on the 31st. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Mary's, Merton (5), also available after tea.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch will take place at Ramsbury on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringing friends welcome, but please send a card to A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea five o'clock. Bells (5) just rehung.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Egham, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, if possible. Tea and meeting after.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cott., Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham Parish Church on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A combined meeting of the Western and Eastern Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 26th, when we hope for a good attendance. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson and F. Robson, Secs.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton and Bedford Districts.—A combined meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—Frank C. Tysoe, Bromham, Bedford, and A. E. Sharman, Dunstable, Dis. Secs.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marnhull on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Hellins) at 5. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify early.—J. Ralph, Kingston Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at moderate charge at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer, Windsor (six bells) on Saturday, May 26th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch will hold their next quarterly meeting at West Lydford on Saturday, May 26th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stow Bardolph, Norfolk, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Great Chishill on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 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 Abbots Leigh on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Frequent bus service from Prince Street.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The meeting advertised to be held at North Perrott to-morrow (Saturday, May 26th) has had to be cancelled owing to the serious illness of the local ringers' captain.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., Martock.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, May 26th. Service 4.15. Tea at the Church House, Bull Ring, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.). Bells (8) available 2.15 to 4.10 and 7.45 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Pontesbury, Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—Rousham bells (6) recently rehung by T. Bond, of Burford will be dedicated by the Right Rev.

Bishop E. D. Shaw, D.D., on Trinity Sunday, May 27th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Bells available during the evening. If requiring tea, please notify in good time.—E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Joint practice at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Thursday, May 31st. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, and tea at the Red Lion afterwards. Please let me have numbers for tea as early as possible.—A. H. Smith, Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at High Ongar on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly entertaining the members to tea, and it is essential that all those intending to be present must notify me by Wednesday, May 30th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, June 2nd. All Saints', Hastings, open for ringing 2 p.m. and after meeting; Christ Church, St. Leonards, 6.30 till 8 p.m. Special service at All Saints' 4.30. Meat tea, Corner House Restaurant, Fishmarket, 5.15, followed by meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (members 1s. 3d.). Half rail to resident members (maximum 2s. 6d.). Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, May 29th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cavendish on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting at the George Hotel.—Harold G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., Sudbury and Clare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, June 2nd. 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 29th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, in Parish Room, at 5 p.m. Shepperton bells (5) available between 4.15 and 5.15. A pleasant outing for your family!—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at The Oaks-in-Charnwood Church on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 2nd. For tea please notify Mr. T. Kitson, Church Street, Ecclesfield. Cup contest at Clowne July 21st.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. George in the Borough, Southwark ('Little Dorrit's' Church) on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me, Marjorie L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent?

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, June 2nd. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea, at the Vicarage, by kind invitation. Please let me know if you are coming. Stockbridge and Longstock bells open to the members.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on June 2nd. Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Tea provided by the Rector (Rev. W. E. Mills). All ringers heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. P. P. Morris, Sycamore Lane, Barlborough, Chesterfield, by May 30th. All ringers welcome.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.15 p.m.—E. Swain.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Newton, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea may be had at the café close to the church at a nominal charge. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, June 2nd. Usual arrangement for service and tea. Chirton and Marden bells also available during the evening.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided, for which a small charge will be made.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

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**KING'S BIRTHDAY.**—The Oxford Society extends a hearty invitation to all desirous of an opportunity for a day's ringing in Oxford on Sunday, June 3rd. Ringing as follows:—Carfax (6) 8 a.m., Christ Church (12) 9 a.m., New College (10) 1 p.m., Magdalen (10) 2 p.m., Merton (8) 3 p.m., St. Mary's (6) 4 p.m.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Pinner, June 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.40 at 1s. Please advise me by June 6th. Frequent trains from Baker Street. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d. — R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley (not Bagshot) on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at The Lindens. Notifications for tea by June 6th.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea, 1s. each, at the Dog Inn at 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. C. Magraw, the next by-meeting will be held at Ash, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Please let me know of your intention to be present by Thursday, June 7th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will take place at Walsden on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is the first meeting of the branch at the above tower and a good attendance is expected. Tea will be served in the school at 1s. per head to all who send the names to Mr. H. Davenport, Spring View, Walsden, not later than Wednesday, June 6th. — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint fellowship gathering of the four Dorset Branches will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8), also Bere Regis, Hilton and Puddletown, available from 2.30 p.m. Special service at 4 p.m., preacher the Lord Bishop of Salisbury. Tea to follow in the Mansion House, chair to be taken by the President of the Guild, Lord Shaftesbury. Parties will be shown over the Mansion House, St. Catherine's Chapel, gardens and grounds. Those travelling by motor-cars must obtain printed slip to display on the vehicle; pedestrians and cyclists must obtain a card of admission. Entrance by South Lodge. Application for cards and slips must be made early to Mr. C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth. —F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Reopening North Forest Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newent, Glos, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc. Please notify by June 2nd how many will attend from your tower so that I can make arrangements for tea, which is by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. C. J. K. Burnett.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**MOULTON, NORTHAMPTON.**—Dedication of the two Carey bells, June 9th, 3 p.m. (Carey Centenary), by Rev. J. White, Rural Dean. Great united service in churchyard, address by Carey's great-grandson. Tea 4.45 (1s.). Handbells. Tickets, Moulton Vicarage. Apply early. Bells available. A musical ring of 8.

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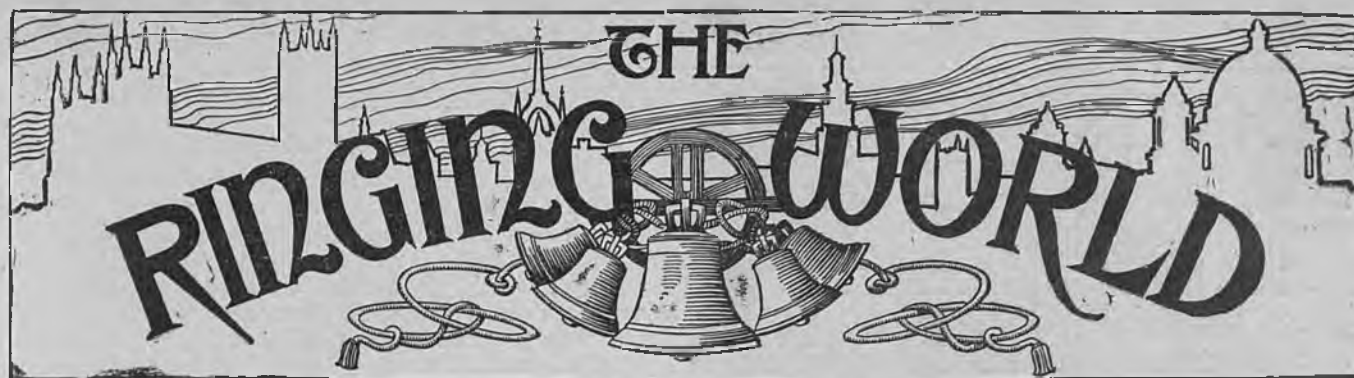
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## A RECORD COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council meeting at Warwick last week revealed the continued interest which members take in the proceedings, and produced the best attendance recorded at a provincial meeting. Never before, outside London, had the number present touched three figures. Throughout a fairly long session interest was retained, fostered probably by the great variety of matters which came up for consideration. The first effects of the new rules also showed themselves in the saving of time over the committees' reports. Hitherto most of these have had to be read to the meeting, but the operation of the new code resulted in the members having printed or typed copies in their hands before the meeting began. The benefits, as the president pointed out, are twofold. Much time is saved and the members get a far greater grip of the matters dealt with.

Even a brief review of all the points of interest in the meeting is impossible in this one article, and we shall have opportunity of referring to some of them later, but if there are any who still doubt the use of the Central Council—the number must be extremely few in these days—we would direct their attention to the librarian's report alone. The number of publications sold during the year was nearly 3,000, and, but for the Council, it is safe to say little or none of this material, valuable to ringers from so many different aspects, but all directed to fostering the art, encouraging the study of it, and giving guidance on the care and use of church bells, would have been available. No individual, however interested, would undertake the risk of publishing these varied works, or, if they would, do it at the bare cost of printing. It is only through an official body like the Council that such work can be carried on, and the help of the best brains in the Exercise secured. And what does it cost the associations? In fees, from five shillings to a pound a year, according to the size of their membership. What more they spend in defraying the expenses of their representatives is for themselves to decide, but the work of the Council is done on the affiliation fees alone.

Moreover, this side of the Council's work is not standing still. Three new publications were authorised at Warwick. A 'Collection of Triples Methods' on the lines of those relating to Doubles and Minor, and Plain Major and Caters, is to appear at once. A collection of peal compositions in a number of methods—a companion which every conductor and would-be conductor will be glad to have—and a pamphlet dealing with the somewhat vexed question of peal variation are to be prepared and printed. These are some of the very practical outcomes

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of the Council's work. It is work which calls for a great expenditure of thought and time, given ungrudgingly by members who labour without recompense for the love of the art, but it is work which can only be brought within the reach of ringers through the agency of the Central Council. Except to the most prejudiced, this alone justifies the existence of the Council, but the days when it is necessary to justify the Council are rapidly passing. The Warwick meeting, at which forty-one associations and guilds were represented, is the best answer to what few scoffers remain.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

RIPON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS PETER AND WILFRID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. 2	*GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 3	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 8
HAROLD MARCON ... .. 4	†FRED HODGSON ... .. 9
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... .. 5	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS  
\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Surprise in the city of Ripon and first of Royal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

JAMES HEMMING... .. Treble	FRANK SADLER... .. 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... .. 2	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 7
*RALPH HARRIS... .. 3	J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... .. 5	†WILFRED NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on 10 bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble	J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... .. 9
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5800 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
*THOMAS G. HORRIDGE ... .. 2	*EDWARD C. BIRKETT ... .. 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... .. 3	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 8
HARRY GRACE ... .. 4	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 9
JOHN BROWN... .. 5	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.  
\* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. W. Gilmour, and also to his daughter, Miss Jessie Gilmour, who attained the age of 21 years.

LAVERNHAM.—On Thursday, May 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: J. A. Turner 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, A. Symonds 3, J. Hall (Preston) (first quarter-peal on tower bells) 4, W. Jarvis 5, D. A. Symonds 6, L. Offord 7, M. T. Symonds 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... ..Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 6
*THOMAS CHINERY ... .. 2	THOS. H. CHAPPELL ... .. 7
STANLEY G. MOSS ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 8
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 9
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 5	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... ..Tenor

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

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

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

On Thursday, May 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 34½ cwt.

GEORGE OAKES ... ..Treble	*REGINALD PAYNE ... .. 6
*TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2	*ALBERT COAD ... .. 7
JOHN W. J. COITAM ... .. 3	ALBERT NASH ... .. 8
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 4	ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 9
*JOHN COAD ... .. 5	T. COLIN RYDER... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by A. NASH.

\* First peal of Royal and first attempt. Rung for Empire Day. First peal of Little Bob Royal on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 4th. All are regular service ringers at Rotherham Parish Church.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... ..Treble	SYDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 6
C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 2	*ROGER W. DANIELS... .. 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 8
ALBERT WALKER... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 9
CHARLES WEBB ... .. 5	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... ..Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM FYE. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to C. Howard Stanley.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER ... ..Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 6
JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 4	WILLIAM FYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM FYE

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

STEPHEN PARRY ... ..Treble	*JAMES A. MILNE ... .. 5
CHRIS GUDGEON ... .. 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 6
WILFRED MOSS ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 4	WILFRED STEVENSON ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 9). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. Rung as a second birthday compliment to Master John Stevenson, son of the ringer of the tenor.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MISS ANNIE POTTER ... ..Treble	MATTHEW BERRY... .. 5
JOHN DENNER ... .. 2	ALFRED POTTER, JUN. ... .. 6
ALFRED POTTER, SEN. ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
JAMES DENNER ... .. 4	ROBERT DENNER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Burton, one of the local ringers and secretary of the Walkden branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who was recently made a Serving Brother of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, the honour being conferred upon him by the Sub-Prior, the Earl of Scarborough, at St. John's Gate, London, on the previous day. All the band are service ringers at the above church.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... ..Treble	FRANK L. FISHER... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER... .. 6
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST... .. 7
ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT ... ..Treble	EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

HERNEHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY PARKES ... ..Treble	*FREDERICK G. BRETT ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
*H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal in the method.

GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... .. 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 6
GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. 7
P.C. ARTHUR PASBLEY ... .. 4	BERNARD GILLATT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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## CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
At Christ Church Cathedral,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 30 cwt.

H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK CULLUM ... .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

## ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* REGINALD A. ALEY ... .. Treble	JOSEPH A. TALBOT ... .. 5
GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... .. 2	CHARLES TOWE ... .. 6
* HARRY ALEY ... .. 3	† ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. 7
ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. 4	* JOHN W. LOWE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BARTRAM.

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

## HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6432 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 3	THOMAS E. LEE ... .. 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by AMBERN WILSON. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

This 18-course composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 and is now rung for the first time.

## ASH (SANDWICH), KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 22½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
HARRY PARKES ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY  
Believed to be the first Surprise peal on the bells.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Bob Triples by the remainder of the band, and 'rung without previous practice.'

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, May 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARCILLUS J. DIGBY... .. Treble	* JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
* FRANK E. WALKER ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

## RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

* CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... .. Treble	BORLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... .. 2	* WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... .. 6
B. JACK STUBBS ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
FRANK KIRK ... .. 4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal of Stedman. Also rung in honour of Empire Day.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 2	HARRY A. HOVERD ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 7
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5
* DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

## CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
JAMES TOPP... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

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**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*  
**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

**A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES MASON ... .. Treble	MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 5
GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 2	HAROLD KENT ... .. 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal in the method by all, also on the bells, and by the association.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.**  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ROBERT W. E. DAWE ... 2	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 6
*JOHN CREESE ... .. 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 7
GEORGE WIGGINS ... .. 4	GEORGE P. ELPHICK ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary.

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 5
FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 2	THOMAS STORER ... .. 6
*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 3	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 7
TOM CLARKE ... .. 4	WILLIAM STIRLAND ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON.

Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen. Also as a birthday compliment to John, son of ringer of 6th, and also to the ringer of the 3rd, whose birthdays fall on this day. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Storer for their hospitality after the peal. This peal was rung after an attempt for 6,096, which came to grief owing to treble rope breaking.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**MORETON, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, May 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD ROCHESTER ... Treble	LEWIS CORDELL ... .. 4
WILLIAM MORRIS ... .. 2	ISAAC CAVILL ... .. 5
STANLEY CLARK ... .. 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

First peal on the bells.

**DANBURY, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*HENRY W. SHADRACK ... Treble	†WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 4
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BURYON ... 5
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 3	†Dr. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor, and has now completed Cambridge from Minor to Maximus inclusive. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to G. Green.

**LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... Treble	*†ALBERT E. ROWE ... .. 4
*FREDERICK R. BODMIN ... 2	*ALFRED E. EVEREST ... 5
LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal 'inside.'

**WEST DEEPIING, LINS.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

In the following 17 methods: (1) Norfolk, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge, (2) Wearmouth, Lightfoot, (3) Stamford, Rosendale, (4) Beverley, Surfleet, (5) London, Wells, (6) York, Durham, (7) Carlisle. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... Treble	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4
CHARLES WOODS ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 17 methods for the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. First peal in 17 methods as conductor and on the bells.

**HARTPURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

*On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS ... Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 4
*HARRY BARNETT ... .. 2	*PERCY NEWLAND ... .. 5
TOM WORRALL ... .. 3	HARRY WORRALL ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal 'inside' and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

**WALLINGTON, HERTS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

*LAURIE WILTON ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... .. 4
†STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... 2	PERCY TOMPKINS ... .. 5
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 3	WILLIAM G. BYGRAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First 'inside.'

**RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, May 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 4
*STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 2	*WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 3	*JACK STUBBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK STUBBS.

\* First peal in five methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

**CHARING, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

*On Wednesday, May 23, 1934, in Three Hours,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's, 5-6 the right way. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal of Surprise and first attempt. Ringers of 2nd and 4th belong to the local band.

**FOUR PEALS IN A DAY.**

ANSTEY, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob. College Single, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*STANLEY CARTER ... .. Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 4
ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY CARTER... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 4
ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

ARDLEY, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	STANLEY CARTER ... .. 4
ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 2	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 5
SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. TACK.

WALKERN, HERTS.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

STANLEY CARTER... .. Treble	BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 4
ROBERT HOWARD... .. 2	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	SIDNEY CARTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, May 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT, EDGELEY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 1-2	PETER LAFIN ... .. 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 3-4	A. ERNEST JONES ... .. 7-8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

FEERING, ESSEX.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,*

AT ADSUM COTTAGE, RYE LANE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;**

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... .. 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 3-4	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7-8

Composed by JAMES WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****NEW MASTER APPOINTED.****Mr. C. H. Howard Retires After 25 Years in Office.**

The 55th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, and was largely attended by ringers from all parts of the diocese. The meeting had added interest by reason of the resignation of the former Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, who had held the post for 25 years. Mr. Howard was prevented by illness from being present, but a letter was read from him. By a vote Mr. E. P. Duffield, of Colchester, Master of the North-Eastern Division, was elected to succeed Mr. Howard as Master of the association.

Service was held at the Cathedral in the morning. Canon Morrow, the Provost, officiated, and read the lesson. The ringers' form of service was used, the hymns sung being 'The sacred bells of England' and 'Ring out, wild bells.' The address was given by Canon I. L. Seymour, Vicar of All Saints', Maldon, who spoke from the words, 'Here am I, send me.' He said it afforded him a real pleasure to accept the invitation of the Provost to take part in the service in the Cathedral, and he felt it an honour to be associated with the 55th annual meeting of the Essex ringers. For over half a century the association had rendered service, and no doubt some present had taken part in its inception. The preacher deeply regretted the absence of Mr. Howard. As a prominent layman in the diocese, the name of Mr. Howard would never be forgotten by Essex ringers, who had a great affection for him and the greatest confidence in his abilities as master of the craft. Peal ringing was a consecrated hobby; ringers were looked upon as engaged in Church work, in partnership in God's service. Team work and co-operation were essentially features of bellringing.

Luncheon was served at the Golden Fleece Hotel, there being a crowded attendance, and the annual business meeting followed. Mr. F. J. Pittsow, hon. secretary and treasurer to the association, reported that Mr. Howard was unavoidably absent, due to illness, and he proposed that the Provost of the Cathedral should preside till a new Master was appointed. This was carried.

Canon Morrow, in taking the chair, said he was very sorry for the circumstances which caused him to preside. He deeply regretted the absence of Mr. Howard, and referred to the great work Mr. Howard had done as Master of the Association. His influence in the Church had far-reaching effect throughout the diocese and county.

**THE REPORT.**

Mr. Pittsow presented the report for last year as follows: It is with the greatest regret I have to inform you that through a nervous breakdown the Master of the association (Mr. C. H. Howard) is unable to present the 55th annual report. For a great number of years Mr. Howard has sacrificed holidays, pleasure and even business for public service, taking the keenest interest in all his undertakings, and especially with regard to this association. His genial disposition, tact and pleasing personality in the belfry and at any gathering of ringers has undoubtedly been the means of promoting the welfare of the association, and in extending to him our grateful thanks we hope and trust that he may have a speedy recovery. That excellent motto, 'Proderse, Quim Conspica' (It is far better to be of service than merely to be seen) can be truly attributed to him.

The past year has again been successful, the membership being 1,188, a slight decrease on the previous year, accounted for by several names being struck out through non-payment of subscriptions. The towers in union with the association now number 110.

After referring to the meetings held during the year, the report added that the high standard of ringing by members of the association was well maintained, and exceeded all previous records. One hundred and thirty-one peals were rung, of which 116 were on tower bells, in the following methods: Cambridge Maximus and Cambridge Royal 1 each, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters 1 each, London Surprise Major 5, Spliced Major in four Surprise methods 1, Cambridge 21, Bristol 4, Superlative 12, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 15, Oxford 4, Bob Major 7, Stedman Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 4, Minor methods 26 and Doubles 3.

Miss Elsie Pettitt had the honour of being the first lady to take part in a peal of Bristol Surprise Major in the county, and for the association, and Miss Hilda Snowden rang two Surprise Major methods in one day. The conducting was shared by thirty-five members, Mr. W. Keeble again heading the list with fifty-five. During the year they had lost by death Mr. J. Wag-horn, sen., the oldest active ringer in the county, and for a great number of years a member of the association; also Mr. E. Scrivener, of Dunmow, an old and very loyal member.

In the belfry improvements, the peal of six at Dagenham was recast and rehung on ball bearings; and the peal at High Ongar was augmented to six and rehung in up-to-date fittings. A treble has been added to the peal at Danbury.

The financial statement was not quite so favourable as the one presented for the previous year. The total income was £62 15s. 8d., against £69 15s. 7d., the decrease being to a great extent due to the reductions in offertories for the Bell Restoration Fund £3 15s. 8d., compared with £6 11s. 7d. Expenses were £54 2s. 4d., as against £50 7s. 11d., the difference being accounted for by the additional cost of

advertisements and extra necessary printing costs. Only one grant of £5 5s. was made from the Bell Restoration Fund to Wanstead. Such fund now amounts to £42 15s. 8d. The general fund, after meeting all liabilities, showed a credit balance of £27 15s. 5d. The total assets as shown in the statement of accounts amount to: Reserve fund £240 18s. 10d. and general account £27 15s. 5d., making a total of £268 14s. 3d., which is most satisfactory.

The report concluded by expressing indebtedness to the district Masters and secretaries for the keen interest they had taken during the past year, and extending thanks to the auditors, general committee and representatives on the Central Council and the tower correspondents.

#### REFERENDUM IN ABEYANCE.

Mr. L. Wiffen inquired what had happened with the referendum which was to have been taken of the members on the proposal to alter the name of the Essex Association of Change Ringers to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

Mr. Pitstow replied that with the Master so ill it was decided to allow that matter to remain in abeyance for the present time.

Mr. E. P. Duffield moved an amendment of Rule IV. of the association in order to allow Mr. Howard to be elected a vice-president of the association, and also to include the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. He said the desire was to show appreciation of Mr. Howard's work as Master for 25 years and the splendid way he discharged the duties of that office.—Mr. E. J. Butler seconded, and the amendment was unanimously agreed to.

The Provost, in returning thanks, said the effect of his election was to link the Cathedral of Chelmsford with the ringers of Essex.

#### THE MASTERSHIP.

Mr. Pitstow read a letter from Mr. Howard stating that he very much appreciated the suggestion that he should continue as Master, with a deputy to carry on the duties, but he felt it would not be in the interests of the association to accept the honour. Although he was making progress, it was very slow, and it would be some time before he could resume normal habits. He thanked the members for the loyal support accorded him during the 25 years he had been Master. He would continue to take a keen interest in the association, and hoped to be able to attend some of the meetings.

Mr. G. Dent proposed, and Mr. G. Faulkner seconded, that Mr. E. P. Duffield be Master of the association.—Mr. G. Green proposed, and Mr. W. Keeble seconded, that Dr. Spencer Phillips be Master.—The vote was taken by a show of hands, and Mr. Duffield was elected by a majority.—The new Master then took the chair.

Mr. Alfred Pye said the members appreciated Dr. Spencer Phillips' action in standing for the Mastership, and they recognised his work for the association.

#### TALK OF 'CLEAVAGE' DEPRECATED.

The new Master said he realised the difficulty in following Mr. Howard and the tradition he had established. He appreciated the confidence shown by his election. He would not take any active part in the proposed referendum on the question whether the name of the association be changed to Chelmsford Diocesan Guild of Ringers, or whether it remain as at present. He had heard rumours that the question of changing the name was going to mean the breaking up of the association. It was distressing even to visualise such a state of affairs. To some the proposed change of name seemed vital, but to him it was not quite so vital. He asked those who thought it would possibly mean a cleavage in the association to consider if it would not be poor sport if they could not accept the decision of a majority in this matter. He hoped to hear no talk about leaving the association because members could not agree on the matter of the change of name. The committee did not want such a momentous decision to be taken at a time when Mr. Howard was compelled to withdraw his services from the association. The question would come up again when the decision was announced, and he hoped to hear no more of the talk he had alluded to (hear, hear).

The officers were then re-elected, including the Bishop of Chelmsford, president; Mr. F. J. Pitstow, hon. secretary and treasurer; Dr. Spencer Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, W. Lincoln, F. Dench, G. Green, the Master, secretary, District Masters, secretaries and auditors, general committee: Messrs. G. L. Joyce, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble, F. Dench, Peal Committee; Messrs. C. H. Howard, G. R. Pye, W. J. Nevard and E. J. Butler, representatives on Central Council; Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Faulkner, auditors.

The Master was elected trustee in succession to the late Mr. T. Faulkner. Mr. Stanley Hill (Feering) was elected a ringing member of the association.

Mr. Butler asked that conductors of peals in the various towers would see that full names and initials of ringers taking part in peals should be inserted in the reports sent to 'The Ringing World,' as those were the official reports for the association.

Mr. Caleb Fenn said of fourteen handbell peals last year only one had two umpires. Would it be possible to have umpires at all such peals?

The Master said the rules did not lay down anything definite about umpires. This would open a very wide field of discussion.

The Master proposed, and Mr. Dent seconded, thanks to those who took part in the service at the Cathedral, and all the incumbents of the various parishes for the use of bells.

During the day there was ringing on the bells at the Cathedral (12), Whittle, Widford, Galleywood, Boreham, Great Baddow, Great Waltham (all eight), Broomfield and Springfield (six).

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Whit Monday six members of the Herts Association rang four peals of Minor in the day. In the twenty-eight 720's eleven methods were included, and there were four conductors.

On Easter Monday, 1913, a similar feat was accomplished by members of the Kent County Association, but in that case all the peals were conducted by Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins (now of St. Ebbe's, Oxford).

Four peals in different Surprise Major methods were rung by the Middlesex Association on Easter Monday, 1914, at Egham and Chertsey, Surrey; Staines, Middlesex; and Old Windsor, Berks. They were all conducted by Mr. William Pyc.

After the peal at King's Norton, rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Howard Stanley, the band and other friends were kindly entertained to tea at the Bull's Head Hotel. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the musical items included 'The Diver,' by Mr. Harry Withers and company.

The band at Kelvedon, Essex, after the peal on Whit Monday, enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott; while the company who rang the peal at Danbury on the previous Saturday were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Shadrack.

Major J. H. B. Hesse, of Haslemere, met with an accident in London on Wednesday week, after returning from the Central Council meetings. He was knocked down by a bus, and received an injury to his leg which is confining him to his room.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

### NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT WIMBLEDON.

A very pleasant meeting of the North-Western District was held at Wimbledon on Saturday, May 26th, about 30 ringers attending from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Chelsea, Feltham, Hampstead, Holborn, Kingsbury, Leatherhead, Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul and Christ Church), Merton, Putney, Reigate and Wimbledon. Ringing took place on the light ring of eight bells, and various methods were rung during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. H. Phelps), assisted by the curate (Rev. D. G. Smith). The Vicar gave a very inspiring address, in the course of which he warmly welcomed the association to Wimbledon, saying what a pleasure it always was to him whenever he heard the bells ringing.

Tea was served in the Welcome Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. D. G. Smith presided. Three new ringing members were elected.

The meeting heartily congratulated Master Arthur Jones ('Tich'), of St. Peter's, Croydon, on the successful achievement of the 'Youngsters' peal at Crayford on April 21st, he being one of the youngest members of the band.

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service; to the curate for assisting and presiding at meeting; to the organist; and to Mr. Taylor, the local secretary, for making the arrangements.

Wimbledon tower was again open for ringing after tea for a short period. The five bells at St. Mary's, Merton, were also available until 9 p.m., and some of the expert and experienced ringers found a little difficulty in ringing Double on this light ring of five, especially at the end.

Will members please make a note that the next meeting is to be held jointly with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Rammore Common, Dorking, on Saturday, July 28th.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The May meeting of the society was held at St. Oswald's Church, Guiseley. This is an ideal place for a summer meeting. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president being chairman. One new member was elected—Master Eddie Marsden, of Batley. Eddie is only 13 years old, the youngest member of the society, and shapes very well.

There was some discussion with regard to the place of the June meeting, and members are requested to watch the notice columns of this paper for the details of the next meeting.

Guiseley is at present without a Rector, and so the usual vote of thanks was proposed to the curate-in-charge, the churchwardens and to the local company by Mr. A. Armitage, and seconded by Mr. E. Hudson.—Mr. C. Walsh replied on behalf of the local ringers.

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Calverley, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Holbeck, Idle, Ossett, Pudsey, Ripon, Rothwell, Shipley, Bradford Cathedral, Dowsbury and Guiseley.

When the tower would not accommodate all the visitors, Mr. C. Walsh, one of the local ringers and a member of the Parochial Council of St. Oswald's, escorted a number of visitors round the Rectory gardens.

## MEMORIAL WINDOW DEDICATED

A stirring service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, on Saturday afternoon, when Lt.-General Sir Charles Macpherson Dobell, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., unveiled and the Bishop of Bangor dedicated the 17th Batt. Royal Welch Fusiliers' memorial window. Touches of Grandioso Triples and Bob Major were rung before and after service by: Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Wolstencroft, Miss D. Brown, and Messrs. S. Brown, A. E. Pegler, sen., A. E. Pegler, jun., A. Fairlie, R. Fairlie, A. Hodgson, Hingley, A. Midwinter and W. W. Wolstencroft.

## THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

### THE CHAPEL AND THE BELLS.

This photograph shows the furnishing of St. Dunstan's Chapel, Tewkesbury Abbey, which is part of the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. The tablet on the right is that which is to be fixed in the belfry. The stained-glass window is the memorial to Mr. Davies' father (Rev. C. G. Davies), a former Vicar of Tewkesbury.



[Photo: Willmott, Bristol.]

### THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

Copies of this and other photographs taken at the Tewkesbury gathering can be obtained from Mr. E. Guise, 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2, price 6d. each, plus 1½d. each supply for postage.

### HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

BY E. DENISON TAYLOR.

There must have been bells hanging in this Norman tower possibly from the period of its erection, but of these ancient ones—that is, before 1696—all trace is lost, unless indeed the Abbey registers contain records there ament.

However, in 1696, the protagonist of the long and honourable line of Rudhalls, the first Abraham Rudhall, cast the ring of eight for the Abbey, of which eight only three survive to-day, and whether or no into his eight bells the good Abraham recast any ancient ones I cannot say, for I fear 1696 was a period when people were not archaeologically minded, and simply they could not deem it of any interest to carry forward a record of ancient things previously existing. I don't think that it was any sense of disrespect, but they did not realise that the old 'stuff' could be of any concern to anyone.

Anyway I should say that when Abraham Rudhall cast and hung the peal here in 1696 that would probably be the inception of change ringing in Tewkesbury. As a matter of history that year was about

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## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### MARLBOROUGH BRANCH MISSIONARY MEETING.

With the object of endeavouring to persuade the local band of ringers to join the Guild, a well attended meeting of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Ramsbury on Saturday, May 26th. The towers represented included Marlborough St. Mary's, Chiseldon, Aldbourne, Ramsbury, Ogbourne St. George and Chilton Foliat, while visitors were present from Devizes and Newbury. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Hackett, and tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, about thirty sitting down.

The Vicar welcomed the ringers to his parish, and expressed the hope that they would pay another visit in the near future.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, chairman of the Devizes Branch, spoke of the friendly spirit which existed among all bands of ringers, and urged the Ramsbury men to join the Guild.

After tea the Devizes ringers rang touches of Triples and several tunes on their handbells, for which they were heartily applauded. Methods rung on the tower bells during the afternoon and evening included Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, with rounds and call changes for the less experienced members of the party.

## MINOR RINGERS ON COUNCIL.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry Mr. Pulling thinks that I am giving a wrong impression to other Guilds, but I have, on more than one occasion in my life, found it impossible to give 'wrong impressions' to other folk when they have been equally aware of the facts of the case as myself, and I take it, Sir, that the 'other guilds' are all fully aware as to whether they have, or not, a Minor ringer as one of their representatives on the Central Council. Under such circumstances I fail to see how any 'wrong impression' can be given. As to 'not playing the game,' I must ask Mr. Pulling to apply that accusation to himself. People who read only his statement as to what I said will certainly be given a 'wrong impression.' I certainly did not say 'that no one from a six-bell tower is good enough for the Central Council.' Such a statement is altogether against my opinion. When we write to the Press we must be prepared for criticism, of course, but I ask Mr. Pulling to criticise what I did say, and not what I did not say.

Certainly I know that my own Guild has a six-bell man as one of its representatives. My contention is that Minor ringers are inadequately represented on the Central Council, and quoting isolated cases will not disprove that statement.

Cranleigh.

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

## THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Whitechurch, Canonicham, Dorset, on Saturday, May 26th, after an attempt for a peal had failed owing to a shift course, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original): C. H. Lathey 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 3, E. P. Bailey 4, C. W. H. Powell 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, F. Price 7, W. G. Sartin 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

On Saturday, May 26th, for the birthday of Queen Mary, at Stanton Drew, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung after a peal had been lost. It was the first quarter-peal on the bells: Cæsar Davis 1, Jeffrey Tossell 2, Ernest Tossell 3, Leonard Derrick 4, F. Cecil Mogford (conductor) 5.

**TEWKESBURY ABBEY BELLS**—continued from previous column. midway through the reign of William of Orange, otherwise William III., and shortly after the demise of his wife, Mary. You will recall that during her life they reigned as equal sovereigns, William and Mary.

But very soon trouble must have arisen in the belfry, otherwise why should the 7th of the eight, now the 11th of twelve, bear the date 1717—that was in the reign of George I.? Something must have gone wrong, and only 21 years after the installation of the peal; and again eight years later, in 1725, the 2nd of the eight, now the 6th of the twelve, was recast—in both instances by the original founder, the first Abraham Rudhall.

In 1743 the treble of the eight, now the 5th of the twelve, appears to have succumbed and, the good Abraham having passed away, this was recast by Abel Rudhall. This would be in the reign of George II., and the year is of interest as it is the date of the battle of Dettingen, wherein George II. showed great bravery and sagacity, and it was the last battle in which a King of England took a personal share.

There was no further calamity in the belfry for nearly a century, not until 1837, the year of the accession of good Queen Victoria, and then the 5th and tenor of eight were recast, the former suffering again as recently as 1914.

Your last issue gives details of the work done in the additions to and the restoration of the peal, in commemoration of one of the most esteemed members of the Exercise, and it is to be hoped that this work will carry his honoured name down through centuries to come.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. CIVIC AND ECCLESIASTICAL WELCOME.

The Business Meeting at Warwick.

In our last issue we gave a summary of the proceedings of the Central Council at Warwick on Whitsun Tuesday. To-day we begin the more detailed report of the business meeting, held in the Court House, and which, with an interval for lunch, lasted from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Eighty-eight elected representatives were present from 41 out of 51 affiliated societies, and 12 out of 14 honorary members also attended.

When the Council assembled, Alderman Malins, Deputy Mayor, with whom was Alderman W. T. Collier, expressed regret at the absence of the Mayor of Warwick, who was detained by another engagement. On his behalf and on behalf of the inhabitants of Warwick, Alderman Malins extended a warm welcome to the Council. He hoped when they had finished the conference they would find much in Warwick that would still interest them, and that when they left they would carry away pleasant memories.

The Lord Bishop of Coventry offered the Council a similar welcome on behalf of the Church in the diocese of Coventry, in which they were met. Originally in the diocese of Lichfield, which was one of the oldest and largest dioceses in England, stretching from North Lancashire down to Oxford, with three centres—Coventry, Lichfield and Chester—Warwickshire, only a hundred years ago was placed in the diocese of Worcester, but in 1918 the diocese of Coventry was founded, so like the hymn book the diocese was both ancient and modern, and it was one of the happiest, most united and best dioceses in England (applause). Continuing, the Bishop said he did not know much about bells and the mysterious personalities of bellringers, but he was lent a little book of 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' and he confessed that his brain was going round in circles after glancing through it. In that part of the country they knew something about what hunting meant, and even what coursing meant, and possibly some people knew a little about 'doubles' (laughter) and even surprises, but when those things were transferred to the church tower and became mixed up with leads, peals and Triples, some of them, he confessed, felt they had 'bats in the belfry' (laughter). The Bishop went on to say that they had some interesting old bells in their Warwickshire churches, two at least of the 13th century at Hasemere and Oldberrow, and added that, although he knew little about bells, his heart always went up when he heard a good peal rung.

### BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

Bellringers, said the Bishop, had the high vocation of linking the parson and church-going folk with the great multitudes of those who did not go to church—the world and the Church met in the oddest way in the church towers. It was true some people complained, and some even cursed and swore, when they heard church bells rung, but there were many whose thoughts were turned to higher things when they heard the sounds of the church bells. He welcomed the ringers to that diocese; he hoped their ministry would long flourish, and that there would never be wanting a due supply of those younger men to take their place. He hoped they would enjoy their stay in Warwick, and that their discussions would give them both pleasure and profit (applause).

The President thanked Alderman Malins and the Lord Bishop for their welcome and the civic authorities for placing that beautiful room at their disposal. The art of ringing went far back into history, and they liked to retain old traditions and to meet, if possible, in an old building with historic associations, which seemed to be a fitting setting for their gatherings. They regretted that the Mayor was not able to be with them, but they would not like to feel that if he had been present they would have missed the presence of Alderman Malins. The members of the Council very much appreciated the old town of Warwick. Many of them had already seen a good deal of the town and district, and found it a most enjoyable place; they had also been ringing on some of the historic bells in the district. Mr. Lewis added that they very much appreciated having the Lord Bishop to welcome them, because it was one of their main ideals to emphasise the official position of ringers in the Church, and they very much appreciated it when high authorities of the Church recognised that fact and came to welcome them. The Bishop had referred to the fact that some people were sometimes driven to cursing and swearing when they heard the sound of church bells. That was one of the problems with which the Council had been trying to deal, because they believed that most of that inappropriate language (laughter) was caused when the bells were not properly rung. There were very few of the public—a very small minority—who could not listen to bells with a certain amount of pleasure, provided the bells were rung properly, but ringers themselves could quite understand the objection some people had to bells when they were jangled. That was one of the ideals the Council set before themselves, and would have to do so more in the future. In these days of nerves, when the public could not stand noise, they had to set before them the ideal of having the bells rung in perfect rhythm and what ringers called 'good striking.' If they did that they

would have accomplished a good deal to remove one of the great causes of annoyance to the public (applause).

At the request of the president, the Bishop then offered prayer, and he and the Deputy Mayor, with Alderman Collier, afterwards withdrew.

### BUSINESS BEGINS.

The business opened with a report by the hon. secretary on the constitution of the Council. There was, he said, no alteration in the membership of the Council, which was composed of 51 associations, represented by 128 members. The honorary members numbered 14, making a total of 142. The only subscription unpaid was that of the Shropshire Association.

The President said three honorary members retired this year, viz., Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. S. H. Wood. There was one vacancy, left by resolution of the Council last year. The Standing Committee recommended that the three retiring honorary members should be re-elected, and they also recommended that Mr. E. C. S. Turner be elected to the vacant place, kept for an emergency.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell proposed, and Mr. W. A. Cave seconded, the adoption of the Standing Committee's recommendation.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked for information about Mr. Turner, who was unknown to many of the Council.

The President said Mr. Turner was a member of the Middlesex Association and lived in Middlesex. His election was recommended by the Standing Committee in order that his services might be available on the Methods Committee. That committee would shortly be engaged on the preparation of a 'Collection of Surprise Major Methods,' and this was work which Mr. Turner was capable of doing.

The elections were agreed to nem. con.

The President next expressed regret that during the past year the Council had lost one member and two old members by death. The member was Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, who had been a member of the Council since 1912, and had been present at six meetings. He was, said the President, what one might call one of the 'silent' members, but he (the President) did not consider that because a man was silent at a meeting he was not doing good work for the Council in other ways. They were very sorry to hear of Mr. Matthews' death. The Council was represented at the funeral, and a letter was written by the hon. secretary to the relatives and a wreath was sent on behalf of the Council. They had also lost an old member in the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who represented the Chester Guild from 1911 to 1926, and was an honorary member from 1927 to 1929. During that time he was present at 14 meetings and only missed three. He was on the Analysis Committee, and was secretary of his own Guild from 1907 to 1926 and treasurer from 1908 to 1932. Mr. Beeston was also somewhat of a silent member, as far as speeches were concerned, but he did an extraordinary amount of work for the Exercise and the Council in his own quiet way. He (the president) knew him very well for eight years, while he was residing in Cheshire, and appreciated his friendship very much indeed. He was a delightful man in his quiet way. Before being ordained he had been in business and had a great capacity for figures, and his setting out of methods and his work in compiling the analysis and all his secretarial work was a model of what such things should be. He was so impressed by what Mr. Beeston did that he was partly responsible for getting him kept on the Council. In the old days the Chester Guild sent two members to the Council, and the various branches took it in turn to elect them, so that the Council representatives could never be more than semi-permanent. He (the president) got that changed by getting the Chester Guild to send three members, one of which should be the secretary, which meant that the Council was able to retain Mr. Beeston's services on the Council. In addition to serving on the Analysis Committee, Mr. Beeston was one of the first members of the Records Committee, on which he did a lot of work in compiling the old records. Unfortunately they did not know of his death until a little time afterwards, so no action was taken at the time, but he thought the Council would like to authorise the secretary to write a letter to the widow. They had also lost Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., who was a representative of the Royal Cumberland Youths from 1897 to 1908, and was present at 12 meetings, which was the highest possible. Mr. Waghorn was a very old ringer and one of the oldest members of his society. There again they did not know of his death in time to take official action, and they would, he was sure, like to send a letter to the relatives. The Council regretted the loss of these three gentlemen who had done so much for the Council in the past, and he asked the members to stand in the usual way.

The Council stood in silence for a few moments.

### THE 'STEDMAN' BELLS.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, which, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed, with the addition of the name of Mr. F. W. Rogers to the list of new members presented to the president, Mr. E. M. Atkins asked what action was taken on the resolution expressing the hope that the Stedman bells (at St. Bene't's, Cambridge) 'would be rung regularly to the glory of God by a local band of ringers.'

The Hon. Secretary said the matter was referred to the Ely Diocesan Association, as in the event of any restriction being placed on the ringing of the bells by the Church authorities, the matter could

be more conveniently dealt with by the local association than by the Council.

The Rev. E. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, who is hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, said attention was drawn to the resolution at the annual meeting on Easter Monday. The meeting duly considered it and left it lying on the table.

Coming to the business of dealing with the committee's reports, the President reminded the members that under the new rules all reports of committees had to be sent in fourteen days before the meeting. Some of them had been, and had consequently been circulated to the members. Others which had come in since had been circulated that day. The whole idea was to save the time of the meeting, and secondly, which was more important, that by having them in the hands of the members beforehand they might come forward with, perhaps, more constructive criticism than was possible if they had only just heard the reports read a moment before.

#### THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

The following report was presented by the hon. librarian:—

'This has been a year of great activity in the library. Firstly, about 11 cwt. of books had to find a new home; then, secondly, the publication of "Hints" awoke a large demand. Nearly 3,000 sales must surely be a record for one year. A vast quantity of books remain in stock, and seems to be wanted at a very slow rate. Various smaller publications, such as "The Law of Church Bells," will probably want reprinting during the coming year. The Method Sheets of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples became exhausted and had to be reprinted. I would suggest a smaller size of sheet which might be carried conveniently in a ringer's pocket, costing one penny.

'The most interesting series of letters were from an officer in the Indian Navy asking for help so that the bells at Colaba might be chimed in proper changes. Sales during 1933-34 included: Glossary 24 (left in stock 968), Rules and Decisions 8 (30), Collection of Peals No. 1 9 (199), ditto No. 2 7 (404), ditto No. 3 2 (601), Plain Major and Caters 8 (135), Doubles and Minor 44 (102), Corrigenda Leaflets 1, Model Rules for a Local Company 28 (92), Report of Conference, S.P.A.B. 3 (245), Card of Instructions 26 (374), On the Preservation of Bells (limp) 7 (97), ditto (stiff) 10 (29), The Law of Church Bells 39 (54), Method Sheets, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, 55 (475), ditto, Cambridge Surprise, 19 (140), ditto, Double Norwich and Cambridge Court, 26 (24), ditto, Bristol, 41 (126), Bell Towers and Hanging 2, (1), Hints for Instructors 2,562 (1,438). The total sales were 2,921, amounting to £35 12s. 10d., with 5,524 copies of publications, valued at £185 4s. 4d., left in stock.'

After deducting expenses and cost of advertising a balance of £24 0s. 10d. was available for the general fund.

#### WORKS FOR THE LIBRARY.

In moving the adoption of the report the Hon. Librarian said when he took over the publications they could imagine his consternation when he had 11 cwt. of literature dumped upon him. They had been able to reduce it considerably, but he hoped it would be possible to reduce it still more considerably. He omitted, in writing the report to mention that Mrs. Jenkyn had kindly presented to the Council's library copies of 'The Ringing World' up to 1932. They were deeply indebted to her for these copies. Mr. Fletcher had kindly given a copy for last year. They had acquired by purchase a copy of the County Bell History of Lincolnshire, and at the meeting of the Standing Committee on the previous evening they were offered copies of other county histories. He commended to anyone who had spare copies of any of the county volumes on bells that it was very desirable that the Central Council should possess such copies, so that information might be accessible to any who desired to ascertain the history of the bells of any particular tower. If there were any members of the Council who were also members of the Diocesan Advisory Committees they would know how valuable it was to be able to lay hands beforehand on information about the age of bells in order to know whether it was desirable or not to have them recast. Therefore the more county histories the Council could accumulate the better; the more by gift the better still. There was to be a recommendation put before them that they should be empowered to buy, where possible, County histories.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended that the hon. librarian should be given power to renew stocks of books in common demand, and that the sum of £5 be available in any one year for the purchase of books for the library; also that the officers might, at their discretion, reduce the price of surplus stocks. One or two of their publications were getting rather low, and the librarian would like to have their authority to reprint them as considered necessary. There were certain large stocks of old publications, and they would also like the Council's authority to open a 'bargain basement' (laughter).

Mr. E. W. Marsh said £5 would not go very far in the purchase of county histories.

The President: We must limit the amount; our funds are not inexhaustible.

The recommendations of the Standing Committee were agreed to and the librarian's report was adopted.

#### COUNCIL'S FINANCES

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer presented the statement of the Council's accounts. The receipts were made up as follows: Balance,

Whitsun, 1933, £67 12s. 2d.; subscriptions, arrears 1932-33, £1, 1933-34, £31 10s.; hon. members, £2 2s. 6d.; interest, £5; sale of publications, £24 0s. 10d.; total, £131 5s. 6d. Expenses: Publications, £23 15s.; Library, purchase of 'Church Bells of Lincolnshire,' 16s. 9d.; memorials voted at last meeting, Sir A. P. Heywood £10 10s., Rev. H. Law James £5 5s., Mr. Edwin Barnett £3 3s., Mr. Henry W. Wilde £3 5s., carriage, packing and insurance of library and publications £6 10s. 9d., advertising £1 18s. 6d.; stationery and printing, £6 8s.; other items, £5 3s. 8d.; balance, £34 11s. 9d. The Council's investments consist of £71 3/4 per cent. Conversion Stock and £63 0s. 9d. Consolidated Stock. The Treasurer stated that the income was short this year of the subscriptions of the Shropshire Association and the St. Clement Youths. The St. Clement Youths' subscription was paid on May 19th, but the Shropshire Association subscription was not paid.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, one of the auditors, proposed the adoption of the accounts, and congratulated the secretary upon the clear way in which they were set out, which made the audit an easy matter (applause).

Mr. J. H. Swinfield seconded, and the accounts were adopted.

The President said under the new rules the Council had, at each triennial meeting, to appoint two auditors, but as they had not come to their first London meeting under the new rules they had got to appoint auditors for the remaining period. The Standing Committee recommended that Messrs. A. A. Hughes and C. T. Coles be elected auditors to serve until the next London meeting.

The recommendation was agreed to.

#### RINGING MACHINES.

Mr. E. A. Young presented the report of the trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine, now in the Science Museum, South Kensington. It was demonstrated on April 28th, and found to be in working order. Mr. Young said he was quite satisfied with the way the machine worked. It worked quite as well as in the previous year, and rang a plain course of Grandsire Cinques. A few weeks later a visit was paid by employees of the Instrument Makers Company. They were men highly acquainted with mechanical and electrical mechanism, and made some shrewd comments with regard to the machine. He (Mr. Young) was very satisfied with the way in which the machine was being looked after, and he congratulated the Council on the fact that the machine had been placed in the safe custody of the Museum.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. Young's co-trustee, seconded the report, which was adopted, and the demonstrator's fee ordered to be paid.

Canon Elsee mentioned that there was another ringing machine already in working order, and now being put into an improved form. It was a machine invented by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedburgh, Yorks. Some members of the Council, he believed, had seen it. Mr. Woodhouse was an ex-schoolmaster, who, with more leisure, was devoting himself to working in science. He had been for many years a keen ringer, and had invented this ringing machine, which had already rung 104 methods of Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major. If the Council would care to see it, Mr. Woodhouse would be ready to attend at the next Council meeting and bring the machine with him and give a demonstration (applause). He (Canon Elsee) believed that Mr. Woodhouse's machine was somewhat simpler in construction than the Carter machine, but the best proof would be if the members saw it for themselves. He was sure it would give the members much pleasure and interest.

The Rev. E. H. Tyrwhitt Drake said the machine not only rang the methods but printed a diagram at the same time.

The President moved that the Council accept Mr. Woodhouse's kind offer to exhibit the machine at the next meeting. He added that he did not know why Mr. Woodhouse had not been a member of the Council. He was a most capable man.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards: He has never been free at Whitsuntide.

The President's motion was agreed to, and the members inspected with interest a photograph of the machine and diagrams which it had produced, which were passed round by Canon Elsee.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE

It was reported that the Standing Committee, at their meetings on Monday evening and Tuesday morning, had considered the agenda and various recommendations had been or would be placed before the Council. The 'Collection of Triples Methods' had been received from the Methods Committee, and 750 copies had been ordered to be printed. With regard to the vacancy on the Standing Committee, caused by the death of Mr. J. D. Matthews, the committee recommended that Mr. E. Denison Taylor be asked to fill the vacancy.

The President moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed to, and Mr. Taylor, in expressing thanks for his election to the committee, said he would do all in his power to help the Central Council in its work.

(To be continued.)

#### A CORRECTION.

Through an error, Mr. C. Moe was stated in the summary of the meeting in our last issue to have opposed the recognition of the Bankes James Arrangement of peals of Minor. Actually he supported it on behalf of Suffolk ringers. Mr. W. A. Cave, also, did not oppose the motion.

**DEATH OF MR. F. W. H. SERGISON.****SECRETARY OF ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.**

We announce with regret the death of Mr. Francis William Henry Sergison, secretary of St. Clement's Youths, London. He passed away at the age of 48 on May 23rd, after eight months' painful illness. The deceased was closely associated with the historic parish of St. Clement Danes, Strand, and, though it was only in later years that he had become one of its church bellringers, he had fulfilled many important parochial offices with ability since 1904. At the time of his death he was its representative on the Deanery of Westminster Committee of Finance. He was also a manager of St. Clement Danes' Parish Schools and secretary of St. Clement Danes' Social and Benevolent Society.

Some 12 years ago Mr. Sergison took up ringing, and helped to form the local St. Clement's Youths. He also became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the London County Association and of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, with which he rang his first peal at Southampton in 1925.

The funeral took place at Wembley on Friday last, the service being at St. Clement's, and taken, in the absence abroad of the Rector (Rev. W. Pennington Bickford), by the Rev. W. Kingston, M.A., who gave a brief address.

Mr. Cotter (churchwarden) read the lesson, and Mr. Bulmer (organist) and a full choir were present. The hymns were 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' 'Oh! when thy life is flushed with tender light,' and, as a Requiem, 'He giveth His beloved sleep' (written by Mrs. L. Pennington-Bickford). At the close of the service Chopin's 'Funeral March' was played. There were present, beside the mourners, a number of deceased's colleagues from the Railway Clearing House and many fellow-workers in the parish. Amongst ringers present were Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Young, W. Roughton and G. R. Fardon.

The service concluded with Chopin's Funeral March, and, as the body was carried from the church, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by the following: E. G. Fenn 1, Miss D. Bryant 2, T. Benney 3, R. W. Green 4, C. F. Winney 5, J. F. Hawkins 6, A. B. Peck 7, H. R. Passmore 8, H. Langdon 9, W. Prime 10, the bells being half-muffled.

Thus in farewell, and rising clear above the roar of London's traffic, came the sad music of the bells he had loved so well.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Trinity Sunday, for morning service, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. F. Swann 1, J. H. Wilde (first quarter-peal) 2, H. E. Parker 3, W. H. Hall 4, W. H. Fung 5, W. G. Anker 6, B. G. Leedham (conductor) 7, F. R. Trinder 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—At All Saints', on May 23rd, on the opening of the new Church Hall by the Bishop of Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: Miss Olive Ashbrook (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Gutteridge 2, W. Coles 3, Miss Doris Lidbetter (first quarter-peal of Caters) 4, J. Pratt (conductor) 5, W. Gutteridge 6, W. Darvill 7, F. Corke 8, F. Goodfellow 9, C. Hunt 10. —On Sunday, May 27th, for special service and church parade of the Hounslow District Girl Guides, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): Miss Olive Ashbrook 1, Mrs. Phillis Humphrey 2, \*J. E. Churchill 3, Miss Frances Humphrey 4, W. Ellingham 5, E. C. Turner (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. Folkhard 8, J. H. Trollope 9, \*H. Brooks 10. \* First quarter on 10 bells.

**LATE NOTICE.**

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION & NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—June meetings: St. Clement Danes, Strand, June 3rd, Sunday morning service ringing 10 a.m.; June 11th and 25th, practices at 7.30 p.m. Also on Tuesday, June 26th, members are invited to a combined practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, at 8 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 67, Canonbie Rd., S.E.23.



The late Mr. F. W. H. Sergison.

**NOTICES.**

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, and tea at the Red Lion afterwards. Please let me have numbers for tea as early as possible.—A. H. Smith, Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at High Ongar on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The Rector is kindly entertaining the members to tea.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, June 2nd. All Saints', Hastings, open for ringing 2 p.m. and after meeting; Christ Church, St. Leonards, 6.30 till 8 p.m. Special service at All Saints' 4.30. Meat tea, Corner House Restaurant, Fishmarket, 5.15, followed by meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (members 1s. 3d.). Half rail to resident members (maximum 2s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Cavendish on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) and meeting at the George Hotel.—Harold G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., Sudbury and Clare.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, in Parish Room, at 5 p.m. Shepperton bells (5) available between 3.15 and 4.15. A pleasant outing for your family!—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at The Oaks-in-Charnwood Church on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 2nd. For tea please notify Mr. T. Kitson, Church Street, Ecclesfield. Cup contest at Clowne July 21st.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. George in the Borough, Southwark ('Little Dorrit's' Church) on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me, Marjorie L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent?

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, June 2nd. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea, at the Vicarage, by kind invitation. Please let me know if you are coming. Stockbridge and Longstock bells open to the members.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on June 2nd. Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Tea provided by the Rector (Rev. W. E. Mills). All ringers heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.15 p.m.—E. Swain.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Newton, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea may be had at the café close to the church at a nominal charge. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided, for which a small charge will be made.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Ickleton, June 2nd. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Spratton (five bells) to-morrow, Saturday, June 2nd. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 6.15 p.m.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Hurst on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 5th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, St. Andrew's on the 21st, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—

Next meeting at Pinner, June 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.40 at 1s. Please advise me by June 6th. Frequent trains from Baker Street. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley (not Bagshot) on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at The Lindens. Notifications for tea by June 6th.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea, 1s. each, at the Dog Inn at 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. C. Magraw, the next by-meeting will be held at Ash, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Please let me know of your intention to be present by Thursday, June 7th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will take place at Walsden on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is the first meeting of the branch at the above tower and a good attendance is expected. Tea will be served in the school at 1s. per head to all who send the names to Mr. H. Davenport, Spring View, Walsden, not later than Wednesday, June 6th.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint fellowship gathering of the four Dorset Branches will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8), also Bere Regis, Hilton and Puddletown, available from 2.30 p.m. Special service at 4 p.m., preacher the Lord Bishop of Salisbury. Tea to follow in the Mansion House, chair to be taken by the President of the Guild, Lord Shaftesbury. Parties will be shown over the Mansion House, St. Catherine's Chapel, gardens and grounds. Those travelling by motor-cars must obtain printed slip to display on the vehicle; pedestrians and cyclists must obtain a card of admission. Entrance by South Lodge. Application for cards and slips must be made early to Mr. C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrecfha on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. (Twelve minutes' walk from Ponthir Railway Station.)—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altrern View, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next meeting for ringing only will be held at Heversham and Beetham on June 9th. Bells will be available as follows: Heversham (6) at 2.30 and Beetham (6) at 3.30.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Reopening North Forest Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newent, Glos., on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc. Please notify by June 2nd how many will attend from your tower so that I can make arrangements for tea, which is by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. C. J. K. Burnett.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**MOULTON, NORTHAMPTON.**—Dedication of the two Carey bells, June 9th, 3 p.m. (Carey Centenary), by Rev. J. White, Rural Dean. Great united service in churchyard, address by Carey's great-grandson. Tea 4.45 (1s.). Handbells. Tickets, Moulton Vicarage. Apply early. Bells available. A musical ring of 8.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elland on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Apply, Mr. W. Ainley, 2, Whitwell Green Lane, Dewsbury Road, Elland, not later than June 6th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

**WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.**—Ring of six, tenor 8½ cwt. Rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Re-dedication by the Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea available.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors make their own arrangements for tea. Shield contest will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tower closed for practice after June 16th. Entrance fee (6s. per band) and subscriptions to prize fund be sent by Wednesday, July 4th, to A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from three o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at Battle Axes Hotel. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 6th?—Nailsea bells available during the evening.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 9d. each. For tea notify Mr. R. Guy, Lunt Lane, Sefton Blundesands, by June 6th. Special method, Double Court. Bus, Spellow Lane to Sefton Church, 2.30 p.m. and hourly. Well worth a visit.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—West Tyne District.—A meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcome and a good muster is desired.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Long Crendon on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All those requiring tea, please notify Rev. D. R. A. Williams, The Vicarage, Long Crendon, by Wednesday, June 6th.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington, Oxford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Hillesden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send numbers for tea by June 6th. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15, with an address by the Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Parry. Tea 5 p.m. at a moderate charge. Please notify the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, The Rectory, Bigby, Barnetby, by the Wednesday previous. Business meeting to follow tea. All welcome.—H. S. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.**—Restoration of the bells by Mears and Stainbank. A thanksgiving service will be held in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 9th, when all ringers will be welcome. Ringing after the service. Please notify me by June 6th if requiring tea, 1s. each.—R. W. Atkins, Ashridge, Glade Road, Marlow.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting at Wilburton, near Ely, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Royal Oak 5 p.m. A very good bus service all ways. All ringers welcomed, including 'Katie's.' If possible please notify by postcard.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—(Northern District).—On Saturday, June 9th, a meeting will be held at Knebworth. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service followed by tea at 5 p.m. at the Lytton Arms. Learners will be welcomed. Make this a real 'jubilee' meeting. Numbers for tea to me by previous Wednesday, please.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Baslow on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, June 9th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. Cottrill, 38, Congleton Road, Biddulph, not later than June 6th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Owing to inability to secure Newton Tower, the June meeting is postponed until June 23rd. This will be run in conjunction with the Lancashire Association Committee meeting, and will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church. Further details later.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in Church 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea (1s. 6d. per head) please advise Mr. Anderson, Black Bull Inn, Escrick, by Thursday, June 14th?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby, Yorkshire.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area, viz., the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, and the Sheffield and District Societies, will be held by kind invitation at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the open if fine, at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. C. F. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, by Wednesday, the 13th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 11th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 13th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. per head, arranged for all who notify Mr. J. Hague, The Smithy, Tarleton, not later than Thursday, June 14th. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 12th certain. All ringers welcome.—William E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Belbroughton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, June 12th?—W. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs, on Saturday, July 14th. Further particulars later.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynham Road, Trowbridge.

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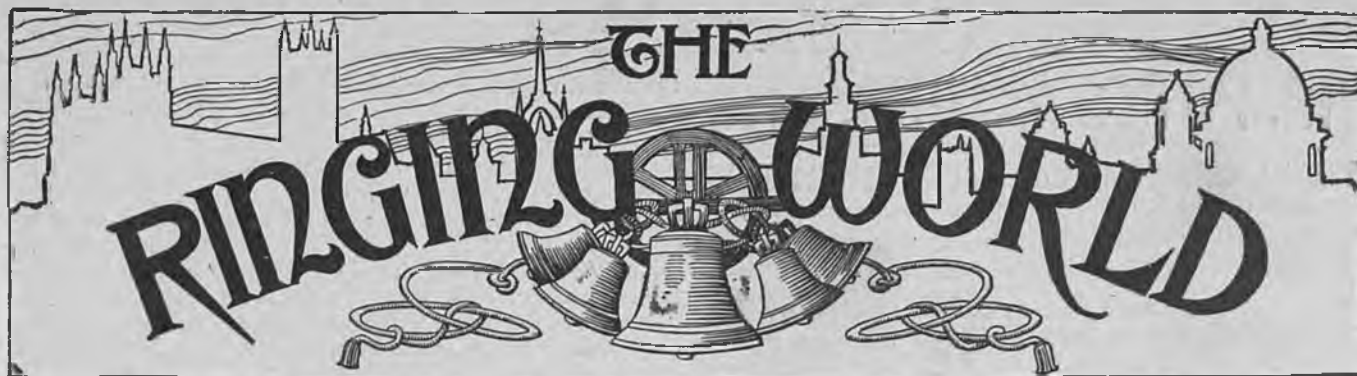
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The resignation of the Mastership of the Essex Association by Mr. C. H. Howard brings to a close a term of office, extending over no less than twenty-five years, filled with an activity in the cause of ringing which few men have equalled. The break is all the more deplored, because it is ill-health that has led Mr. Howard to take the step which he has felt compelled to take. The members would have preferred that he should retain office and that the duties should be discharged by a deputy, but Mr. Howard's sense of duty would not let him remain merely as a figurehead. Indeed, this has been his attitude throughout the long time—and twenty-five years is a good slice out of a man's life—he has been Master. Mr. Howard has been no figurehead. He has thrown himself into the work of the association with an energy and enthusiasm that has been an inspiration to others. To his efforts, largely, has been due the great growth of the association during the last quarter of a century, and particularly the extensive restoration of the church bells of the county, in which he has been intensely interested and in which his activity has been productive of great results.

Apart from his great work for ringing, Mr. Howard is one who, having realised his responsibilities as a Churchman and a citizen, has, in addition to carrying on an important business, devoted much of his time to public work, as Churchwarden, Urban District Councillor (he filled the onerous office of chairman for many years) and Magistrate, as well as in numerous other directions. He has served his Church and his town, as he has served the cause of ringing, with no niggardly hand. He has always thrown himself wholeheartedly into anything he has undertaken, and this is well illustrated by the fact that, despite the many calls upon his time, he seldom missed a meeting of the Essex Association, either district or general. His influence at these gatherings brought many towers and ringers into the association fold and led to numerous peals of bells being restored and augmented. He has the satisfaction of handing over the reins of office with the organisation at the peak of its strength and usefulness and the knowledge that his labours have been deeply appreciated by the whole of the members, whose only regret is that he cannot continue as their Master.

Mr. Howard, by his services to the association, has set such a high standard, that the task of his successor is no easy one. If energy and earnestness can succeed, Mr. E. P. Duffield should make an ideal Master, but no man can expect to step into the duties and fulfil them exactly as they are vacated by one who has discharged

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... Treble	JOHN F. TILLET ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 8
WILLIAM TILLET ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HARRY R. ROPER ... 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

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\* First peal of Superlative Maximus. Mr. Brown's first peal as conductor above six bells. Rung on the eve of the 69th birthday of H.M. King George V.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

In St. Hugh's Tower, at the Cathedral.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CECIL J. MAYER ... Treble	GEORGE FLINTHAM ... 7
GEORGE CHESTER ... 2	†HORACE M. DAY ... 8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 9
*TOM PYLE ... 4	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 10
JOHN WALDRON ... 5	HAROLD MARCON ... 11
ARTHUR BONN ... 6	†CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes, Bells

At the Church of St. Lambert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT ... Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 6
*JOHN ARBON ... 2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 7
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*ALBERT E. WHITING ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 9
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## HERTFORD.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

GEORGE GRAY ... ..	2	*STANLEY A. CARTER ... ..	6
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... ..	2	GEORGE B. COLLINS ... ..	7
*CYRIL A. HODGE ... ..	3	*THOMAS J. LOCK ... ..	8
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... ..	4	JOSEPH LADLEY ... ..	9
*JOHN G. NASE ... ..	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First attempt for a peal of Plain Bob Royal. Rung in honour of the 69th birthday of H.M. King George V. Contains ten courses in the titlums and ten in the home position, together with three in-course courses each of '658790 and '468079. By this means the bells can be brought from the titlums to the home position without either six bobs 'before' or a '908 course end.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE MAYERS ... ..	Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... ..	5
WALTER R. FARROW ... ..	2	†FREDERICK HUGGINS ... ..	6
*ALFRED W. BROOME ... ..	3	CHARLES H. MOORE ... ..	7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	4	HENRY TOOKE ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Treble Bob at first attempt.

## KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, LAURENCE &amp; ANNE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

MISS KITTY WILLERS ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... ..	5
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..	2	DANIEL COOPER ... ..	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..	7
JAMES HUNT ... ..	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR WALKER ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON ... ..	5
HARRY C. WALTERS ... ..	2	HARRY BROWN ... ..	6
HAROLD DYSON ... ..	3	CHARLES BROWN ... ..	7
WILLIAM TATE ... ..	4	*HARRY MELLOR ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BROWN.

\* First peal and elected a member before starting. First peal as conductor.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD ALLPORT ... ..	Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... ..	5
THOMAS HEMMING ... ..	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..	6
JOHN BASS ... ..	3	WALTER MASTERS ... ..	7
GEORGE DAVIES ... ..	4	PERCY RICHARDS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary, and also immediately after the marriage, at the above church, of Mr. Harry Holden, a popular and much esteemed member of the local band, to Miss Dora Lloyd, sister of the local ringers' secretary, and a prominent Sunday School worker. This was the 100th peal together by T. Hemming and C. Skidmore for the above association, and was also T. Hemming's 50th peal on the bells.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES DURRANT ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... ..	5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... ..	2	GEORGE W. ALBITT ... ..	6
JAMES ROSE ... ..	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... ..	7
*CHARLES SHENNING ... ..	4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

\* First peal in the method.

## BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF ASSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEBLEY ... ..	Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... ..	5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... ..	2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	6
WALTER AYRE ... ..	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... ..	7
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... ..	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the association. Mr. Hibbert has now rung a peal in a different method on each of these bells. A birthday peal for the son of the treble man.

## LINTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	Treble	LUTHER HONESS ... ..	5
MRS. H. BAKER ... ..	2	BENJAMIN J. BAKER ... ..	6
CHARLES H. SONE ... ..	3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... ..	7
HARRY BAKER ... ..	4	TOM SAUNDERS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH PATTENDEN.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Lord Cornwallis (70), of Linton Park.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, &amp; SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... ..	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... ..	2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... ..	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... ..	7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... ..	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This four-part peal contains 2,304 London, 1,568 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ...	Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY ... ..	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... ..	2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... ..	6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	3	JAMES BENNETT ... ..	7
*MISS F. HUMPHREY ... ..	4	HARRY KILBY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

\* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method in which a mother and daughter have taken part. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Frances Humphrey.

DOVER, KENT.—On Ascension Day, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): C. Hardeman (first quarter-peal of Bob Major) 1, C. R. Millway 2, H. R. French (Sturry) 3, H. J. Saunders 4, R. T. Clark 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. Parkes (Canterbury) 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... .. Treble	LEONARD STILLWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 6
EDWARD J. BRAGG ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

A peal in this method (Carter's No. 4) is now rung for the first time. None of the band had previously struck a blow in the method. Fiftieth peal together by P. E. Jones and F. Corke.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB THREE-PART, No. 10.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 2	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	THOMAS STORER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

\* 100th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time. The peal was a birthday compliment to J. H. Swinfield.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

R. C. H. CONNOLLY ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. WEITEMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM LINTER JUN. ... .. 2	WALTER LINTER ... .. 6
*REGINALD A. REED ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
JOHN W. FAITHFUL ... .. 4	EDWIN J. HARDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal at first attempt.

DOVER, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... .. Treble	HORACE WHINEHEAD ... .. 5
HARRY PARKES ... .. 2	R. THOMAS CLARK ... .. 6
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 7
CHARLES TURNER ... .. 4	CYRIL HARDIMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

The conductor is from Bolton, Lancashire. A birthday compliment to Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, who was 97 on May 28th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN A. C. ABSON ... .. Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	WALTER J. LEMON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. HOVERD.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. CYSTER ... .. Treble	†THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... .. 5
GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 2	GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
*MAURICE W. STEPHENSON ... .. 4	ERNEST TUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First peal. † 50th peal. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. W. A. Cyster is only 14 years of age.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER ... .. Treble	STANLEY COPLING ... .. 5
*ROBERT GARDINER ... .. 2	WILLIAM FLATT ... .. 6
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method and at the first attempt.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK RUFFLES ... .. Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 2	JOHN J. CREASEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Creasey.

LLANTRISANT.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*WILLIAM HUISE ... .. Treble	*REGINALD WESTCOTT ... .. 5
JOSEPH LOVELL ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
HERBERT DAVIES ... .. 3	*JOHN EVANS ... .. 7
FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 4	EDWARD T. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

P. F. DUNCTON ... .. Treble	*R. SKINNER ... .. 4
S. KILLNER ... .. 2	P. DUNCTON ... .. 5
G. SOPP ... .. 3	M. SOPP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. DUNCTON.

\* First peal.

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**MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, May 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER RODGERSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST SWAIN ... .. 4
STANLEY CLIFFORD ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
*WALTER PICKLES ... .. 3	HERBERT PALMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal. The thanks of the band are due to S. Clifford, who stood in at a moment's notice.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5160 CHANGES;**

720 each of Ipswich, Primrose, London, Wells, York, Durham, and Norwich, and 120 of Primrose. Tenor 12 cwt. in E.

REGINALD GRAINGER ... .. Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOT ... .. 4
CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 2	AMBROSE MASON ... .. 5
WILLIAM ELLIOT ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Longest length on the bells. All the above except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at this church. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. P. Duffield on his election as Master of the association earlier in the day at the annual meeting at Chelmsford.

**MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, May 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER RODGERSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST SWAIN ... .. 4
STANLEY CLIFFORD ... .. 2	NICHOLAS NEWBY ... .. 5
WALTER PICKLES ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

First peal in four Minor methods by all the band.

**BEDFORD.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, May 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

TOM HARPIN ... .. Treble	REGINALD WEST ... .. 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 2	WALLACE G. CHURCH ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

**HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,**

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of York, Cambridge, Durham, Ipswich, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBAN JACK ... .. Treble	HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 4
CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 2	THOMAS HURD ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of love for the late Rev. Edwin Wheelton, who was for 14 years the beloved Vicar of this parish.

**HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS.**

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. CURZON ... .. Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 4
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
WALTER WHITE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This is the heaviest ring of six in the county and the third heaviest in the country.

**EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 4
HUGH C. BURT ... .. 2	ERNEST STONE ... .. 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 the late Rev. Frank Melville, M.A., Vicar of St. Giles', Exhall.

**DARLINGTON, DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, May 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven complete 720's in nine methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Chester, (3) Carlisle, (4) Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Cambridge, (6) York, (7) Durham. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT JEFF ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4
WILLIAM OLIVER ... .. 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

WHICKHAM.

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, June 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being a 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON ... .. Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 4
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... .. 2	HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 3	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. P. CLIFF.

BIGBY, LINGS.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Friday, June 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNESS ... .. Treble	GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 4
ELVIN HOWMAN ... .. 2	ARTHUR PASHLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band and rung at first attempt.

GOSPEL OAK, MIDDLESEX.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RICHARD NEWMAN ... .. Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 4
ARTHUR WARREN ... .. 2	ERNEST H. BONFIELD ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NORTON ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, May 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,*

**AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

*L. KATHLEEN BOWLING ... 1-2	MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

Witnesses—Frank Rayment and Olive Renton.

\* First peal.

## MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT SUNBURY.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL TOPICS DISCUSSED.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held a meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday last. Glorious weather, pretty surroundings and excellent bells, and yet the attendance was only 25! It has been said that ringers have their peculiarities, and apparently this is true, for who can explain the fluctuations of meeting attendances?

Saturday's proceedings were informal and pleasant. At the usual service the Vicar gave a most interesting address on the social problems of the world to-day, remarking that it was better to think about these things than the well-worn subject of bells and their history.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, kindly served by wives of the local ringers. The subsequent business meeting dealt with various subjects, including some interesting references to the recent Central Council meeting.

The vice-president of the district (Mr. J. A. Trollope) referred to the recent death of Mr. Arthur Outmore, who used to ring at Kensington, Fulham, etc., and those present stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

Congratulations were accorded to Mr. E. C. S. Turner upon his election as an honorary member of the Central Council. As Mr. C. T. Coles pointed out, hon. members were elected, not for services rendered in the past, but for services to be given to the Council in the future, and Mr. Turner's election was therefore satisfactory.

Mr. J. Herbert expressed his pleasure in spite of what a certain gentleman from Yorkshire had said at Warwick! Mr. Trollope said that Mr. Turner was the youngest member to be elected on the Council, beating his (Mr. Trollope's) record by about three months.

Mr. C. T. Coles later gave a most interesting report on the proceedings at Warwick. He referred to each item of business, and in dealing with the report of the Peals Analysis Committee appealed to conductors not to tamper with compositions. He cited an instance when this occurred, and after the peal had been rung was found to be false.

Mr. Trollope also referred to the Central Council, and, in dealing with the various aspects of the Council's usefulness, described how the booklet on the Law of Church Bells came to be written following an attempt to stop the ringing of the bells in one of the towers at Ealing. He also referred to the new book of Triples methods which would widen the range of the simple methods.

The Vicar of Ealing was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. E. G. Bowman (Feltham) and E. J. Bragg (Windsor) were elected ringing members of the association.

A joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild was announced to be held at Denham (one of the prettiest villages in Bucks) on June 23rd. It was decided to hold a meeting at Harlington in July.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Vicars of Sunbury and Shepperton for their welcome, and to the organist, caterers, Mr. A. F. Putland and the local ringers for their help in all that had been done for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors.

Sunbury bells, a very musical octave, were rung both before and after tea, while the five at Shepperton were at the mercy of the tower hunters in the afternoon. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Surprise Major.

## A DAY IN ZUMMERZET AND DARSET.

Whit Monday, 1934, will long be remembered by the younger generation of ringers of St. Laurence's in Reading (and some of the elder ones) by reason of having a day amongst churches and bells, the like of which are found nowhere else in such close proximity to each other. Picked up at the bottom of their own tower, the party moved off a few minutes before 7 a.m., and after a three hours' ride through delightful country reached Shepton Mallett, where they were kindly met and welcomed. A look at the fine church, then Stedman Triples and Bob Major and the purchase of a few 'stamps,' brought the word 'All aboard.' Wells Cathedral, the next objective, charmed all who had never seen it before. Then in the tower and the glorious ten were soon rolling to Stedman Caters, and very good the ringing was. A substantial lunch was spread and demolished at the Mitre Hotel, and Glastonbury, of sacred memories, was on view. What a tower and church! Here Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise were essayed. Both methods were well struck, but the Cambridge 'fell to pieces' in the last lead! On to Yeovil, and again a beautiful church and a grand peal of ten. In fact, several of the company preferred them to Wells (especially the tenor men). Real good Stedman Caters were rung here, but 'Tempus Fugit' and the party were hurried off again to Sherborne, where a good tea was the first 'touch.' Then to the tower, where the bells had no terrors for the children. Stedman and Grandsire Triples and a fine course of Bob Major were rung, and the bells lowered in peal very well indeed. This finished the day's 'steeplechasing,' and sails were set and the helm lashed for 87 miles 'Eastward Ho!' A fine day, no friction, and a real West Country welcome everywhere, for which all tender their heartfelt thanks to everyone who met them, especially the friend who wrote in brackets '(The best beer is at the Star).'

R. T. H.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. James', Grimsby, on May 26th. It was well attended by members of the Grimsby District, nearly every tower being represented. Unfortunately, in consequence of inconvenient travelling facilities, the number of members from the Gainsborough and Lincoln districts was only moderate, whilst for the same reason, and also owing to the fact that it is at the extreme end of the branch, the Sleaford district was unrepresented.

The towers represented, or who had given notification of intention to be present, were as follows: Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. James' and unattached), Lea, Lincoln (Cathedral), Louth, Marsh Chapel, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Upton, Waltham and Willingham. There were also present the Rev. J. D. H. Patch (Ulceby), Mr. W. Bramwell (Cleethorpes), Mr. Edmund Dawber (Gainsborough), honorary members, and Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Guild) and Mrs. Richardson.

The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

Service was held in the Parish Church and consisted of the Guild Office, interspersed with suitable hymns for Trinity Sunday. Mr. H. Rushby, Grimsby District organist, accompanied the musical part of the service. Through the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Canon H. R. Burrows), the Rev. C. H. Chappell, assistant priest, officiated and gave an interesting address, basing his subject on the recently published novel, 'The Nine Tailors.'

Afterwards 60 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea at the Church House.

Owing to the continued illness of the president (Mr. F. F. Linley), the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry, president of the Grimsby District, acted as chairman at the business meeting.

The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1933 were passed. Arising out of these Mr. Richardson drew the attention of the members to an item in the balance sheet referring to the payment of one of the Guild's representative's expenses to the Central Council meeting at London. He stated that this should have been paid by the Guild and charged in proportion to the branch. After discussion it was agreed that the item should be allowed to remain as in the balance sheet and the proper mode of procedure be adhered to in the future.

## THE OFFICERS.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. F. F. Linley (Archdeacon Parry kindly promising to deputise at any time during his absence); hon. treasurer, Mr. E. Dawber; hon. secretary, Mr. F. S. W. Butler; hon. auditors, Messrs. F. W. Stokes and J. R. Sharpe; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; two representatives to serve on the Guild Committee, Messrs. George Chester and J. A. Freeman.

The arrangements for the 1935 annual meeting at Sleaford were left in the hands of the general secretary and the secretary of the Sleaford District.

Mr. M. Walker proposed and Mr. J. Bray seconded that the latter part of By-Law No. 3 should read as follows: 'Every tower which is in union with the branch shall elect one member, etc.,' deleting the words, 'Not being less than five in number.'—This was carried.

Mr. H. Marcon proposed and Mr. C. McGuinness seconded that a grant of ten guineas be made out of the branch funds toward the rehanging of St. Peter-at-Arches bells in the tower of the new Church of St. Giles, Lincoln. As an amendment, Mr. W. H. Heyhoe proposed and Mr. C. H. Baker seconded the sum of five pounds.—On being put to the meeting, Mr. Marcon's proposition was carried.

Mr. Baker then gave notice of his intention to propose at the next half-yearly meeting that the committee be asked to consider the fixing of a limited sum of five pounds to any application, each one to be considered on its merits, but not to exceed the amount mentioned.

The secretary was requested to communicate with Mr. Linley, informing him that he had been very much in the thoughts of the members during the day's proceedings, also that they were pleased to hear he had been able to get up, and conveying to him their best wishes for a safe recovery.

Mr. Chester made some interesting references to the formal meeting 50 years ago (1884) for the purpose of founding the North Lincolnshire Association, now the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He also made mention of the considerable number of years that Mr. Linley has held the offices of vice-president and president respectively.

Mr. Richardson gave a resume of the business transacted at the Central Council meeting at Warwick on Whit Tuesday. This and Mr. Chester's remarks were listened to with great interest.

Toward the last part of the meeting Canon Burrows entered the room and was given a hearty reception by those present, and later on responded to a vote of thanks in a very jovial and humorous manner.

In conclusion a comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. C. H. Chappell, the organist, the caterers and all others who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****MORE RINGERS WANTED AT SIX-BELL TOWERS.**

The annual meeting of the Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 26th. A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. C. Lamb), who also gave the address. The Rev. A. J. de D. Denne read the lesson and Mr. Howard Mason was the organist.

A very enjoyable tea was served to 21 members at the Wheatheaf Club Room; this was followed by the annual business meeting, the Rev. Denne (chairman of the branch) presiding, supported by the Revs. P. C. C. Lamb, C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild), C. G. Seymour Metford (Vicar of Shrivenham), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer) and Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary), with members from Faringdon, Shellingford and Shrivenham towers, and visitors from Swindon, Witney and Standlake.

The accounts were passed and considered to be very satisfactory, the branch having £5 11s. 5d. in the general fund and £2 5s. 6d. in the Restoration Fund.

The chairman and secretary were both re-elected, and as the branch representative (Mr. P. Wheeler) resigned, the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford was elected in his place.

It was proposed that a grant of £2 2s. be given to the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's Memorial Fund.

The autumn meeting was fixed to be held at Shrivenham in October.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar for having the meeting at Faringdon and also for his address, and hoped he would become an honorary member of the Guild.

The Deputy Master asked all members to take in 'The Ringing World' if they possibly could or to have at least one copy to each tower. By it they get to know what ringers were doing in other parts of the country. He said he would like to see more ringers at the six-bell towers of the branch.

The general secretary and the treasurer both appealed to the members for more loyalty to the chairman and secretary of the branch and to get new towers and more honorary members to join.

The ringers then adjourned to the belfry, where ringing continued until 8 o'clock, and touches of various methods from Grandsire Triples to Bob Major were rung.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.****OVER 100 AT BRANCH MEETING.**

The loyal support which the ringers of West Cornwall give to their branch meetings has now almost become a tradition, but the splendid number of over one hundred which attended the Penzance Branch meeting at Manaccan and St. Anthony on Saturday, May 26th, must have been particularly encouraging to the new branch secretary (Mr. R. Rule), it being the first meeting he has arranged since taking over the duties so nobly begun and carried on for many years by Mr. Vice-President and Churchwarden William Wood, of Gulval. Those present included Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., the Rev. W. H. R. Trewheella (general secretary), Messrs. William Wood and W. H. Southard (vice-presidents), and ringers from Camborne, Crowan, Cury, Gulval, Helston, St. Hilary, Ludgvan, Phillack, Towednack, Tuckingmill, St. Gluvias, Truro Cathedral and the two local towers. The Vicars of Tuckingmill, Cury, Phillack and the Rev. E. Ormerod (late Vicar of Manaccan) were also present.

Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. and continued until about 8 p.m., and, with two rings of bells available, everyone had plenty of ringing. Manaccan possesses a ring of six and St. Anthony, a mile distant and at the water's edge of the Gillan Creek, a charming recently augmented ring of eight. Rounds, call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples were the order of the day. It is most encouraging to notice an increase of individuals and bands ringing Grandsire Doubles, and any spirit of competition has now totally disappeared from the district. One feature of the afternoon was several well-struck plain courses of Grandsire Doubles by the local Manaccan band, who now have the leadership of Lt.-Col. Jerram, and great praise is due to him for breaking down the old order of call changes and instituting half-pull ringing.

The service was conducted and an appropriate address given by the Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Gilpin, M.A., who took as his text, 'O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.' He compared the individual life to a bell 'in tune with itself' and with all its fellows.

The lessons were read by Mr. V. Clarke (a theological student and lay reader attached to Truro Cathedral).

Tea was most generously provided for the large number present, and a vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. W. V. Wagner (Vicar of Cury) to the Rev. W. P. Gilpin for his hospitality.

Everyone regretted the absence of Dr. J. Symons, the esteemed president of the Guild, who was prevented from attending owing to the indisposition of his son. Dr. Godfrey Symons, professional duties therefore demanding his attention.

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**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On Whit Sunday, May 20th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Michael's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): E. Ansell 1, F. Bird 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Springham 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, H. M. White 6, H. Bull 7, W. Tucker 8, W. T. Prior 9, W. Wilkinson 10.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Truro Surprise Major was rung last week, at Hillingdon, Middlesex. The band, who rang the peal without previous practice, started with the good wishes of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

The reopening of Marlow bells, advertised in a part of our issue last week, has been postponed. The work of re-erection has not yet been completed.

Following close upon the discussion at the Central Council meeting, a fresh record of Bow Bells was introduced as an interval signal by the B.B.C. on Sunday. It is, however, still 'call changes,' and probably few of the public will recognise the difference.

The bells at Bromham, Beds, are shortly to be increased to eight.

The restored ring of eight bells (three of which have been recast) at Ringwood, Hants, are to be dedicated on Sunday, July 1st.

The proposed visit to Australia next autumn of a band of English ringers recalls the fact that to-morrow is the anniversary of the first peal rung out of the United Kingdom. Some London ringers, including Henry Haley, were professionally engaged on a handbell ringing tour in America, and while in Philadelphia rang a peal of Grandfire Triples at Christ Church on Sunday, June 9th, 1850.

Two men rang the tenor. A one-legged man, R. Dodd, rang it for 2 hours 15 minutes, when he was relieved by J. Davey. The peal occupied 3 hours 15 minutes, and was conducted by Haley.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, the arch-advocate of anonymity in the authorship of peals and methods, conducted a peal of Double Norwich Major at Willesden last week. Is it by accident or design, or from modesty, that the report sent us contains no mention of the composer?

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A SUNDAY BAND FOR ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Ickleton on Saturday. Members came from Barley, Cambridge, Eimdon, Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Melbourn, Newmarket, Newton, Royston, Saffron Walden, Sawston, Trumpington and a splendid muster of the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Penny), and Mr. L. Lilley kindly presided at the organ.

It was decided to go to Orwell on Saturday, July 14th.

The question of training a Sunday service band at St. Benedict's Church in Cambridge was discussed, and it is hoped something may be done in the near future.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist.

Various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The success of the meeting was largely due to Mr. P. Webb's kindness in making all the arrangements so satisfactorily.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Northallerton on Whit Monday, May 21st. There was only a very small attendance. At the service, held in the church at noon, the address was given by the curate in the absence of the Vicar. He extended a very hearty welcome to the association and members present. Dinner was provided at the Russell Cafe.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Mr. J. Stott, who proposed the loyal toast.

The secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe) presented the report and balance sheet. In the report he complained that few peals had been rung during the year and referred to the declining interest taken in peal ringing throughout the association. The Sunday service sheet did not seem to be the interest it was intended to be, as only six sheets had been returned out of upwards of 20 sent out. Middlesbrough were awarded the highest number of points, with 87 touches, totalling 1,083 points. This is the fifth year in succession that the chief award has gone to Middlesbrough, and the certificate for the best Sunday service ringing now becomes the property of the Middlesbrough tower. Whitby came second with 673 points. This tower has won the second certificate four times out of five, and it now becomes the property of Whitby tower.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether the Sunday service sheets should be continued, the outcome being a resolution that a reconsideration of points be recommended to the next annual meeting.

The president and vice-president were re-elected, with the addition of J. O. Pollard to the vice-presidents. The auditors and Points Committee were also re-elected.

The secretary, having held the office since 1909, wished to retire on medical advice, and his resignation was accepted with very great regret.

Mr. E. Brown, one of the Middlesbrough ringers, was elected to fill the vacant position.

A hearty vote of thanks to all the retiring officers for their work during the year was accorded, and the president was thanked for presiding at the meeting.—The president replied in happy terms. This concluded the proceedings.

The new hon. secretary's address is 12, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

## MR. C. H. HOWARD'S RETIREMENT.

### LONG CONNECTION WITH ESSEX RINGING.

The retirement of Mr. Charles H. Howard, of Braintree, from the office of Master of the Essex Association, recalls that his connection with church work began when he was only nine years of age, when he joined the choir at the church of his native village, Great Baddow. It was there, too, he learned to pull a bell, but it was not until he went to Braintree that he had the opportunity to study change ringing. In 1899, when the 700th anniversary of St. Michael's Church was celebrated, the event was marked by adding two trebles to the existing peal of six. Mr. Howard took a hand in the work of raising the necessary funds and carried his task to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Howard, who joined the association nearly 50 years ago, was elected to the Mastership of the association on the retirement of the late Canon Papillan in 1909, and since that time has done a vast amount of work for the association and in the promotion of the art of ringing in Essex towers. When the association celebrated its



MR. C. H. HOWARD.

jubilee in 1929 and Mr. Howard had completed just 20 years as Master, the members presented him with a silver tea and coffee set in recognition of his services to the association. In the course of his duties he has visited every church tower in Essex, and, until he was prevented this year by ill-health, had only missed one annual meeting of the association since he joined it. He is still one of the Essex Association's representatives on the Central Council.

One of the world's busy men who do not shirk their responsibilities to their neighbours, Mr. Howard has filled many public positions. Among other things, he has been a member of the Braintree Urban Council for 26 years without a break; for 20 years, till his retirement through indisposition some months ago, he held the position of hon. lay secretary to the Braintree Rural-decennial Conference; and altogether he is connected with 32 organisations of one kind or another.

He sang in Braintree choir for 17 years, rang regularly for both services, was a sidesman and afterwards churchwarden of the Parish Church. Truly his has been a life of service, and his many friends throughout the ringing Exercise will wish Mr. Howard a complete return to health.

## BELLS FOR JOHANNESBURG.

### CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE PEAL.

The jubilee of the founding of Johannesburg will take place in two years' time, and, writes Canon G. H. Ridout, it is hoped to mark the occasion by completing the Cathedral tower, of which 40ft. has been built, leaving another 100ft. to be erected, and by installing a ring of bells.

What ringing is now done in Johannesburg is done on handbells by a band, chiefly of ladies, which Canon Ridout has trained.

In 1933 twelve 720's of Bob Minor were rung, and one quarter-peal on the occasion of the inauguration of the clock and chimes at St. John's College.

In 1934, up to May 3rd, seven 720's, and two quarter-peals, one being on the day of Prince George's arrival in Johannesburg and being also a welcome to the Mother Superior of East Grinstead, who was on a visit.

Sister Mildred, Sister Mabel and the conductor (Canon G. H. Ridout) took part in all the above (22), Sister Vivian (20), Sister Mary Beatrice (17), Mother Madeleine (6) and Mr. T. A. Nash, of Durban (1).

Further news from South Africa comes from Mr. Alfred Pye, of Iford, who has just returned from an extended tour. On his arrival at Capa Town at the end of January, he visited the suburb of Woodstock, where there is a peal of eight. There he met several old friends and rang some Grandsire Triples and spent a very pleasant evening with them. He left next day for Durban, but on his way back he met and rang with them again. The bells at Woodstock, says Mr. Pye, want rehanging very badly. The wonder is that they are ringable at all. When the bells were first bought they stood in the church for some time, as no arrangement was made to hang them. Mr. L. Green was then consulted and he got an architect and builder to hang them. That was about 40 years ago, and nothing has been done to them since.

Mr. L. Green, Mr. J. Priest and Mr. F. G. May, whom Mr. Pye met, wished to be remembered to all old friends at home.

On arriving at Durban, Mr. Pye was met by Mr. Simpson, one of the local ringers, who arranged a practice at Greyville, where there is a peal of ten, tenor 18 cwt. 25 lb., by Taylor and Co., in good ringing order. Some plain courses of Grandsire Doubles on the back six and call changes on the ten were rung.

There is a light peal of eight at St. Peter's, Durban, by Taylor and Co., in good ringing order, but the tower is very small and vibrates, causing the bells to drop sometimes. Only call changes are rung, but are well struck.

In the course of his tour Mr. Pye visited Ladysmith. The church has one bell hung for ringing in a small tower a little distance from the church. It does not appear, however, to be raised, as it has only a short rope. Inside the church are inscribed the names of all the men who lost their lives in the Relief and Defence of Ladysmith. Mr. Pye saw the names of six of his old comrades whom he had forgotten, and it brought them to his memory again. Mr. Pye afterwards went on to Johannesburg, and visited the Victoria Falls, Bulawayo and the Matopo Hills, where Cecil Rhodes is buried, before returning to Cape Town.

## A TRANSFORMATION AT CRAMLINGTON.

### BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

The six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) of St. Nicholas' Church, Cramlington, have long been known to Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ringers as heavy-going and very harsh in tone, but, thanks to the generosity of Miss M. I. Hornsby, of Cramlington, this reproach has now been rolled away.

A special meeting of the association was held on Saturday to try the bells, and, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for inviting the association, Mr. William Story, J.P., of Newcastle, said that Messrs. Taylor and Co. always turned out a good job, but in this case they had excelled themselves, and the peal was now one of the most musical in the district, if not in the country.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Allen), in replying, said they were very glad to welcome the association, and were delighted that the members entered into their joy in having the bells retuned and rehung, and the organ completed and fitted with electric blower.

Miss Hornsby also expressed his satisfaction at the way the work had been carried out, and this was endorsed in a happy speech by one of the churchwardens.

The bells were kept going from about 3.30 until 8.30, touches of Bob Minor, Kent, Cambridge Surprise, etc., being rung, and Doubles and rounds for the learners.

## PASSING OF A PADRE.

At Christ Church, North Shields, for evening service, on Sunday, May 27th, a half-muffled touch of 972 Stedman Caters was rung as a tribute to the memory of the late Canon Crawhall, who was for many years Vicar of the parish. He was senior padre to the 50th Division of the Northumberland Fusiliers during the war. The ringers were A. Tully 1, E. A. Hern (conductor) 2, M. B. Livesley 3, T. Burns 4, J. L. Gray 5, J. E. Scott 6, R. Gray 7, J. Scott 8, A. Cook 9, H. Wilson 10.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 347.)

### PEALS IN POPULAR METHODS.

The adoption of the report of the Peal Collection Committee was moved by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. It stated that, at a meeting of the committee held in London on September 25th, 1933, it was decided to collect peals in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Lincolnshire, a draft of about ten of each to be submitted to the Central Council for publication. With regard to 'Variation' it was decided that Mr. Trollope's articles upon that subject (which appeared in 'The Ringing World' in 1930 (pages 830-831) and 1931 (pages 10, 28, 42, 74, 90, 123, 138, 166 and 182) should be audited by Mr. Lewis and submitted to the Council. It was hoped to have the next draft of the Peals Collection ready to lay before the Council at the next meeting.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended that the articles on variation by Mr. Trollope be considered by the committee, and that they collaborate with Mr. Trollope as to the suitability of publishing them as a pamphlet, either in their present form or as may be decided by the committee.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith asked the committee to take into consideration the inclusion of a few peals of Spliced Surprise Major in the collection which it was proposed to publish, as this form of ringing was growing in popularity.

Mr. Lindoff agreed to do this.

The President moved that the committee be given power to print the pamphlet, and this and the report were agreed to.

### A USEFUL BOOK.

The Council next considered the report of the Methods Committee, which was published in 'The Ringing World' on May 18th. In moving its adoption Mr. J. A. Trollope said the 'Collection of Triples Methods' would shortly be on sale. It had been drawn up with the special idea of catering for the less advanced ringers and, because the scope was less than in other methods, the committee had been able to put in one or two features which would be an improvement from the point of view of less experienced bands. In the methods of pure Triples they had printed the course in full, because they thought the average ringer, who wanted to learn a method, could do so easier if he was provided with the whole course than by working it out himself from a single lead. They had included a selection of touches and quarter-peals as well as peals, and he asked secretaries of associations and other responsible people to do what they could to get the books into the hands of the people for whom it was intended, because there must be quite a large number of bands who were not capable and not likely to be capable of ringing Surprise methods, but who ought to be able to ring methods like Double Court Triples or Double Oxford, but who now confined themselves largely to Grandsire. This was one of the directions in which they could cater for that class of people who had a tendency to think they were neglected by more advanced ringers.

### ANONYMITY IN COMPOSITION.

Another point that arose in connection with the report, continued Mr. Trollope, was the question of the authorship of compositions and methods. It was not intended to aim at anything in the way of finality. The committee's suggestion that, in future, compositions given in the collections of methods should appear anonymously was only put forward as a basis of discussion so that people might understand the situation arising now and in the future. There were, however, two sentences in the committee's report which seemed to some extent to attempt to fetter the action of the Council in the future. They were not put in for that purpose, but since they did, to some extent, bear that construction, the committee would like to delete the sentences. The sentences were, 'We suggest that this recommendation' (regarding anonymity) 'shall apply to all future publications by the Central Council,' and 'Our proposal is that in later books of the Central Council of a similar character, anonymity should be the rule and not the exception.' The committee would like to delete those two sentences, but in doing so he called attention to the earlier sentence in which the committee stated, 'We should recommend that in no instance should any author or composer's name be put to any methods, and that in the case of peal compositions names should be omitted except to old and well-known productions or such modern ones in which the proofs of originality are unmistakable.' That, said Mr. Trollope, was what had actually been the custom of the Exercise from the beginning. It rather shifted the onus of proof of authorship. In olden times they assumed a man was the composer unless they proved otherwise. Now, they thought it better that they should have proof of originality and not assume it. He thought, however, that the old ideas were bound to come back sooner or later. Certain classes of peal composition would take the same place that quarter-peals now had. Of the ordinary touches that were rung no one could say who was the composer. There were a number of peals getting into the same category, but the committee had not the slightest intention of doing anything in any way to rob a man of his credit or to suggest that if a man produced things,

like the compositions of Mr. Pitman, for instance, he was not entitled to full credit for it.

Mr. S. H. Wood seconded, and the report, with the sentences deleted, was adopted.

### HOW ERRORS CREEPT INTO A 'COLLECTION.'

Mr. A. D. Barker asked for an assurance that the new book on Triples would contain no irregular methods, as in the Minor, and that there would be no mistakes in it which the Council would afterwards have to withdraw.

Mr. Trollope said there were no irregular methods in the book, but, as far as mistakes were concerned, he could give no undertaking. He had never yet come across a man who could give an assurance that a mistake would not happen.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said the best defence of the accuracy of the book which he could make was that it was being printed within a few months of completion. In the case of the book on Doubles and Minor, owing to unfortunate happenings, still in the memory of the Council, it was not published until something like four or five years after completion. The result was that when they came to the correction of the proofs members of the Methods Committee had absolutely forgotten about the subject, and he was personally responsible for getting several methods stuck in at the last minute which had been rejected years before. In the hurry at the finish they allowed them to slip in again. The other members of the committee were responsible, in that they accepted his word that the methods were all right. The same trouble was not likely to occur again. If they had made mistakes of that kind this time they would deserve a greater 'strafing' than they received last time.

The Rev. H. Drake said he thought the lines on which the committee wanted to proceed were the wrong ones. He thought it was quite wrong that there should be anonymity with regard to peals or compositions. They ought to go rather in the opposite direction and make somebody responsible for every peal; if the compositions were anonymous no one would be responsible. What Mr. Trollope said was quite right with regard to originality, but they should have some way in which responsibility for a peal composition could be nailed down. He was sorry that there would be peals inserted in the book of Triples methods that were anonymous, but at any rate there they had the responsibility of the committee. In other cases, however, peals would be published and no one would know anything about them or who was responsible for them. He thought it could be got over if it was said that a peal was 'arranged' by so-and-so. That would not mean that he was necessarily the original composer. Someone else might have arranged it before him, but he was responsible on that particular occasion when it was rung. He thought it was quite wrong that they should sanction peals or compositions going forward without a name or someone being responsible for them.

### IDENTIFICATION OF PEALS.

Mr. S. H. Wood said one very simple way to get over the difficulty would be for conductors to record in their reports that the peal rung was 'number so and so' in the Central Council's Collection. That definitely told them what peal was rung, whereas if they simply said a peal was composed by, say, Mr. Trollope, it did not tell them what the figures were that were rung. It placed responsibility on him for a true peal, but if they put a peal number that was in the Collection they knew exactly what peal was rung, and those who compiled the book were responsible for the truth of the figures.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he thought the general idea at the back of the minds of the Methods Committee could be expressed in this way: The time was coming, it was not yet and probably would not come for another ten or fifteen years, but it was coming when, instead of the proper designation of a peal being 'composed by so and so,' or, as had also been suggested, 'arranged by so and so,' they would meet the case by saying 'attested by so and so.' Incidentally it put the conductor in a stronger position than he was now. They were familiar with instances in the past where eminent composers had quarrelled whether certain figures had been obtained by one or the other, but there could have been no quarrel if the composition had been 'attested' and not 'composed.' The figures would be more valuable if 'attested' by two composers instead of 'composed' by them. The committee had not the least desire to detract from the credit due to a composer for any originality, yet in view of the fact that the scope for originality was getting smaller every year, in future the onus should rather lay on the composer to prove that there was something original in his figures than that the onus should be on the critic. Some means should be adopted by which figures rung could be guaranteed, so far as it was possible to guarantee anything human, before a conductor asked a hand to ring them with him, and he suggested that attestation was the best method of doing this.

Mr. S. H. Wood then proposed that Mr. E. S. C. Turner, of Ealing, be added to the Methods Committee. Those who knew Mr. Turner, he said, knew of his great ability as a composer, ringer and conductor, and he was particularly good at the kind of work which the Methods Committee had to do. Their next job was to be the Surprise Major methods, and Mr. Turner would be of great value in that work.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded, and the motion was carried.

## DANGER OF ALTERING COMPOSITIONS.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the Peals Analysis Committee's report with one slight amendment to the statistics.—Mr. G. R. Pye seconded and it was agreed to.

The analysis and the report were published in 'The Ringing World' on April 6th.

Mr. C. T. Coles said at least one peal of Cambridge Royal included in the analysis had turned out to be false. It was rung by the Worcestershire Association, and he drew attention to it as a warning to conductors not to alter the figures of peal compositions. In this case it was a composition which had been rung a great many times. It was composed by Mr. William Pye, but in the case in question the last four courses were altered and three bobs Home shifted from one block to another to add to the music of the peal, but as it turned out it made the peal false. It was not only unfortunate for the men who rang the peal, but it was unfair to the man whose name was given to it as composer. It was a thing that might be avoided by people ringing compositions as they were originally given and not altering them because they think that they can be altered with advantage.

A representative of the Worcestershire Association said the peal had been withdrawn.

## COMPARISON OF PLAIN AND BALL BEARINGS.

The President moved the adoption of the Towers and Belfries Committee's report. He said the committee had met the previous evening and considered the question of Ellacombe chiming hammers. They decided to compose a letter, which they would send to all Archdeacons, warning them of the dangers of Ellacombe hammers if they were not properly used and attended to. Possibly some of such letters would go into the waste paper basket, but if they could get through to only a few Archdeacons it would be worth while sending out. If it did nothing else it would let the Archdeacons know the Council existed and were willing to help them if they were willing to be helped (hear, hear). The question of ball bearings for bells had also arisen during the year. There were those who said they liked the old style of bearing best, because they liked a little bit of friction towards the end of the stroke, which gave a slight drag and made the bell easier to handle. Theoretically that would not stand. He worked out the amount of friction of a well-cared for bearing of the old-fashioned type, and came to the conclusion that the amount of energy lost in friction was so small that there was far less difference between a ball bearing and a well-cared for old-fashioned bearing than between a well-cared for and an ill-cared for old-fashioned bearing. There was practically no difference between the well-cared for old-fashioned bearing and the ball bearing, but if the old-fashioned bearing was neglected the amount of friction was increased enormously until the bell became almost unringable. They never knew how bells would go in a fixed bearing in a timber frame, because it depended largely on the weather and the amount of twist in the upper members of the frame. Therefore, ball bearings or at least self-aligning bearings seemed more suitable than the old bearings in such cases.

On the question of welding, said the President, he did not think the committee were prepared yet to give an opinion on the value of this process. They were watching the subject very carefully.

## SAFETY OF TOWERS.

Proceeding, the President said it had come to their knowledge in quite a number of cases that church authorities were prepared to allow bells to be rung on a few occasions or for a short time and not on a larger number of occasions or for a long time. They were right in saying that if they wished to, but they were not right in giving as the reason that it was not safe to do otherwise. He thought they should make it quite clear, and the committee agreed with him in this, that as far as the safety of the tower was concerned, if it was safe to ring for ten minutes it was safe to ring a quarter-peal, and if it was safe to ring a quarter-peal it was safe to ring a peal; if it was safe to ring 12 times a year it was safe to ring 13 times a year (hear, hear). With certain kinds of machinery it was possible to calculate the life of the machine; they might do it in the case of bells. They might say that the remaining life of the bearings of a particular bell was only 24 hours and that at the end of that period of use they would have to be repaired. They might conceive that if certain church authorities did not want to spend any money for two years and knew they only had 24 hours' life left in the bearings they would limit the ringing to one hour once a month for the two years. But they could not do that with regard to a tower. He did not think any architect or engineer would be prepared to say, because a crack in a tower was gradually expanding, that that tower had 24 more hours of life, and that if the bells were rung for an hour once a month it would come down at the end of two years. If they could do it he was sure the ringers would not wish to ring at all (laughter). He thought they might put it on record that it was absolutely absurd for authorities, when they wished to curtail ringing or to limit the time, to make the excuse that it was not safe for the tower to ring the bells more often or longer. If they gave any other reason the ringers would accept it, if it was a sensible reason, because they knew the authorities had the ultimate say whether they wished the bells rung or not, but they only made themselves foolish when they gave foolish reasons for withholding permission to ring (hear, hear).

Major Hesse seconded the adoption of the report.

The Rev. F. Li. Edwards suggested that, in addition to sending the proposed letter to the Archdeacons, they should also send a copy to the secretary of each Diocesan Advisory Board, who would consider it his duty to lay it before the Board, and it would have the effect of still further whetting the memory of the Archdeacons.

## CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

Mr. E. A. Young said the Rev. E. Bankes James recently referred in 'The Ringing World' to the fact that at one time the flights of clappers were made much longer than was the common practice to-day, and suggested that the reason might have been an endeavour on the part of the old bell founders to improve the tone of the bells, or some other abstruse idea. As far as he (Mr. Young) could recollect, no one stepped into the breach and ventured to discuss it. As they had among them that day several experts in that particular branch of the art, it would be interesting to know whether there was any point in the suggestion.

Major Hesse referred to the interesting fact that the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, were soon to be restored to their place in the re-erected tower in the suburbs. Major Hesse referred to the inspections which he had made during the year, including Woking, where he was particularly interested in the memorial bell provided by his own Guild in memory of Admiral Walker, who was a ringer at that church, and Sherborne Abbey, where a big job had been carried out entirely satisfactorily as far as he was concerned. With regard to the question of clapper flights, he answered Mr. James' letter in 'The Ringing World'. His own idea was that the old founders used to put long flights to the clappers in order to make the bells clapper up right side and make the bell speak as loudly as possible. If it was a good bell, a big clapper was a detriment; if it was a bad bell a large clapper would not make it a good bell.

Mr. J. Hunt said he had made inspections in seven towers in his own diocese. In one case there were three bells. They had pushed heavy pieces of wood under the bells to keep them from moving and tied the ropes to the clappers. As a result the second bell had been cracked.

The President said he did not want to butt in on the province of the bell founders, but from the theoretical point of view a clapper with a long flight and of the same weight as one with a shorter flight would tend to give the bell a more definite blow. The reason was that the speed of the revolution of the bell and the speed of revolution of the clapper depended upon the distance of the centre of gravity from the gudgeons. Both the bell and the clapper acted as a pendulum, and the longer a pendulum the slower it went. If they transferred part of the weight from the ball of the clapper to the flight they increased the distance of the centre of gravity from the point of suspension and reduced its natural speed of revolution. During the first part of its revolution the bell was pushing the clapper and transferred some of its energy to the clapper. At a certain point it has given the clapper so much of its energy that the clapper really started to move faster than the bell and towards the end of the swing caught the bell and gave it a blow. If they transferred some of the weight from the ball to the flight, during the first part of the swing the bell was pushing the clapper more than it would if the centre of gravity of the clapper were nearer the gudgeons and therefore transferred more energy, and although the clapper was of the same weight as one with a shorter flight, it would give a blow of greater energy at the end of the swing. That was the theoretical side of it; as to the actual practice, the bell founders themselves were much more able to give them the facts than he could.

The committee's report was adopted.

(To be continued.)

## SOME HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED WARWICKSHIRE HISTORY

Four of the bright(?) young people were looking for 'the Ope,' instead of 'the Oak,' at Leamington of all places, too.

Following the advice of the Mayor of Warwick, 14 well-known persons were seen drinking water at midnight on Whit Tuesday (President, please note).

One of the teetotalers fell down the stairs at Stratford-upon-Avon. Although his funny-bone was badly bruised, it is hoped that his contributions to 'The Ringing World' will not suffer.

Enormous numbers of cyclists were to be seen around Warwick, most of them were at the service at Meridon. One 'bright young thing,' after doing nearly 100 miles, is getting alarmed at his loss of weight, in case he 'can't pull the tenor off.'

Bachelors should be careful when staying in Warwick. The ghost of Fulke Greville, the celebrated bachelor of Warwick, 'who did as he liked,' apparently resented the visit of a well-known ringing bachelor, and recorded his displeasure by arranging an 'omnibus' bed, complete with bells, wife, child and apple pie. A brother representative has since adopted 'the infant,' presumably to train it as a ringer.

A well-known 'J.P.' also had a shock when he went to his room. The 'movie-man' missed a great picture when he saw the 'boots, boots, boots, marching up and down again.'

Incidentally, whilst the pictures were 'on,' one not unknown lady was told to go and hold her husband's hand!

Did Miss Plymouth see the 'film star' she was looking for, or did she leave too early?

## KEIGHLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEMBER FOR 40 YEARS.

The band at St. Andrew's Church, Keighley, Yorks, has suffered a severe loss by the death of the former local secretary, Mr. Robert W. Jennison, who had been a ringer for over 40 years, and was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association in 1894. Mr. Jennison was 63 years of age and passed away on Monday week.

'Bob' Jennison was a popular figure in Keighley, and in his younger days was one of the best known players in Yorkshire Rugby Union football circles. He took an active part in the game for about ten years, and to the end of his days he had a love of sport.

The story of how he took up ringing is an entertaining one. When asked not long ago what led him to become a ringer, he gave the following account of the incident: 'As a matter of fact,' he said, 'I took it up at first more as a joke. I was playing football in those days with the Keighley club—in the old Rugby Union days—and a friend said to me, "Nah, then, Bob, would tha like to come and learn to bell-ring?"

'Laughingly, I replied, "I don't know, but if tha can do it I think I can." Later I found myself in the Keighley Parish Church belfry, and my friend said, "Nah, Bob, just see if tha can tinkle in for t'parson."

'I tried, but I am afraid I made a poor attempt, and I there and then decided to take up bellringing and master it. When I first became a ringer there was a man in the team called John Normington. He was a ringer for about 50 years, and was ringing when he was 80 years of age.'

Mr. Jennison was not a very ardent peal ringer, but he had rung about 40. He was, however, a lover of good ringing and good striking. He served on the committee of the Yorkshire Association and was highly respected among the members. A typical Yorkshireman, he was of a very kindly nature, and was always anxious to help all with whom he came in contact in all spheres of life and work.

He was a member of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows for many years, and was secretary of the Worth Valley Lodge; he was also a trustee of the local branch of the A.E.U. A widow and seven children are left in bereavement. One son, Mr. R. W. Jennison, is also a ringer at Keighley.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week, the service being conducted by the Rev. E. B. Evans. The Keighley Parish Church ringers present were Messrs. R. Bottomley (secretary), J. Hall, H. Green, E. Green, H. Atkinson, J. Robertshaw, J. Edmondson and J. Coulton; while others who attended were Messrs. V. Bairstow (Denholme), J. Lawson (Lightcliffe), J. Broadley (Bradford), T. Kendall (Shipley) and J. Cooper (Silsden). Keighley Rugby League F.C., the Grand United Order of Oddfellows and the Associated Engineers Union were also represented.

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## FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church for evening service on May 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Arthur Stadden 1, Miss B. Stadden (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, Mrs. W. Edwards 3, Miss V. Hyman 4, Miss G. Stadden 5, F. Smith 6, A. E. Colbourn 7, J. Thomas 8.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—At St. Saviour's Church on Thursday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Thomas 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. O. Wharton 3, J. L. Grant 4, A. A. K. Bolton 5, R. Edgar 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. First quarter-peal and longest length in the method by the treble, fifth and sixth ringers. It is 15 years since the conductor called a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the previous one being rung at Kidderminster on April 27th, 1919.—On Monday, May 28th, 910 Grandsire Triples: F. Thomas 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. O. Wharton 3, J. L. Grant 4, A. A. K. Bolton 5, J. W. Evans 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of gifts to the Church Schools of Birkenhead by the Bishop of Chester.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, May 20th, for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. H. Hicks 1, R. T. Lambert 2, R. E. Lambert 3, F. J. Lambert 4, A. Bromley 5, A. W. Durham (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringer of the treble, who hails from Rotherfield, and was specially arranged for him. Also rung on the 104th birthday of Mrs. Caroline Jones, of Gillingham, the oldest inhabitant of Kent!

KENT SCHOOL, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.—On May 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Terry 1, L. J. Attwater (conductor) 2, W. Abbe 3, A. D. Bosson 4, R. L. Westlake 5, R. B. Abbe 6, S. M. Wheelock 7, R. Davies 8. This is the longest length by the Kent Guild, and the first quarter-peal by six of the student ringers.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Whit Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: \*A. W. Leigh 1, \*J. Halsall 2, \*A. Greenhalgh 3, \*R. V. Hart 4, J. L. Wright 5, \*T. Smith 6, F. Frankland Rigby 7, \*W. Smalley 8. \* First quarter-peal in the method. First quarter-peal in method as conductor. All are members of the local band.

SOUTHGATE.—On May 15th for morning service, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, W. Pickworth 3, E. King 4, G. Plater 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, W. Bowden 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, J. Armstrong (conductor) 10.—For evening service, 1,260 Evin Triples: Mrs. King 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, Mrs. Tomlinson 3, E. King 4, W. Bowden 5, G. Plater 6, J. E. Miller 7, D. Ovington 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: Jos. Evans 1, R. Biggs (conductor) 2, Miss O. Biggs 3, F. Biggs 4, R. Blaby 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: W. Hollands (first 720) 1, W. A. Cooke 3, F. Cheal 4, C. Belsey 5, W. Walker 6, W. G. Seager (first as conductor) 7, F. Stevens (first 720) 8.

## LATE NOTICE.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Bell Inn at 5 p.m. at a moderate charge.—Mrs D. E. Beamish, Green Wavs, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

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## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 12th, St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th, St. Andrew's on the 21st, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Pinner, June 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.40 at 1s. Frequent trains from Baker Street. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley (not Bagshot) on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at The Lindens.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea, 1s. each, at the Dog Inn at 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. C. Magraw, the next by-meeting will be held at Ash, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will take place at Walsden on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is the first meeting of the branch at the above tower and a good attendance is expected.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrechfa on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. (Twelve minutes' walk from Ponthir Railway Station.)—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**WALKHAMPTON, DEVON**.—Ring of six, tenor 8½ cwt. Rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Re-dedication by the Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea available.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Elland on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—A joint fellowship gathering of the four Dorset Branches will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8), also Bere Regis, Hilton and Puddletown, available from 2.30 p.m. Special service at 4 p.m., preacher the Lord Bishop of Salisbury. Tea to follow in the Mansion House, chair to be taken by the President of the Guild, Lord Shaftesbury. Parties will be shown over the Mansion House,

St. Catherine's Chapel, gardens and grounds. Those travelling by motor-cars must obtain printed slip to display on the vehicle; pedestrians and cyclists must obtain a card of admission. Entrance by South Lodge. Application for cards and slips must be made early to Mr. C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

**MOULTON, NORTHAMPTON**.—Dedication of the two Carey bells, June 9th, 3 p.m. (Carey Centenary), by Rev. J. White, Rural Dean. Great united service in churchyard, address by Carey's great-grandson. Tea 4.45 (1s.). Handbells. Tickets, Moulton Vicarage. Apply early. Bells available. A musical ring of 8.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next meeting for ringing only will be held at Heversham and Beetham on June 9th. Bells will be available as follows: Heversham (6) at 2.30 and Beetham (6) at 3.30.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District.—On Saturday, June 9th, a meeting will be held at Knebworth. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service followed by tea at 5 p.m. at the Lytton Arms. Learners will be welcomed. Make this a real 'jubilee' meeting.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from three o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at Battle Axes Hotel. Nailsea bells available during the evening.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 9d. each. Special method, Double Court. Bus, Spellow Lane to Sefton Church, 2.30 p.m. and hourly. Well worth a visit.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Long Crendon on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington, Oxford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting at Wilburton, near Ely, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Royal Oak 5 p.m. A very good bus service all ways. All ringers welcomed, including 'Katie's.' If possible please notify by postcard.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Hillesden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 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, Bucks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Baslow on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Visitors make their own arrangements for tea. Shield contest will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tower closed for practice after June 16th. Entrance fee (6s. per band) and subscriptions to prize fund be sent by Wednesday, July 4th, to A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western and North-Western Divisions.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Leyton on Wednesday, June 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Old Vicarage Parish Hall 5.15 p.m. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. Hughes, 24, Buckland Road, Leyton?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in Church 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea (1s. 6d. per head) please advise Mr. Anderson, Black Bull Inn, Escrick, by Thursday, June 14th?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby, Yorkshire.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. per head, arranged for all who notify Mr. J. Hague, The Smithy, Tarleton, not later than Thursday, June 14th. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area, viz., the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, and the Sheffield and District Societies, will be held by kind invitation at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the open if fine, at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. C. F. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, by Wednesday, the 13th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Belbroughton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, June 12th?—W. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Choral Evensong 6 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 12th certain? All ringers welcome.—William E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 11th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 13th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 13th inst.?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 16th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged for at 5 p.m. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, June 13th, to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Please advise for tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. Blunden, Post Office, Bucklebury, near Reading, not later than Wednesday, June 12th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury (8 bells), on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Miles Platting, Tuesday, 12th, 8 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch will hold their next meeting at Mitcheldean on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. No service. Tea and business meeting in schools at 5 p.m. Ringers who require tea must let me know not later than Wednesday, 13th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Westerham, on Saturday, June 16th, commencing 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday next. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Owing to inability to secure Newton Tower, the June meeting is postponed until June 23rd. This will be run in conjunction with the Lancashire Association Committee meeting, and will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church. Further details later.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, June 23rd, next. Tower open from 2.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Guest House. Kindly advise me early all those requiring tea.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Ayers' Hall, 5. Gentlemen invited. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, June 19th. — H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.**—Annual ringing contest (6 bells) will take place on Saturday, June 30th. A copy of rules will be sent to any company of ringers on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas not guaranteed if not applied for. — E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly meeting at Matlock, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, 5 p.m., at the Duke William. General meeting follows tea. Darley Dale bells (8) available after meeting. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—The rededication of the restored ring of 8 bells, 3 recast, the whole retuned and rehung in ball bearings and new fittings by Taylor and

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**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th. Towers open at 3 o'clock till 9 p.m. Service at St. John the Baptist 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good muster is requested.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs, on Saturday, July 14th. Further particulars later.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynam Road, Trowbridge.

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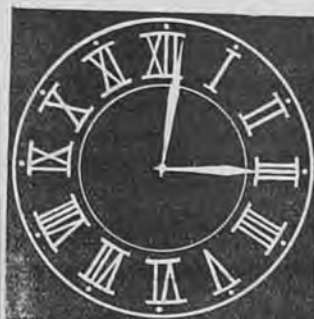
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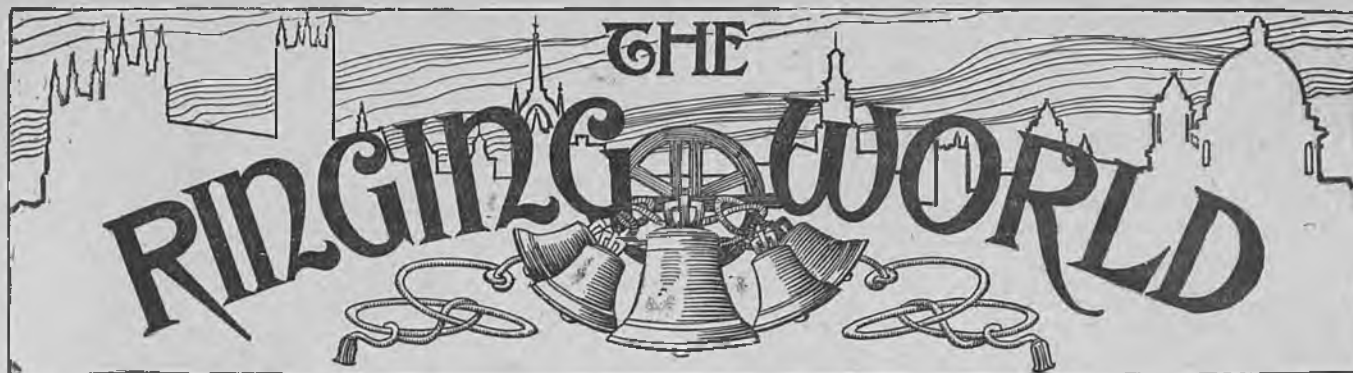
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ALAN R. PINK ... .. 5	LEONARD STILLWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung after meeting short for Treble 12. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Mary Margaret Nutt, daughter of an honorary lay reader of the parish, to Mr. A. J. Williams, which took place at the above church earlier in the day.

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WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 2	CHARLES OLLIER ... .. 6
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ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 7
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the 5th. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
BERNARD H. SWINSON ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOT ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

MARKET DRAYTON.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

FRANCIS S. WILSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	*FRANK HEALEY ... .. 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 7
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENBURST.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the third. It is 40 years since Mr. Fussell took part in the first peal of Major in the tower.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 14.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	J. CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 5
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
EDWARD F. GOBBY ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time and completes peals in all the parts possible on this plan rung by the Wednesday afternoon band. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21½ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 3	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

One hundredth peal by ringer of the treble.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
RONALD H. BOLLIN ... .. 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 6
FREDERICK REDGWELL ... .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

At the conclusion of the peal the band were welcomed by the Dean, the Very Rev. Dr. Rogers.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 5
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 2	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 7
CHARLES W. ROOPE ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF MANCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

EDWARD JONES ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY JUN. ... .. 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 7
LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This method, of which Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft is the author, is now rung for the first time.

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## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

## A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 6016 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HENRY TOOKE ... .. Treble	*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 5
RUSSELL W. CDRSON ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 7
WALTER R. FARROW ... .. 4	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method at first attempt. First peal in the method and first Surprise peal on the bells by a resident Norfolk band. Longest peal in the method by the association and longest peal on the bells.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
LEONARD STILLWELL ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
EDWARD J. BRAGG ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. Frank Corke's 100th peal for the association.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	*JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... .. 5
*ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. 2	J. HYLTON SYKES ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 3	AMBURN WILSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 4	THOMAS E. LEE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Oxford, and first of Oxford on the bells.

## EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Three Hours and One-and-a-Half Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK REDGWELL ... .. 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6
ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

A birthday compliment to F. Claydon, and the 28th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Redgwell, who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal. The monthly peal for the division.

## SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES.

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

H. JAMES TURNER ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 5
C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 2	*HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 3	JOHN WITHERS JUN. ... .. 7
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. Treble	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 5
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 3	JOHN H. CHESMAN ... .. 7
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by J. H. CHESMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Muriel, elder daughter of the ringer of the treble.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HENRY BARRELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
STANLEY COPLING ... .. 2	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 6
ROBERT GARDINER ... .. 3	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 7
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT.

Conducted by CHARLES LOOME.

First peal as conductor.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## DENVER, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

ALFRED E. BACON ... .. Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 4
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... .. 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 5
*CHARLES A. UTTERIDGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

\* First peal in more than one method.

## SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WATSON STUART ... .. Treble	VICTOR BOWEN ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 5
FREDERICK MATTHEWS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

\* First peal.

## GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt.

LEONARD G. TOSLAND ... .. Treble	HORACE PATRICK ... .. 3
W. REGINALD BUTCHER ... .. 2	ARCHIBALD S. TOSLAND ... .. 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

Arranged and rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Leonard G. Tosland and Miss Constance E. Chester, of Loddington. L. G. Tosland has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.  
CHARLES H. COX... .. Treble | JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 4  
ARCHIBALD MORRIS ... .. 2 | ERNEST COX ... .. 5  
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 3 | ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED T. POULTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Bond. Rung as a compliment to Miss Venmore, who defrayed the cost.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

\* EDWARD BUTCHER ... .. Treble | TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4  
GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 2 | \* WILLIAM GORMAN ... .. 5  
CHARLES SAUNDERS ... .. 3 | LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

\* First peal.

CHISELDON, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Cross,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. FARMER ... Treble | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 3  
\* BENJAMIN H. THOMPSON ... 2 | BENJAMIN THOMPSON ... 4  
† WILLIAM A. FARMER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal on the bells. The ringers of treble and tenor and 4th and 2nd are father and son respectively.

BROMHAM, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes

At the Church of St. Owen,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE WHITE ... .. Treble | REGINALD WEST ... .. 4  
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2 | HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 5  
FRANK C. TYSOR ... .. 3 | PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

REV. J. R. KING ... .. Treble | CECIL VERREY ... .. 4  
\* REGINALD PRICE ... .. 2 | † FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... 5  
JAMES HAYNES ... .. 3 | THOMAS A. HAYNES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. BAILEY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. All the ringers are of the local team, and this is the first peal of any kind attempted at Measham with all local men.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

With ten different callings.

ERNEST TOSSELL ... .. Treble | \* CHARLES BUSH ... .. 4  
WILLIAM F. WEBB ... .. 2 | † JEFFREY TOSSELL ... .. 5  
JOHN PARKER ... .. 3 | † EDWARD DURBIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JEFFREY TOSSELL.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal by a Sunday service band. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rector (the Rev. W. Ford).

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. WATKINS ... Treble | WILLIAM BEAVER ... .. 5  
THOMAS BEAVER ... .. 2 | ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 6  
V. JAMES CARLESS ... .. 3 | JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 7  
DENNIS J. SHARPLES ... .. 4 | JAMES L. GOODE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal on the bells by the local band. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Vicarage.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

VERNEY COOPER ... .. Treble | REGINALD WEST ... .. 4  
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2 | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5  
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 3 | SIDNEY FOSKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Whitley and Northumberland, (2) Rosendale and Lighfoot, (3) Stamford and Wearnmouth, (4) Hexham and Surfleet, (5) Berwick and Beverley, (6) Norfolk and Ipswich, (7) Primrose and Cambridge.

JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... Treble | ANDREW MARSHALL ... .. 4  
THOMAS FULLER ... .. 2 | JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... 5  
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 3 | JAMES BASSETT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. E. S. Jose.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble | GEORGE FOSTER ... .. 4  
WALTER RICH ... .. 2 | \* FREDERICK HOOPER ... .. 5  
MISS KATHLEEN BURCHNALL ... 3 | † HAROLD DENMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. Rung to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the opening of the bells, and also a birthday compliment to G. and K. Burchnall.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge, Netherseale and Norwich Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE C. HILL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4  
MISS MARGARET PACK ... .. 2 | MISS GLADYS PACK ... .. 5  
WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... .. 3 | ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all, and first attempt. First peal ever rung on the bells. Rung in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Dover on the occasion of the dedication of the children's banner.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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## MOULTON'S HISTORIC DAY.

### NEW BELLS DEDICATED TO MISSIONARY PIONEER.

Last Saturday (June 9th) was the greatest day in the history of the Northants village of Moulton. It was the centenary of the death of William Carey, the great pioneer of modern missions, who died June 9th, 1834. The parish joined in the world-wide celebrations by augmenting its church bells, for it was in Moulton that Carey thought out his schemes of the world's evangelisation.

Dr. Sidney Madge, F.S.A., an old Moultonian boy, gave the treble bell, and wished it to be dedicated to Carey, as he was the originator of the most remarkable phenomenon in the history of the Christian Church, viz., evangelisation by missionary societies and founder of the first missionary society. The second bell was provided by the generous subscriptions given by both church and chapel people. Carey was a Baptist minister. This, also, is the first time in history that a bell has been dedicated to a Nonconformist minister.

There was an influx of 3,000 people into the village, which rose to the occasion and catered for them all. The weather was ideal, and added to the success of the great day.

A grand procession, with band, started off from Carey's Chapel to the Parish Church, where it was met at the church gates by the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Turner, wardens, sidesmen, the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. White, Rector of Pitsford, Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, several of the neighbouring clergy interested in ringing, Dr. Sidney Madge and his son, the Rev. S. Madge.

The augmented procession wended its way along the churchyard path to the belfry door, for the dedication was to take place in the open air. Between one and two thousand people squeezed into the churchyard, the adjacent streets and into the church itself. An admirable microphone and loud speaker, which had been set up, enabled every word to be heard half a mile away.

The service opened with the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' led by a cornet. Psalm 122, the bellringers' psalm, 'I was glad when they said unto me,' was sung to the bellringers' chant, composed by the Vicar. The first lesson was read by the local Baptist minister, the second by the president of the Northants Baptist Association, and the address given by Carey's great-grandson, the Rev. Pearce Carey, M.A. The bellringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' was sung heartily by the hundreds of bellringers present, led by the Moulton ringers on their sweet-toned handbells.

The donors, Dr. S. Madge and the Vicar, took the rope ends of the two new bells, which came well out of the belfry door, and with suitable words handed them to the wardens. They in turn handed the ropes to the Rural Dean, who dedicated the bells. The ropes were next handed to the foreman ringer, Mr. E. Tebbutt, and the ringing instructor, Mr. Tom Tebbutt, who amidst intense silence proceeded to raise the two bells. The Rural Dean offered suitable prayers, and then for the first time in Moulton's history eight bells were heard. The octave was in perfect harmony, thanks to the skill of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the music was lovely as the local band, including three girls, rang the plain course of Grandsire Triples. No sweeter ring of bells could be heard in the whole of England.

After the address the service closed with the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul.' Canon Jephson, an octogenarian ringer from Ecton, pressed forward to have the first ring. He was followed by a mass of ringers hankering to get hold of the ropes. Tea was then provided in two halls, and two sittings were required to cope with the huge crowds. The hearts of all who thought of what all this involved went out to the village ladies who had to cope with such an unusual state of affairs, and to the busy washers-up.

Then a rush for the belfry again, a packed mass inside, another round the open belfry door and another inside the church. There was some splendid 'tapping' when an expert band got hold of the ropes.

There will be some more on June 23rd, when a great ringers' festival will be held by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, details of which may be seen in the advertisement columns.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

### CHANGE OF TREASURER.

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Hastings on Saturday, June 2nd, when about sixty assembled at All Saints' Church for ringing, followed by a service at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. Walker, of Halton, Hastings, who delivered an eloquent address on 'Sanctification of Life.'

Afterwards those present proceeded to Corner House Restaurant, Fishmarket, where an excellent tea was provided.

The business meeting followed, the Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, being in the chair. Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting was the question of the change in the treasurer'ship since the last annual meeting, which led to a somewhat animated discussion, followed by a unanimous welcome to the new treasurer, Mr. H. R. Butcher.

Mr. A. Huggett, of East Grinstead, was elected as a new member. The following officers were elected: President and vice-presidents; Master, Mr. J. T. Rickman; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. R. Butcher; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; hon. peal secretary, Mr. F. I. Hairs; auditors, Mr. W. Hart and Mr. N. Elliott; representative to

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL BUSINESS REVIEWED.

Pinner was the venue of a successful meeting held by North and East District members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on Saturday last, and, given the attraction of a musical peal of bells, it was not surprising that the attendance reached the satisfactory total of 50. The bells have recently been rendered less troublesome to the people living close to the tower by some very efficient shutters, and it is to be hoped that the complaints, which have been the cause of a serious curtailment of ringing at this church, will now cease.

The ringing, which took place during the afternoon and evening under the guidance of the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), was generally of a high standard—some good rounds for beginners and methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise to suit all tastes and abilities.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Hopkins, in the regretted absence of the Vicar, and a suitable sermon, with not too much about bells, was listened to attentively by a good congregation. After tea, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by G. M. Kilby, G. R. Pye, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, W. H. Hewett, G. W. Fletcher and C. W. Roberts.

Before any business was transacted, the Hon. Secretary explained that the Vicar (Rev. P. D. Ellis) was away on a much-needed holiday, following upon the death of his wife, who died recently after a very long illness. They were all exceedingly sorry for the cause of his absence. The Hon. Secretary also mentioned the death of Mr. F. W. H. Sergison (late secretary of the St. Clement's Youths), who had been a member of this association for some six years.

To show their sympathy with the Vicar of Pinner and with the widow of the late Mr. Sergison, members present stood for a few moments in silence.

After the adoption of the minutes of the last meeting, the Revs. P. D. Ellis and F. H. Hopkins were elected honorary members of the association.

Stanmore was chosen for the next meeting on July 14th, and it was announced that a joint meeting of the Herts and Middlesex Associations would be held at North Mimms on July 28th.

An interesting report on the meeting of the Central Council was given by the hon. secretary. Mr. Coles took each item on the agenda separately and explained what each of the several committees were doing. He drew attention to the forthcoming publication of a complete collection of 'Triples methods, at the price of about 1s. Regarding the motions discussed, whilst it was of great satisfaction to get the 'Bankes James' composition admitted as a true peal, it was a great surprise that a Council composed almost exactly as last year should accept those peals as true by a vote of 62 to 26, whereas last year it had rejected the same compositions by a pretty big majority. Mr. Coles facetiously suggested that the letters written by himself on the subject had had a good effect.

A discussion arose on the proposal made at the Council meeting to send photos of churches to ringing brethren in Melbourne and Hobart, and valuable suggestions were made for the guidance of the hon. secretary in dealing with the matter.

Mr. Coles concluded his report by mentioning the enormous amount of work put in by Mr. G. W. Fletcher (the hon. secretary of the Council) and his wife, which enabled the business of the Council to be got through in record time.

A supply of the latest publication, 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' was distributed by the hon. secretary to tower secretaries present.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to the Rev. F. H. Hopkins for his address; to the organist for adding to the harmony of the proceedings; and to Mr. K. J. Guyler for his very efficient arrangements. This was proposed by the chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) and carried unanimously.

Ringing afterwards was continued until nearly nine o'clock, by which time most members had departed after a very enjoyable meeting.

Central Council, Mr. O. Sippetts: hon. trustees of funds, Mr. F. B. Tompkins, Mr. H. R. Butcher and Mr. G. H. Howse.

Brighton and Chichester were then proposed for the annual meeting in 1935, and the meeting decided in favour of Brighton, a special sub-committee to be appointed to make arrangements.

The Master closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to the authorities of the various churches for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. Walker for his helpful address.

Owing to the lengthy meeting it was too late to visit Christ Church, St. Leonards, to the great disappointment of many. St. Clement's, Hastings, being near, those remaining decided to conclude the ringing on this octave of steel bells, where, amongst other methods, a course of London Major was rung.

As usual, when held at this extreme end of the county, the meeting was not representative, only three members being present from the whole of the Western Division. The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Eastbourne, Turner's Hill, Crawley, Battle, Ringmer, Lewes (Southover), Chichester, Lindfield, Cuckfield, Heathfield, Hartfield, East Grinstead, Mayfield, Rotherfield, Heene, Balcombe and Shoreham.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The Leatherhead District paid its usual biennial visit to Ockley on June 2nd. The Rector, the Rev. H. C. Martin, had forgone his afternoon's cricket to be there to welcome the members, and to conduct the Guild's form of service, and it was something unusual and encouraging to see several of the local band (although not members of the Guild and only capable of rounds and call changes) present all the afternoon.

The long draught and the heaviness going of the bells provided an experience for some of the youngsters, but they all had their try at rounds.

Twenty members and friends from Holmbury St. Mary, Scale, Leatherhead, Mickleham, Newdigate, Ockley and Warnham sat down to tea at the Red Lion, where they were joined later by the Rector, who had got too late for tea with the cricketers.

There was no business on the agenda to bring forward, but Mr. A. Rice was proposed a member of the Newdigate band and duly elected.

The Rector was thanked for his giving up his time to conduct the service, and for the use of the bells, and in reply he said he was only too pleased to have visitors ringing at the church. He deplored the fact that some ringers on their outing had passed through that morning without stopping for a ring. He was surprised that the charge for teas was so great, and expressed a hope to be able to invite the ringers to tea at the Rectory on the next visit.

A return was made to the tower, and the bells were kept going until nearly nine o'clock. A few 'Surprise' visitors putting in an appearance, methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung, with plenty of 'rounds' interspersed, so that everyone present was catered for.

The Chertsey District had a successful meeting at Egham on May 26th. For the first time for a considerable period the district carried a meeting on its own shoulders, so to speak. There was an attendance of 17 from the various towers, and no one from outside the district, until the hon. general secretary put in an appearance late in the evening. The District Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) and the new district secretary (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne), backed by the Egham ringers, worked hard to make the meeting a success, and had the pleasure of electing one of the Egham churchwardens as an hon. member and two Weybridge ringers as active members.

### LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION BRIDGEND BELLS FOR CHIMING ONLY.

A quarterly meeting was held at Llanfrechfa on Saturday last, when a splendid attendance, representative of a number of towers of the Monmouth diocese, was present. The bells, a ring of six by Blews, installed sixty years ago, were raised about three o'clock and rung in various methods until 4.30, when service was held, the Vicar, the Rev. Rhys Morris, officiating. His address, quite out of the ordinary, was most interesting. Following the service, tea was kindly provided in the schoolroom by the Church authorities.

At the subsequent business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, the representatives to the Central Council gave their reports, restorations and augmentations were dealt with, and it was regretted to learn that the new peal of bells to be installed at Bridgend were to be hung for chiming only, owing to the close proximity of the local hospital.

The hon. secretary read the circular letter he had received in regard to the proposed Australian tour, and it was decided to support the proposal to send photographs of noted towers as a gift to the ringers in the Commonwealth.

New members were elected, including the whole of the Llanfrechfa band, which is now a progressive change-ringing company, thanks to their leader, Mr. W. J. Powell.

Grosmont and Rumney were proposed as places to hold the next Monmouth meeting, and the voting went in favour of Rumney.

The visitors included the churchwardens and Mr. Addams Williams, a local gentleman who takes the keenest interest in the bells, the ringers and the parish in general.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped to make the meeting such a huge success, and those who failed to put in an appearance missed a great treat.

The bells were kept going until late in the evening.

### STILL RINGING AT 83.

At All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon., on June 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. J. Butler 1, F. Atwell 2, J. Butler 3, L. Bainham 4, Rev. I. Richards 5, F. Bullock 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Bullock 8.

Specially arranged for Mr. J. Butler, who is eighty-three years of age. He was a former Newport ringer, and is now resident at Bideford, Devon. He was visiting Newport for a holiday, when he took part in this quarter-peal.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Ernest Turner, of Ealing, is the youngest ringer to be elected an honorary member of the Central Council. In this respect he has beaten his friend, Mr. J. A. Trollope, by a few months, although the latter had served a term of three years as the representative of the Norwich Diocesan Association before being elected an honorary member.

Next Monday is the anniversary of the birth of Jasper Snowdon, who was born at Ilkley, Yorks (where he is buried), on June 18th, 1844.

The first peal on the bells at Hothfield, Kent, was rung last Sunday, on the occasion of a visit by the Lord Bishop of Dover. It was also the first peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. The band received the Rector's congratulations after the peal, and enjoyed the kindly hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. A. Woolley in the evening.

Saffron Walden's 'Great Ringing Day' is to be held this year on Saturday, June 30th, instead of the proper day, June 27th. It is the 311th anniversary of the society.

The eleven peals of Surprise Major recorded this week were rung in no fewer than six methods. Surely a sign of the progress of the times.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### EIGHT RINGERS FOR COMMONWEALTH TRIP.

A band of eight ringers has now been completed for the proposed Australian tour, and the party will sail in the S.S. 'Barrabool' from London on September 14th.

The actual itinerary while in the Commonwealth has not yet been settled, but it will include visits to Melbourne, Sydney, Hobart and Ballarat, where peals will be attempted, and possibly to Perth, Adelaide, Geelong and Bendigo.

At Melbourne the ringers will be the guests of the Melbourne Centenary Committee, as it is in connection with these celebrations that the visit is being arranged, and the ringers from England will assist in the Armistice Day ceremony by ringing on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. The central act of this commemoration is to be the dedication and opening by the Duke of Gloucester of a Hall of Remembrance, in which will be recorded the names of Australian men and women who gave their lives in the Great War.

In connection with the visit the associations and guilds in this country are being asked to contribute to a collection of photographs of the cathedrals and notable churches containing rings of bells in the homeland, to be presented to the ringing societies in Melbourne and Hobart. The Editor of 'The Ringing World' would remind Association and Guild secretaries that, as there are to be two collections of pictures, the photographs are required in duplicate, and the cost is 2s. for each of the two photographs, and not 2s. for the pair.

The tourists will take with them to their ringing brethren of Australia, the greetings of the ringers of the British Isles, expressed through a resolution of the Central Council.

## 'NOBODY'S' COMPOSITION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The reason why no composer's name was put to the peal of Double Norwich I called at Willesden was that it is just the sort of peal I have in mind when I say they cannot be said to be anybody's composition. There is a very simple dodge by which you can get a number of most excellent peals in many methods and many lengths. I think I was the first to work this dodge, at any rate, intentionally. That was many years ago, and I have used it when I have wanted to call peals in several methods—Double Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob Major, Bob Royal, Edmonton and Winchester, as well as Double Norwich. It gives you excellent peals that look to the uninitiated like irregular one-parts. I used it when I called a peal of Bob Royal at Isleworth the other day, and I dare say if I gave that composition and the 5,008 of Double Norwich to any one of your readers he would be rather puzzled if I told him they were the same composition. But my young friends now know the trick, and they smile in a superior way when I use it. It has served my purpose well enough in the past, but, really, I have not check enough to go on calling them original peals composed by me.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## AMONG SUFFOLK BELLS.

On Whit Monday, May 21st, the Bishop's Stortford company, with friends, had their annual outing. Leaving by coach at 7.30 a.m., Sudbury was reached at 9 o'clock, and on the bells of St. Gregory's Church all had a pull. The next stop was Long Melford, where a pleasant time was spent in ringing and looking over the historic church. At Felixstowe they had lunch and tea and a few hours by the sea. On the return journey they stopped at Woodbridge, and all enjoyed ringing on the fine and much talked of peal of eight. The 'go' and lone are splendid and worthy of all the good things said about them. The last stop was St. Margaret's, Ipswich, also a good peal of eight, where short touches for an hour brought the ringing to a finish. Home was reached about 10.30 p.m. Thanks are extended to the Rectors, steeplekeepers and all who helped to make the day a great success.

## SALISBURY GUILD'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

### A VISIT TO MILTON ABBEY.

#### Presentation to Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

A memorable gathering took place at Milton Abbey, Dorset, on Saturday, when a 'fellowship' meeting, arranged primarily for Dorset ringers, but attended by many from outside the county, was held by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The project was initiated by Mr. C. H. Jennings, the enthusiastic hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch, and eagerly supported by the members of the Guild, who were present with their friends in almost overwhelming force.

Milton Abbey is set in one of the most glorious bits of countryside to be found in all this wide realm. It is no exaggeration to say that, seen under the conditions which prevailed on Saturday, there is no more beautiful spot to be found in England. 'Far from the madding crowd,' it lies in the folds of the wooded hills, now in all the glory of 'leafy June,' and the summer sun smiled down when, from car and coach, some 600 people



THE REV. F. LL. EDWARDS.

were decanted on to the spacious lawns where the abbey and the mansion, once a Benedictine monastery, rise in stately grandeur.

The monastery and collegiate church of Milton were founded by King Athelstan, grandson of Alfred the Great, and later it was converted into an abbey. The original minster was a noble stone building, rich in shrines and relics. It was restored and enlarged, if not rebuilt, in Norman times, and was then a building of considerable architectural pretensions. In 1309 the church was struck by lightning, and, except for two Norman arches, was burnt to the ground. Thirteen years later, as we learn from an interesting brochure by the Rev. Herbert Pentin, the present abbey church was commenced on the same site, but on a much larger

and grander scale, and building operations went on from time to time until within a short period of the Dissolution in 1539.

In 1787 the Abbey underwent a 'restoration,' when the church was despoiled of its fittings and chantry chapels, and other valuable objects of interest went down under the hand of the 'restorer.' From the Dissolution onward the Abbey was in private ownership, and in 1865, at the expense of the late Baron Hambro, in whose possession it then was, it was restored by Sir Gilbert Scott and left in its present beautiful condition.

#### THE BELLS.

In 1933 the Abbey and adjoining property passed into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The building consists of choir and chancel with side aisles, and north and south transepts, over which rises the tower, but the nave has never been built. The tower is spacious, as these abbey towers usually are, but the bells have little to commend them. They are a light ring, of poor musical quality, and distractingly noisy in the ringing room, which is practically open to the belfry above. But thereby hangs a tale.

About the year 1870 it was proposed to put a ring of eight bells in the tower, and these were cast by Warners. Then it was thought that the tower was too weak to take them all, and only the front five were hung, the three heaviest bells being disposed of to other churches. This was the position of affairs when Mr. J. Hack, an enthusiastic ringer, entered the employ of Sir Everard Hambro, who owned the Abbey and occupied the mansion, in 1900. Mr. Hack did his best to persuade Sir Everard to complete the octave, and he at last consented to give a tenor bell. Then a faculty was obtained to dispose of an old cracked bell in the Parish Church, and this was sent to the foundry and converted into two trebles for the Abbey. Thus the present ring was completed about the year 1909, the bells being cast by Messrs. Llewellyns and James. Mr. Hack taught a band of ringers, and arrangements had been made to put another ceiling into the ringing room when the war came, and nothing further was done. Eventually Mr. Hack moved away to Kent and now resides at Crowborough, Sussex, but he was among the ringers who visited the Abbey on Saturday.

#### AN INSPIRING SERVICE

The seating capacity of the Abbey could not accommodate all who attended the service, which was a very inspiring one. It was conducted by the Vicar of Milton Abbas (Rev. C. J. Ellwood), and among the other clergy present were the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild),

Rev. C. C. Cox (Master of the West Dorset Branch), and the Rev. C. J. Phillips (hon. secretary of the East Dorset Branch). It was a matter for regret that the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, who had promised to preach, was unwell and unable to be present. His place was taken by the Archdeacon of Dorset.

The opening hymn was 'All people that on earth do dwell,' and the other hymns used were 'Raised aloft within the steeple' and 'We love the place, O God,' while Psalms 122 and 150 were also sung. The lesson, from Kings viii., was read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and as a prelude to the 'Magnificat,' a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four Poole ringers: Messrs. H. Mitchell, F. Townsend, W. Houlton and P. Davis. They were stationed on the stone screen at the entrance to the choir, and the sound of the bells floated down very effectively to the large congregation on the floor of the Abbey.

The Archdeacon, in the course of his address, expressed the regret of the Bishop that he was unable to fulfil his promise to preach. He went on to speak of the valuable work which was done by ringers, but reminded them that it was not enough for them to be interested in campanology merely for the exercise or pleasure they got out of it. They must love it for God's sake, and when they rang it should be for His honour and glory. Having briefly touched upon the evolution of the bell, the Archdeacon said it was the ringers who made these instruments speak, who called the people to worship, prayer and praise. Their lives should, therefore, harmonise with the message of the bells; they should be devout and reverent in God's House, and bear their witness in their lives outside.

The service concluded with the National Anthem.

A collection taken for the expenses of the service realised over £7. The caterers were faced with a big problem in providing tea. Arrangements had been made to deal with a party of 400, but half as many again were present. The difficulty was surmounted by a second sitting, albeit it was somewhat late before everyone had been provided for. That, however, was not the fault of the organisers. It was another instance of people turning up in large numbers without previously notifying their intention to do so. And Milton Abbey is seven miles from Blandford, the nearest town.

Between the sittings the whole party were gathered in the shadow of the east wall of the Abbey, where votes of thanks were passed to all who had shared in the day's arrangements, the Archdeacon, the Vicar, the organist and blower, the churchwardens, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and, last but not least, to Mr. Jennings, to whose happy thought the gathering was due, and who had worked so unsparingly for its success. The vote was proposed by the Master and seconded by the Rev. C. C. Cox.

#### APPRECIATION OF HON. SECRETARY'S SERVICES.

The Master afterwards said that day would go down as a red-letter day in the history of the Salisbury Guild, not only because of that great meeting, but because it was a kind of commemoration of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards' twenty-one years' work as hon. secretary of the Guild (applause). He looked upon that gathering as an expression of appreciation of the wonderful work which Mr. Edwards had done for the Guild for the last 21 years. He was going to ask the Archdeacon to present Mr. Edwards with a little memento of his work, in the shape of an illuminated address, and a cheque with their love and best wishes (applause). Might he long continue as secretary of the Guild (applause).

The Archdeacon said it was with very great pleasure on behalf of the Guild that he asked Mr. Edwards to accept the address and cheque.

The address, which was of magnificent workmanship and framed, had five hand-painted miniatures, Salisbury Cathedral at the top, on one side Winborne Minster and Sherborne Abbey, and on the other side Trowbridge Parish Church and Milton Abbey. It was worded as follows:—

#### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.

To the

REV. FRANK LLEWELLYN EDWARDS, M.A.

We, the members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, ask you to accept the accompanying small gift as a mark of our affection and appreciation of your services as

SECRETARY

of our Guild for the past 21 years, and we also wish you may live many years to carry on in the secretarial office in the same able way as you have in the past.

(Signed) SHAFESBURY President.

R. HUGH GUNDEY, Master.

Milton Abbey, June 9th, 1934.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said they had certainly prepared a surprise for him. He thanked them with all his heart for the appreciation they had shown of his 21 years' work as their secretary. These 21 years had been eventful years in the life of the Guild. The membership had nearly doubled, and the Guild had been divided into four branches, but it was the work of the branch secretaries and officers which was largely responsible for the increase in numbers and efficiency of the Guild. Milton Abbey would have wonder-

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### BELLS AND THE PRESS.

In their report, presented by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee said:—

Seldom, if ever, before have bells and bellringing occupied so prominent a place in the Press as during the past twelve months. The great literary event of this period has been the appearance of Miss Dorothy Sayers' most original novel, 'The Nine Tailors,' wherein the story turns on a nine-hour peal, and a clever cypher is made out of a course of Kent Treble Bob. The solution of the mysterious death of a man, whose body had been found in the bellchamber—that he was killed by the noise of the bells—might indeed be regarded rather as a two-edged weapon, but there is no doubt that the book has had the effect of calling public attention to the scientific aspect of change ringing. Most significant of all is the fact that the 'Daily Express' thought it worth while to publish the novel as a serial story with copious illustrations of the belfry. Of the drawings it may be observed that one of the actual ringing was rather of the old Christmas card type, but those of the bells and their fittings presented a vivid and accurate picture.

The broadcast of the bells of Bethlehem to the world last Christmas Eve naturally claimed a place of honour in the printed page, and in many instances photographs of the Church of the Nativity were reproduced, showing one or more of the bells.

Bow Bells have become more famous than ever. The restoration and reopening of this historic peal commanded the general attention of journalists both in Britain and America, while the interesting experiment recently introduced by the B.B.C. of using a gramophone record of the old bells, as an interval signal, formed the subject of many a newspaper paragraph. A lively correspondence on this innovation in the 'Times' and other newspapers has afforded one more proof of the fact that it is no use trying to please everybody!

**NEWSPAPERS REGARD CAMPANOLOGY AS 'GOOD COPY.'**  
The temporary silence of Big Ben has brought that world-famous bell into the news of the day. This again has given rise to an animated discussion in the 'Times' and other journals on the question whether Big Ben should be recast—and robbed of his individuality. There is adequate reason to believe that his friendly old jumble of tones will continue as heretofore to appeal to the sentiments of listeners throughout the King's Dominions. The substitution of St. Paul's clock chiming for those of Westminster has elicited a number of well-informed paragraphs on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. The transfer of three bells from a disused village church to the tower of St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, the recasting of Wolsey's great bell at Sherborne Abbey and the repair of ancient bells in two Suffolk churches by welding have featured prominently in the Press. In this last connection the fact that an article written by the Rev. H. Drake for a Suffolk weekly, the 'Woodbridge Reporter,' was reproduced in full in the 'Western Gazette,' published at Yeovil, suggests that editors regard campanology as 'good copy.' The memorable scene enacted at Sherborne, when boys of Sherborne School, under the direction of Major Hesse, pulled the recast tenor from the station to the Abbey, engaged the close attention of Press photographers, and claimed pride of place in the pictorial pages. Indeed, that popular journal, the 'Daily Mirror,' assigned to it the whole of its front page. The appearance of this picture gave occasion to a humorous incident, which gained currency in the local Press. A lady wrote to the headmaster stating that she had in her house a bust of Cardinal Wolsey, and offering to present it to the school in memory of the part taken by the boys in connection with Wolsey's Bell. The matter was referred to the Vicar and the bust was duly sent. It proved to be that of John Wesley! (laughter). In several of the instances enumerated the editors of the papers concerned have improved the occasion to publish leading articles on bells and bellringing in general, while the correspondence columns, especially of the 'Times,' have furnished striking evidence of widespread interest in these subjects, letters on which have ranged over an extensive field of bell lore.

### A LAW CASE.

Recent records in peal ringing set up both by veterans and by youthful performers have found their due place in the news columns. The exploits of Edwin Barnett and Phyllis Tillett have obtained considerable publicity in East Anglian papers, and well-informed comments have appeared in print. The 'Daily Herald' has frequent references to the ringer's art, evidently from the pen of one with technical knowledge. One Mr. Peppercorn was recently represented as saying, 'Bellringing isn't as simple as you'd think. . . . Treble Bob Major sounds like an army man, and Grandsire Triple might be the oldest inhabitant.' The 'Daily Express' last month published a striking account of a visit to the belfry of Bow Church, with a vivid description of the ringing and interesting personal notes on well-known members of the Exercise. Erudite contributions from the pen of Mr. R. Richardson have been appearing in a Midland magazine. A pleasing incident has been reported of Sir G. Lowndes, of Indian fame, revisiting the Dorset home of his childhood on purpose to hear the bells ring in the new year.

One case of objection to church bells obtained general notice. An injunction was sought to restrain the Vicar of St. Alban's, Golders

Green, from causing annoyance by a chime of bells. Three members of the Central Council attended the Court during most of the hearing. Counsel for plaintiff gave a very thorough and interesting exposition of the provisions of Canon Law with respect to church bells. Mr. Justice Luxmoore showed himself well instructed in the proper uses of bells, and with commendable firmness upheld the statutory right and duty of the clergy to maintain such uses. The case was settled by agreement. The impression left was that a more satisfactory settlement might have been obtained and much time and money saved if the Vicar had in the first instance sought the advice of the Central Council.

A letter was sent to the B.B.C. thanking them for the broadcasts of ringing at Christmas and the New Year, and at the same time calling their attention to a most unfortunate use of a record of muffled bells illustrating Dickens' Christmas Carol. The secretary of the Council received an appreciative and courteous reply.

The report concluded with quotations from a magnificent article which appeared in the 'Times' on March 23rd, in the course of which it said: 'There are sweet bells in France, in Italy, in Belgium; but the English country is their true home. And it will never do for England to listen to the fretful fuss of those who would silence her church bells, whether over her fields or over the noisy towns in which they are the only music.'

### BROADCASTING.

An additional report by Mr. Albert Walker, on the broadcasting side of the committee's work, was read as follows:—

During the year since Whitsuntide, 1933, there have been several broadcasts of bells in conjunction with the Sunday evening services from various churches and cathedrals. The most notable were the broadcast of Westminster Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral bells for the passing of the old year and ringing in the new year, and more recently the broadcast from Beverley Minster, Yorks, when the Bourdon bell, 'Great John,' in the south-west tower, was rung in conjunction with the noble peal of ten bells in the north-west tower of the Minster, with splendid effect.

It is to be regretted that there is a falling off in bell broadcasts previous to broadcast services from churches in the Midland Counties. Taking Birmingham as an example, St. Martin's Church, the Cathedral and St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, whose bells have been generally broadcast, have been omitted, although Sunday evening services have on several occasions been broadcast since February 17th last, the date of the last broadcast from Birmingham Cathedral.

We have been in communication with the B.B.C. Midland Director, who assures us that these omissions are temporary and that they hope to include the bells again at an early date. The Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, who is a member of the Broadcast Services Advisory Committee of the B.B.C., has promised his support to have the bells included in future broadcasts.

Mr. W. A. Cave seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. G. R. Newton referred to the absence of bells before many of the broadcast church services, and particularly to the absence of bells prior to the broadcast of a service from Ripon Cathedral, which was relayed to a large number of churches in the north. They had the organ before the service, said Mr. Newton, but he thought there were other times during the service when the organist got his chance to let the people hear the lovely organ music which was so much appreciated. It was a great disappointment that they could not hear the fine ring of bells at Ripon before that service. That service ought to have been preceded by the bells, and he suggested that the attention of the B.B.C. should be drawn to the omission.

### B.B.C.'S MISTAKES.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he too wrote, in conjunction with Mr. Richardson, to the B.B.C. as to the misuse of a muffled bells record in the Christmas play. The B.B.C. replied, thanking them for pointing out the mistake, and remarking that 'unfortunately no Christmas bells had been recorded as yet.' Obviously, said Mr. Coles, there were plenty of records, and he sent the B.B.C. a list of the records which he knew existed. Mr. Coles also referred to the broadcast of a sketch in which a trick was supposed to be played, and a man, who was supposed to be secreted in a church, rang all the bells, the record being that of Grandsire Triples. That again was obviously silly. On writing to the B.B.C., Mr. Coles said he got a reply some time later saying that the matter was receiving attention in the proper quarter. Mr. Coles suggested that the Council might do something to stop the use of inappropriate broadcast records. There was, he said, another case, when there was a broadcast of a Russian opera of the period 1598-1605. In that they had the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral rung to Stedman Cinques (laughter). Apparently change ringing was much older than many of them thought and came from Moscow (laughter). The matter, of course, had its serious side, and he suggested that when members of the Council heard things of that sort on the wireless they should communicate with the secretary of the Council. With regard to the interlude of Bow Bells, although he for one appreciated bells, he thought the use of one particular record became rather monotonous, and he suggested that the Council should call attention to the fact that there might be a variation of the records used, there were plenty of them, including St. Paul's and St. Margaret's. With all respect to those who made the excellent record of Bow Bells, he thought they would admit that to have a variation from call change ringing would be appreciated.

The President said the most satisfactory part of Mr. Coles' statement was that letters to the B.B.C. did sometimes have some effect, and they had better go on writing (hear, hear).

The report was adopted, and the President added that when the correspondence in the 'Times' began about Great Tom and Great Paul a certain Capt. Cockayne wrote pointing out that the statement of the B.B.C. that they were going to broadcast Great Tom must be wrong, and that it was Great Paul and not Great Tom they were going to use, because bells were given the name of the Cathedral to which they belonged. When he (the president) saw that letter he wrote to the 'Times' pointing out that the B.B.C. were right, because it was Great Tom, which came from Westminster, upon which the clock struck. He got a courteous reply from the 'Times,' who said they would have published his letter if they had not already got set up in type a letter from Mr. Griggs, R.A., to the same effect. He (the president) took the opportunity of signing his letter officially and he was hoping that for once they might have got into the 'Times.' They nearly did it, but not quite (laughter).

This brought the Council to the end of the committee's reports, and an adjournment was then made for luncheon.

#### COUNCIL MAJORITIES.

When the Council resumed in the afternoon, the members came to the discussion of motions, the first being, 'That no decision of the Council relating to the ringing of peals shall be binding unless passed by a two-thirds majority of the meeting.' It was formally moved by Mr. J. A. Trollope and seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, and then an amendment suggested by the Standing Committee was accepted, altering the last words, 'of the meeting,' to 'of the members present.'

Mr. W. E. White asked why the stipulation should apply to the ringing of peals only and not to the other business of the Council?

The President said the old rule was that all decisions of the Council on matters other than those of private business should be passed by two-thirds majority, but that was done away with under the new rules passed last year. It was felt that on this particular question of the recognition of peals, no decision should be taken, either by a snap vote or a small majority.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked if it was suggested that some particular part of the business of the Council was to be subjected to a given majority, but not the other business? The new rules were only carried last year; were they going to start turning them upside down already? Any majority that was required to carry any other business of the Council ought to be used for the same purpose for defining peals or anything connected with the Council (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. Drake said the president had pointed out that the two-thirds majority proviso was done away with when they passed the new rules. It was a point that was never brought up for discussion, and it had never been agreed to after discussion that they should do away with a two-thirds majority on matters relating to peals.

The President stated that the reason for the Standing Committee's recommendation was that the meeting was constituted by those who signed the roll, and it might be awkward to insist on a two-thirds majority of the 'meeting,' because very often some members had to leave after lunch and before the business of the Council was completed.

#### PROTECTION OF MINORITIES.

Mr. Trollope then spoke to the motion as amended. He said when the Council was first constituted it was one of the rules that no resolution which affected the outside Exercise should be operative unless it were passed by two-thirds majority. He had been a member of the Council for 38 years, and he only remembered that rule being invoked once before last year, and that was at Worcester in 1902, so that to all intents and purposes it had become a dead letter until last year, and then it was brought into operation over the six-bell peal question. When the revision of rules was made last year the proviso was omitted. He had no means of knowing why, but he imagined that it was felt by those who were re-drafting the rules that it had not functioned. But he proposed now to ask the Council to revive it for one particular purpose only, and that was for the actual ringing of peals, the object being that they should not be at the mercy of a snap division, and that when the Council and the Exercise were sharply divided on any point the minority would be protected; in other words, that a large minority should not be at the mercy of a small majority, especially when the minority contained most of those people who were really interested in the question at issue. What the Council was now asked to agree to was that nothing went out as the authoritative ruling of the Council which had not behind it a large majority of the Council, so that they could say it was the considered opinion of the Council. It had been pointed out to him that the resolution might have the opposite effect to that intended, and he had been asked how they were to have any progress at all if they had to wait until they had a two-thirds majority? He held that this resolution, if carried, would be beneficial, provided they only looked upon their rules for peal ringing in the right way. A lot of people spoke of the rules as if they were restrictive rules, that they must do this or that they must not do the other. That, in his opinion, was not the object of the rules of the Council as far as peal ringing was concerned. Their object was to set up a standard below which they hoped and expected ringers would not fall. To some ex-

tent they had to say that they must not do certain things, but they must take the attitude that no rule could ever forbid anything being rung which was not in the mind of the Council at the time the rule was laid down. If any improvement should come up which was not known when the rule was laid down, that rule should not be construed as forbidding it, neither should it be construed as allowing it. These improvements were things which did not occur very often, perhaps once or twice in a generation. Supposing ten years ago a band made up their mind to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise and wanted to be loyal to the decisions of the Council. If they turned to the rules they would have found that a peal had to be rung in one method only. What should they do? Should they say that the rule as it stood forbade spliced ringing, and that they must get the rule altered before they rang the peal? Had they taken that attitude they would never have rung a spliced peal; long before the rule was altered all the enthusiasm would have evaporated, and the band, perhaps, broken up. But they said, in effect, when this rule was drawn up nobody dreamed about ringing this Spliced Surprise, therefore they considered the rule did not affect it one way or the other. When the peal had been rung and it came before the Council this suggested two-thirds majority, if carried, would operate. It would prevent anything being rushed on the Exercise if it was not desirable, and would give time for any improvement to prove whether it was right or wrong. Sometimes it took a long while, sometimes years, to get a considered opinion of the Exercise, and this rule would serve to keep a question open while they were deciding whether a thing was desirable or not. The object of the resolution was to protect minorities, but if he thought it would be used to stop improvement he would be inclined to vote against it himself.

#### AMENDMENT AND MOTION DEFEATED.

Mr. W. E. White asked why the motion should apply to peal ringing only? He saw no reason for that.

The President pointed out that under Rule 15 all alterations in the rules of the Council had to be passed by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. White moved that the resolution before the Council should apply to all motions put before the Council.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded.

Mr. Coles said if this amendment were passed they would, in his opinion, be going backward. He did not think they should require a two-thirds majority for merely pious expressions of opinion, such as, for instance, was contained in motion No. 14 on the agenda, and if that amendment were passed it certainly would apply to No. 14.

The President said the new rules passed last year were in the Press for nearly a year; people were asked for criticisms and to send in amendments. Ample opportunity was given for discussion, and if people did not take that opportunity it was their own fault.

The Rev. H. Drake said he did not mean that in what he had previously said. What he meant was that they did not actually discuss it.

The President: Presumably you did not discuss it because you didn't want to.

Mr. J. Hunt advised the Council to vote against Mr. Trollope's resolution. Had Mr. Trollope come there with the backing of an association, he (Mr. Hunt) would have considered supporting the motion, but he came there as an individual member. This two-thirds majority under the new rules was quashed, and they were now asked to reinstate it. His advice to them was to vote against the motion, and when they had anything to vote on let them vote on it and pass it like men.

Alderman Pritchett hoped the Council would not pass the resolution. His chief objection to it was that they might never be able to get enough people of one mind to carry a resolution by a two-thirds majority. A minor objection was they had just made new rules on the theory that they were competent to pass by a majority anything they thought fit. They ought not to depart from or make exceptions to it. The Council consisted of experienced ringers for the most part, capable of making up their minds and making them up in a sensible direction. They were naturally cautious, and it was not likely they would pass by a small majority an important resolution. Those who had fears of a considerable minority being overridden might rely on it that there was sufficient good sense among the members of the Council to prevent anything of that kind happening.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he felt it incumbent to speak on behalf of the resolution, and particularly in regard to what they had heard from Mr. Pritchett. They had been told by the president, and surely that was an answer to Alderman Pritchett, that they already had in the rules that any alteration to the rules had got to have a two-thirds majority. Surely matters relating to peal ringing, things like Spliced Surprise and peals of Minor, were essential matters of some importance and equal in that respect to the rules of the Council. If that were so, and if it were wrong that there should be a two-thirds majority on matters dealing with peals, then they were wrong to insist on a two-thirds majority in the alteration of rules. He asked the Council to consider that before they voted against the resolution.

The amendment that all motions before the Council should require a two-thirds majority was then put to the meeting and defeated by a large majority, and Mr. Trollope's motion was next put and also defeated.

(To be continued.)

### 'CENTENARY' COMMEMORATION BELLS. FORESTERS' GIFT TO BECKENHAM CHURCH.

The centenary of the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society has been appropriately perpetuated at Beckenham, Kent, by the dedication of two treble bells, by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, on Sunday, June 3rd. A tablet recording the gift of the bells by the local Court, 'St. George' No. 5106, of the Beckenham District, was also unveiled. The Parish Church of St. George now possesses a very comfortable peal of 10 with a tenor 14½ cwt.

A congregation of nearly 500, including Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), officers of the Kent County Association, and officers and members of kindred friendly societies, assembled for the Foresters' service that had been arranged, and it was during this service that the dedication and unveiling took place.

The bells by the Croydon Foundry have been erected independently of the old octave, and it is agreed that the combination has been very well made, whilst the rearrangement in the ringing chamber leaves nothing to be desired.

The inscriptions on the new bells are:—

Treble.—'Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society Centenary, 1934.'

Second.—'Court "St. George" No. 5106, Beckenham District.'

The tablet, affixed near to the entrance to the tower, has been completed in oak with synthetic ivory inlaid throughout. It is of very smart appearance, and is quite an improvement on the usual brass and enamel plate. Messrs. Daymond, of Edward Street, Victoria, S.W., were entrusted with this work.

After the dedication and up to evensong touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung, whilst after evensong the tower was again visited, when several of the local band gathered to try out their newly-acquired gift.

An open ringing day is to be arranged during July, of which good notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

### REV. C. W. O. JENKYN MEMORIAL FUND. SECOND LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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### CORRECTION.

In the previous list Reading Branch should have been: Caversham tower £2 2s., Nettled tower 5s., Rev. R. H. A. Bullock 5s., Rev. — Raper 5s.; total £2 17s.

The committee are hoping that all subscriptions will be paid in before the annual festival, July 21st. They should be sent to the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wright, 31, Priest Hill, Caversham, Reading.

### WEDDING BELLS.

At Heston, Middlesex, on Thursday, June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Rose 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. J. Cattermoul 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, A. Jones 6, W. Lewis (conductor) 7, D. F. May 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. G. Manners, of Derby, to Miss B. Kingsley-Rutter, granddaughter of Mrs. Craggs (wife of the Vicar of Heston), which took place at Heston earlier in the day.

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ful memories for him all his life, for it was there he first attended an annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild, and it was there he had received that splendid and generous recognition of his 21 years' service as secretary of the Guild. When he attended his first meeting of the Salisbury Guild there was no church in the diocese with more than eight bells, but shortly after the ring of eight at Wimborne was increased to ten. A little while after that they had a ten-bell tower provided for them at Trowbridge, and this year it was to become the first twelve-bell tower in the diocese. There had been immense progress in the matter of method ringing, and the Guild had celebrated its jubilee, so altogether during the 21 years he had held office they had seen a great deal of interest and advance in the Guild (applause). Everything he had done for the Guild, Mr. Edwards added, had given him the greatest pleasure. He thanked them for the confidence they had shown in him by re-electing him year after year, and for the generous way in which they had recognised his humble services (applause).

The ringing during the day consisted of short touches in standard methods, so that all could have a pull. The gathering was a most enjoyable one, and the visitors left the charming surroundings with the greatest reluctance.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BARKSTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch) was held at Barkston on Saturday, May 26th. Perfect weather conditions prevailed and the picturesque surrounding countryside was looking at its very best. Thirty ringers and friends were present from Peterborough, Bourne, Market Deeping, Morton, Bottesford, Hough-on-the-Hill, Wymondham, Orston, Sandicars, Belton, Syston, Folkingham and the local band. The Rector (the Rev. Thorold Eller) kindly allowed the use of the bells during the afternoon and evening, and touches in a big variety of Minor methods were successfully brought round. Service was held in the ancient and well-preserved Church of St. Nicholas, and was conducted by the Rector, the lesson being read, and a very helpful and appropriate address given, by the Rev. A. L. Hopkins, Vicar of Edenham and president of the branch.

Tea was served at a local cafe, 22 sitting down. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. A. L. Hopkins presided.

The Rev. Thorold Eller was unanimously elected a vice-president of the branch. Mr. G. Williamson and Mr. C. Woods, both of Peterborough, were received as performing members of the Southern Branch.

Edenham was selected for the summer meeting provisionally fixed for July 21st, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

The Rector extended a very hearty welcome to those present, and said he was very glad to see such a well-attended meeting and so many towers represented. He paid great tribute to his own ringers, who always set a good example in Sunday service ringing at his churches.

The Rev. A. L. Hopkins referred to an ancient record which he had discovered at the famous Boston Stump Church. It was over a century ago that a relation of his was married in Boston Church, and one item which he thought would be of interest to ringers was that the sum of over £4 was 'paid to ye ringers for drink.' He thought this was a very liberal amount, and particularly so in those days.

It certainly does make one wonder whether the 'course ends' came up in their proper order, after such a lavish sum had been devoted to the purpose for which it was given. Those who remember the old ring at Boston Stump, compared with the present day one, will make allowances for those gentlemen of a century ago.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the service, and to the Rev. A. L. Hopkins for his excellent address. Thanks also go to the organist and members of the choir who attended the service, and to all who helped to make the meeting a success.

The tower was visited again in the evening and ringing continued until 8.30.

### SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD CEFN COED WIN COMPETITION.

The tenth annual bellringing competition in connection with the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at St. Elli's Church, Llanelly (Carm), on May 26th. The following towers entered the competition: Cadoxton, Talgarth, Llanelly (Brecon), Cefn Coed, St. Mary's, Brecon, Gorseinon and Llanelly (Carm). Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), who once again gave his services, was the adjudicator, and he awarded the shield to Cefn Coed, Cadoxton took second place and Gorseinon and Llanelly (Carm) tied for the third position. The ringers were favoured with ideal weather and were royally catered for throughout the day by Canon D. M. Jones, Vicar of Llanelly, the churchwardens and a willing band of ladies.

The presentation of the shield took place in the Parish Hall after tea, and was presided over by the Rev. D. T. Price in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

Mrs. Gardner very kindly presented the shield to Mr. A. Hunt and medals to the members of the winning team. Certificates were also awarded to the captains of Cadoxton, Gorseinon and Llanelly (Carm) teams.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Vicar and the ladies for catering and to Mr. Fussell for adjudicating.

The secretary (Mr. L. Havard) gratefully acknowledges the kind assistance of Mr. S. V. Rees, captain of the home team, for the splendid arrangements he had made.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A small, but happy, ringing meeting of the Central Branch took place at Wilburton on Saturday, June 9th. The bells were set going about 3 p.m. to Bob Minor, while during the day methods ranged up to and including London Surprise. The Guild service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the former general secretary of the association, the Rev. R. Copeman, who is doing duty at Wilburton for two weeks. He gave a splendid address from 1 Timothy iv. 8. He recalled the recent letters in 'The Ringing World' of dull sermons by different clergy. Well, this was a different sermon or address, and good it was. Tea was served at the Royal Oak, and at the business meeting afterwards Willingham was selected for the next meeting.

**WELL-KNOWN WALTHAMSTOW RINGER'S DEATH.**

One of the oldest and most respected members of the St. Mary's Society, Walthamstow, Mr. William B. Manning, died on Saturday, June 9th, on his 75th birthday.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations. At one time he was a ringer at St. John's at Hackney, and later at Royston, Herts.

Last year he suffered a severe shock when struck by lightning at Snarbrook, his companion, and also a dog he was holding, being killed. This undoubtedly affected his health, and he has never since been the 'same old Bill.'

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****WEST TYNE DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the West Tyne District was held at Newton Hall on Saturday. There was a good attendance, and the bells were kept going merrily until 8 p.m., except for a break for tea, which was held in the inn in the village.

At the meeting afterwards Mr. H. P. Cliff was elected district secretary.

The president, Mr. J. Anderson, was again in attendance; indeed, he has never missed a meeting since this district resumed its activities, and the retiring secretary took the opportunity to thank him, Mr. Storey and others of the Cathedral Guild for the support given him during his term of office.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, June 10th, for morning service, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Bunce, jun., 1, W. Bunce, sen., 2, G. Lovogrove 3, P. Thrift 4, J. Bunce 5, T. Collins 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, S. Ewer 8. All are service ringers at St. Martin's, with the exception of the conductor. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

**BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.**—On Trinity Sunday, at the Church of St. Andrew, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes, being four six-scores of Plain Bob and six-and-a-half of Grandsire): Miss M. J. Swan (first attempt for quarter-peal) 1, J. W. Allen 2, W. R. Butcher 3, J. Bailey 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

**FARINGDON, BERKS.**—For evensong on Sunday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, C. I. J. Pearce 3, H. Taylor 4, H. Edwards 5, R. G. Rice (conductor) 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Beasley 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by Mr. R. G. Rice, who was on a visit from Harwell, Berks.

**THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.**

At Chichester Cathedral on Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. W. Stoveld (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Falkener 2, T. A. Doick 3, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 4, G. Marshall 5, W. E. Titchhurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. Arthur 8. Rung also in honour of His Majesty the King's 69th birthday.

At Cannock, Staffs, on Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Roberts 1, G. Bradbury (conductor) 2, G. Banks 3, T. Benton 4, A. Williams 5, F. Bates 6, W. Benton 7, H. Bailey 8. Rung in honour of the 69th birthday of His Majesty the King.

At Putney, on June 3rd, for the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Cassell, sen., 1, E. Cassell, jun., 2, C. Collis 3, A. E. Williams 4, C. E. G. Moody 5, W. T. Elson 6, J. Herbert (conductor) 7, W. Foster (first quarter of Stedman) 8. Also rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the wife of the tenorman.

At Gloucester, Glos, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. W. Price 1, H. L. Cooke 2, J. C. Eden 3, F. J. Lewis, sen., 4, W. G. Cook 5, F. J. Lewis, jun., 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, H. L. Fawcett 8. Also rung in honour of the King's birthday.

At Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, on Sunday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original for evensong and in honour of H.M. the King's birthday: C. Taylor 1, W. Chambers 2, F. Wake 3, E. Drake 4, F. K. Taylor (conductor) 5, W. Upton 6, A. Drake 7, B. Sibbeck 8.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, St. Andrew's on the 21st, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in Church 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby, Yorkshire.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Bell Inn at 5 p.m. at a moderate charge.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. per head. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area, viz., the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, and the Sheffield and District Societies, will be held by kind invitation at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the open if fine, at 1s. per head.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The jubilee meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Choral Evensong 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Elveden on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, in Village Hall. Come and have a pull on these beautiful eight. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Didsbury (8 bells), on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. — D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Westerham, on Saturday, June 16th, commencing 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Darwen. Holy Trinity bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Ayers' Hall, 5. Gentlemen invited. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, June 19th. — H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement (bells 8) on Saturday, June 23rd. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — E. Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting is to be held at Claybrook on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will persons attending please notify me by Wednesday, June 20th? Hoping for a bumper meeting? — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by the 20th, please.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Aughton tower will be open from 6 p.m. The committee will meet for business meeting in the Church House. Tea in local café at a small charge. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. James Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk, not later than Wednesday, June 20th.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, June 23rd, next. Tower open from 2.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Guest House. Kindly advise me early all those requiring tea.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, S. and W. District.—A joint meeting has been arranged at Denham on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Please send your name for tea, not later than June 19th, to A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Stapleford, near Nottingham, June 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Buses every 15 minutes from bus station. For tea (1s.) please notify Mr. Geo. Fisher, 35, Warren Avenue, Stapleford, Notts, by June 20th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dun-kirk.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE AND NORTHERN DIVISION YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.** — Joint Meeting.—A meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland on Saturday afternoon, June 23rd. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringers during the afternoon. Teas will be provided at Bail's Café, High Street, at 5 p.m. Members 1s. 3d. per head. Those intending to be at tea **must** send word not later than the 20th to the secretary or will not be provided for.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome. — C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Nibley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northampton Branch. — The branch annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service (handbell accompaniment) 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who intend to be present please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, June 19th?—F. Browning, Cold Higham, Towcester.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, June 23rd, when the bells of St. Aidan's and of the Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, and St. Cuthbert, Benfieldside, will be available after 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Come and enjoy the beauties of the Derwent Valley.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Anstey, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify the undersigned, for tea, by Thursday previous. A good meeting is requested. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Established 1623). —The 311th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from

9 a.m. Service 12.30 p.m. Hot lunch (2s. 6d.) at 1.30 p.m. Will all those requiring lunch please notify me by June 26th.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.**—Annual ringing contest (6 bells) will take place on Saturday, June 30th. A copy of rules will be sent to any company of ringers on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas not guaranteed if not applied for.—E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly meeting at Matlock, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, 5 p.m., at the Duke William. General meeting follows tea. Darley Dale bells (8) available after meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Earls Colne bells (8) also available after 6 o'clock. Will those who intend being present please notify me by Wednesday, 27th inst.?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A by-meeting, by kind invitation of the Rector, will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will those who intend coming please notify me as early as possible.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Brockworth on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by the 25th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lidney, Glos.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 26th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—The rededication of the restored ring of 8 bells, 3 recast, the whole retuned and rehung in ball bearings and new fittings by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will take place on Sunday, July 1st, at 3 p.m. Further particulars later.—Wm. E. Cheater.

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Thursday, July 5th, St. Andrew's, Rushmere (6 bells).  
Friday, July 6th, St. Mary's, Hadleigh (8 bells).  
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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members

requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good attendance of members is specially requested.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th. Towers open at 3 o'clock till 9 p.m. Service at St. John the Baptist 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good muster is requested.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs, on Saturday, July 14th. Further particulars later.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynam Road, Trowbridge.

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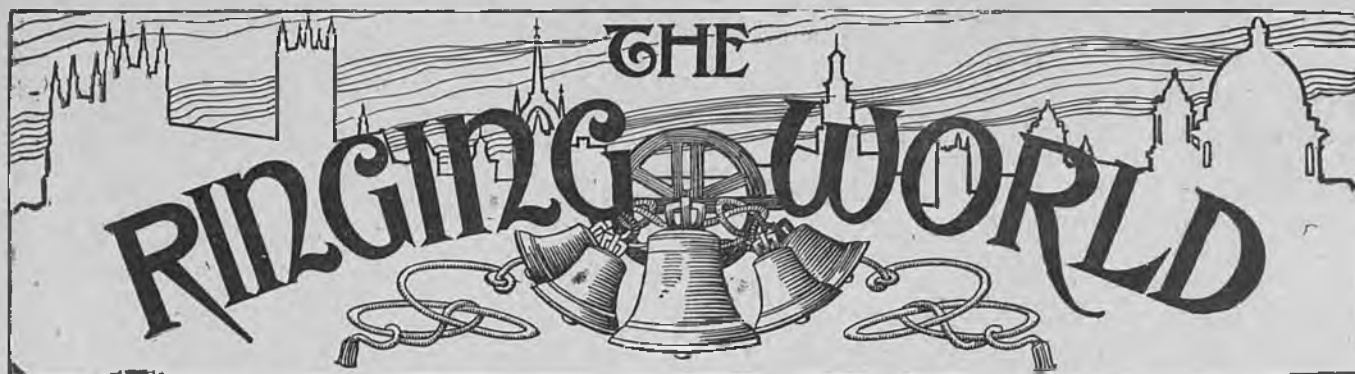
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There were few members of the Central Council who anticipated the carrying, by such a large majority, of the motion making definitely permissible as a peal compositions on the Bankes James Cambridge Minor plan. Apparently 88 of the one hundred members who signed the attendance roll took part in the division, and, of these, no fewer than 62 voted for the resolution. It was seemingly a complete volte face compared with the attitude taken last year, when, under an old rule a two-thirds majority was required, and a resolution, although carried, failed to get sufficient votes to make it effective. But on that occasion the position was obscured by two motions and an amendment all being debated together, so that the issue was by no means a simple one. In the light of this year's voting, if the majority of the members of the Council have not entirely changed their view, it looks as if last year's result was a 'safety first' action, because many members had, at that time, no definite ideas on the subject.

Since the London meeting the position has been made clearer by articles and letters in our columns, and at the Warwick meeting the members had one plain issue before them, untrammelled by exceptions and qualifications. They were simply asked to say that peals of Minor containing compositions in the Bankes James Arrangement were permissible, and there was a convincing array of argument in favour of it. The theoretical truth of the peal was argued; the claims of the composition as a natural development of the science was advanced; the desire of practical ringers from many quarters to ring it was declared, and, coupled with this, the Council were reminded that if they refused to accept it they would be going back upon their own actions, and were warned that they might make themselves in the future appear to be very foolish. The main arguments against the motion were that the peal was false or that no one ought to want to ring seven 720's in one method. The latter objection carried little weight, and those who urged the falseness of the peal found the facts and the earlier considered opinions of the Council against them. The result of the debate was conclusive; it might almost be said to be overwhelming.

The discussion was carried on in a splendid spirit, and it was noticeable, despite all that has been heard from time to time that the Exercise is 'sick' of the Minor question, that not only was the debate followed with intense interest by everyone, but that during the week-end the subject formed the pivot of innumerable informal discussions and arguments. It is true that it is quite time

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the subject was settled. It has been occupying the attention of the Council almost regularly for five or six years. Well, the Bankes James Arrangement, at any rate, is now accepted as a peal and as a true peal, be it remembered. The main argument of the mover and seconder was that it complies with the requirements of truth, and those who now seek to prove it otherwise must show that the Council's considered definitions of a method and a lead—accepted by everyone for years without demur—are all wrong.

Other issues on the Minor and Doubles question, such as the truth of the Law James Arrangement of London, the Turner Treble Bob and the Morris and Pitman Arrangements of Doubles, are, however, still unsettled. They involve other principles and other considerations, and it still remains for the Council to express an opinion upon them. They are not, at any rate in the view of many people, on all fours with the Bankes James Arrangement, and for that reason were expressly omitted from the debate at the Council meeting. But these other issues will have to be dealt with, if not immediately, then in a few years' time. Meanwhile, those who ring these peals are faced with the same doubts as beset those who rang the Bankes James Cambridge. Are they ringing something which the future may say is false?

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WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 7
LIONEL PARRIN ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd and 5th.

DARTFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, June 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARCELLUS J. DIGBY ...Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
*JAMES E. BAILY ... .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 6
*FRANK E. WALKER ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE JUN. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ..Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Thomson, of Swanscombe, who is a frequent ringing visitor to this tower.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN ... ..Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 5
*MISS AMY E. WALDOCK ... .. 2	*HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... .. 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... .. 7
*FRED CHALK ... .. 4	PERCY GREEN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal of Stedman. Miss Waldo is believed to be the first resident lady member to take part in a peal of Stedman Triples for the association.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. L. WRIGHT ... ..Treble	ROBERT WALMSLEY ... .. 5
*REG. V. HART ... .. 2	JOHN HALSALL ... .. 6
ALBERT GREENHALGH ... .. 3	F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... .. 7
ARTHUR W. LEIGH ... .. 4	*WILLIAM SMALLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. FRANKLAND RIGBY.

\* First peal of Triples. All the band are service ringers at the above church. This is the first peal by the local band since the bells were recast in 1930. It is about 50 years since the last local peal of Triples was rung.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT THOMAS ... ..Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 5
G. WILFRED SLACK ... .. 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... .. 7
WILLIAM BARTON... .. 4	HAROLD WALKER... ..Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM ... ..Treble	HARRY WILDE ... .. 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE AMBLER... .. 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 7
HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON... .. 5
*REGINALD GRAINGER ... .. 2	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 6
PERCY GREEN ... .. 3	GEORGE HAYWARD ... .. 7
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to K. Grainger.

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## SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... ..Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6
WILLIAM LINTER, JDN. ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGITT. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CECIL CORDER ... ..Treble	BERT COCK ... .. 5
HAROLD TOWNSEND ... .. 2	JOSEPH J. JENNING ... .. 6
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. 7
ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 4	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

\* First peal.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

At the Church of St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ...Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON... .. 2	*ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 7
*ALEC M. GENEVY ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MISS H. SNOWDEN

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Quickest peal of Major on these bells.

## HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM WOODHEAD ...Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
*THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Doris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Davenport, to Mr. Wm. S. S. Lumb, of Todmorden; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Geo. Robinson.

## TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN H. BOTHAM ... ..Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
*THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	*HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
*MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 4	*FRANK CORKE ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal in five Spliced Surprise Major methods. † 100th Surprise peal. First peal in five Spliced Surprise Major methods as conductor. First spliced peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Bradford. This peal consists of 1,280 London, 1,280 Rutland, 1,248 Bristol, 640 Cambridge and 640 Superlative, and this is the first time a peal, consisting of these five methods, has been rung.

## CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL... ..Treble	†REGINALD WEST ... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2	†LEWIS H. BYWATERS... .. 6
*WALLACE G. CHURCH ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON... .. 7
†HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN...Tenor

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight bells.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

[(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)]

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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

## TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ..Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
SYDNEY D. EDWARDS ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY...Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method by all except ringer of the 6th. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung in ball bearings by John Taylor and Co.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK ROWSELL ... ..Treble	HERBERT DAVIES ... .. 5
*JOSEPH LOVETT ... .. 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 6
*EDWARD T. BAILEY ... .. 3	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	*ALFRED W. WRIGHT...Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal for ringers of the 2nd and tenor, and for the granddaughter of the ringer of the 7th and his father, who was 77 years of age on that day.

## RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*GEORGE E. SPENCER... ..Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
†HORACE MOULT... .. 2	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 6
GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
WILLIAM BALL ... .. 4	Geo. STEDMAN MORRIS...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First of Major.

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## FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING... ..	Treble	GEORGE GOWER .. ..	5
*ROBERT RICHES... ..	2	ROBERT BARBER .. ..	6
GEORGE HOWLETT... ..	3	RUSSELL RICHES... ..	7
*ROBERT RAYNOR... ..	4	CHARLES LOOME... ..	Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

## ST. IVES, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HUNTS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

MRS. C. IBBITT... ..	Treble	†HENRY J. PARKER... ..	5
*ELLIS CLARKE... ..	2	†FRANK W. LACK... ..	6
GEORGE D. COLEMAN... ..	3	†TOM BARTRAM... ..	7
FRANK WARRINGTON... ..	4	HERBERT FIELDS... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First peal. † First of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

## WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY... ..	Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN... ..	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY... ..	2	WILLIAM P. STIRLAND... ..	6
SAMUEL PINDER... ..	3	*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ...	7
FREDERICK BROWN... ..	4	HENRY HARRISON... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung to commemorate the stone laying of the new church schools, endowed by John Scargill, 1682.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

## FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Court Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROBERT BROWN... ..	Treble	CYRIL E. BURRELL... ..	4
HARVEY E. BURRELL... ..	2	HAROLD BARSLEY... ..	5
FRANK P. HARWOOD... ..	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Brown.

## GEDNEY HILL, LINGS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

*JOHN DELAHAY... ..	Treble	MRS. G. R. G. BUTLER... ..	3
GEORGE L. HOLMES... ..	2	JOHN F. BALL... ..	4
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER... ..	Tenor		

Conducted by G. R. G. BUTLER.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

## WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, with varied callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT L. WARD... ..	Treble	*REGINALD A. ALEY... ..	4
JOHN H. BLUFF... ..	2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON... ..	5
*HERBERT GOAKES... ..	3	WILLIAM ROSE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

\* First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell.

## ELKSTONE, GLOS.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK BLOWER... ..	Treble	PERCY PONTING... ..	3
†MRS. LAURA EAST... ..	2	ARTHUR STOPFORD... ..	4
LESLIE BARRY... ..	Tenor		

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* Has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. † First peal of Doubles. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mrs. Blower.

## RAYNE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 7 cwt.

*MISS EDITH REASON... ..	Treble	†HERBERT C. REASON... ..	4
*ARTHUR REDGWELL... ..	2	RONALD H. BULLEN... ..	5
*JOHN CLAYDON... ..	3	BASIL REDGWELL... ..	Tenor

Conducted by BASIL REDGWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on bells since being augmented to six in 1913. The ringer of the treble is 14½ years.

## UPWEY, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Five callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

IVOR CHALKER... ..	Treble	CECIL H. SMART... ..	4
EDWARD G. CARPENTER... ..	2	FREDERICK VIRGIN... ..	5
DENNIS VIRGIN... ..	3	GEORGE OSMOND... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK VIRGIN.

First peal and first attempt by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal by an entirely local band, who wish to thank Mr. W. C. Shute for instruction.

## DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's in 22 methods: (1) Beverley, Durham, Hexham, York, Surfleet, Berwick, (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull, Ipswich, Bourne, (3) London, Wells, (4) Rossendale, Stamford, (5) Wearmouth, Lightfoot, (6) Northumberland, Carlisle, (7) Munden, Chester. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON... ..	Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER... ..	4
CHARLES W. WOODS... ..	2	HORACE M. DAY... ..	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON... ..	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

First Surprise peal in 22 methods by all the band, for the Guild, and in the county. This is believed to be the first peal rung, with two of the 720's containing six Surprise methods in each, true and complete.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

## BIGBY, LINGS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 7, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. G. E. FEIRN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

One extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK... ..	1-2	ELVIN HOWSAM... ..	3-4
GEORGE E. FEIRN... ..			5-6

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Witness—Ronald Bowness.

First seven method peal 'in hand' by all, and rung at first attempt.

## LONDON.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.)

On Wednesday, June 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS ... ..	1-2	WALTER AYRE ... ..	5-6
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ...	3-4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Rung on the conductor's birthday.

## ARMLEY, LEEDS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6050 CHANGES;

L. KATHLEEN BOWLING ...	1-2	MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ...	5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ...	3-4	OLIVE RENTON ...	7-8

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.  
Witnesses—Messrs. J. Thackray and F. Rayment.

First 'double-handed' peal by the association in which two local ladies have taken part.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At 'TRENTWOOD,'

## A PEAL OF GRANDISRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... ..	1-2	JACK BRAY ... ..	5-6
*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..	3-4	†GEORGE L. HALL ... ..	7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First of Triples 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

## CORDIAL WELCOME AT WOMBOURNE.

A quarterly meeting was held at Wombourne on Saturday, June 2nd, in glorious summer weather. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members, and service was conducted by the esteemed Vicar of Wombourne (the Rev. H. L. Langly), who gave a very interesting and instructive address. He gave the members a very hearty welcome to Wombourne, and hoped they would all enjoy their visit.

After service an adjournment was made to the Church Institute, where an excellent tea was in readiness, to which upwards of fifty sat down. During tea a happy event took place. The Vicar took the opportunity of making a presentation, in the form of a wrist watch, from the Wombourne ringers, to Mr. H. Sadler, in appreciation of his services to the band as captain and leader during the past 19 years. The Vicar expressed his own regret and that of the ringers at Mr. Sadler having to give up ringing owing to his doctor's advice and for his health's sake.—Mr. Sadler thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks, and the ringers for their gift. He said that if at any time he could be of assistance to any one of them he would only be too glad.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, and again said he was pleased to meet the Guild members once more. He also invited them to visit his beautiful garden, an invitation which was greatly appreciated.

Several new members were added to the roll. The Vicar and his churchwarden, Mr. John Aspe, were elected honorary members.

It was arranged that the quarterly peal be attempted at Wombourne, the necessary arrangements being left with the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.). It was also proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at the Old Church, Smethwick, the date to be fixed by the secretary.

At the close of the meeting Mr. S. J. Hughes proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar of Wombourne for his kindness and welcome, to the organist for the musical part of the service, the donors of the tea, and those ladies who so kindly prepared and served it, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one, especially Mr. P. Thorpe, the local secretary, for making the necessary arrangements.—The Vicar replied on behalf of himself and all those concerned, and closed the meeting with prayer.

Several members then adjourned to the belfry and indulged in further ringing, whilst others rambled round the Vicar's beautiful garden until the time came only too soon for all to take their several ways home.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## ELEVEN TOWERS REPRESENTED AT VILLAGE MEETING.

A meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at the little village of Bentley, on Saturday, June 9th, and the event proved a successful one in every way. It was a gloriously sunny day, and the church, peacefully situated on the crest of a slope north of the village, commands a beautiful view of the surrounding country. The tower contains a musical peal of six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.), certain of these having been recast, and the whole peal rebung in an iron frame in 1912. In the churchyard there are some wonderful yew trees, believed to be a thousand years old.

Service was conducted by the Rector of Bentley (the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chandler), who had listened to the ringing for half an hour.

The Rector, in a short, but inspiring address, welcomed the ringers and their friends to Bentley once more, saying that both he and his ringers were always pleased to have the Guild meetings from time to time. The guilds connected with church work did a tremendous amount to help forward the work of Christ. In these difficult Christian times, with so much sneering and jeering at religion, and anti-God campaigns being started, the Church needed more guild and society work to fight in its cause. 'May God bless you in your efforts for His Church,' concluded Bishop Chandler, 'and whatsoever you do, do all to His glory.'

Following the service, tea was served on the lawn at Linden Cottage, and a company of 36 did justice to a splendid repast prepared for them. The Bishop, who was unable to stay for tea, hoped that all present were enjoying themselves and had found the bells and ringing at Bentley satisfactory. He said he had been asked to become a Guild honorary member, and nothing would please him more. He would do all he could to further the work of the Guild (applause).

Mr. P. L. Eldridge, on behalf of the gathering, thanked the Rector for allowing the use of the bells, for conducting the service and giving such an interesting address. He welcomed him as an honorary member, and spoke of the real welcome and friendly spirit always extended to the Guild by the Rector and his ringers. He also thanked the organist, the blower, the local ringers and the caterers for helping to make the event successful.

A short business meeting after tea was presided over by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted). New members elected were: Honorary members, the Rector of Bentley and the Rev. G. A. Ford (Yorktown); ringing members, the Misses A. Cawk and H. Thompson (Seale), and Messrs. H. Noakes, A. Holden and J. E. Atkin (Yorktown).

It was announced by Mr. Hasted that the Guild Summer Festival would be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 14th. The Bishop of Guildford would be the preacher, and arrangements had been made for ringers and their friends to visit the Castle Grounds after 6 p.m. on that day. He hoped the Farnham District would support the festival in every possible way.

Ringing in a number of methods took place during the afternoon and evening. Eleven towers were represented at the meeting, viz., Aldershot, Alton, Ash, Basingstoke, Bentley, Farnham, Frensham, Pirbright, Seale, Worplesdon and Yorktown.

## 5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

23456	M.	W.	H.	Methods.
43652	—	3		RCBBR
35426	2	2		R*BCBL
52364	2	2		RBCBR
65324	3	—		RBBCC
42356	—	—	—	LCL
53624	—	—		LCL
63425	—	3		RCBBR
25634	2	—		RBCR
36452	—	—		LCR*
54263	—	—		R*CL
46325	—	2		R*CBL
56423	2			RBCR
24365	—	—		RCR
34562	—	—		RCL
46253	—	2		LCBE
65432	2	2		LBCBR*
32654	2	—		LBCR*
62453	—	—		LCL
34256	—	—		RCR
25346	3	—		RBBCC
32548	3	—		RBBCC

Repeat first 18 courses produces

63542	
23456	— 2 — RCBRR

B, Bristol; C, Cambridge or Superlative; L, London; R, Rutland. London may be rung instead of any lead of Rutland. This peal was first rung at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on June 16th, 1934, with London instead of the leads of Rutland marked \*.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The fine weather was, no doubt, responsible for the influx of between 60 and 70 members to the ancient parish of High Ongar on Saturday, June 2nd, to enjoy a pull on the recently restored ring at the Parish Church, when a meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held. Some early arrivals had the bells going long before three o'clock, thus enabling those whose way led across the fields to enjoy the beauty of these bells, a fine-toned peal of six, originally five, with a new treble by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The bells were kept going to various methods till 4.30 p.m., when those present attended the association service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. R. Nesbitt), the address, a splendid one, being given by the Rev. F. J. Allen, Rector of Doddinghurst.

After service an invitation by the Rector and Mrs. Nesbitt to take tea in the Rectory was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. After tea the Rectory gardens were placed at the disposal of the members, who, taking advantage of this kind offer, arranged to hold the business meeting under the trees.

The chair was taken by the Rector, supported by the District Master (Mr. A. Prior) and Messrs. G. Dent and H. Kirton (District Masters of the North-Western and South-Eastern Divisions). One life non-resident and one new ringing member were elected, and Rayleigh was chosen as the place for the next meeting, to be held if possible on August 25th.

The District Secretary (Mr. E. J. Butler) extended a word of welcome to the High Ongar band on becoming members of the association, and gave them a few words of advice for their future guidance. He also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the use of tower and bells and for conducting the service; to the Rev. F. J. Allen for his address; also to the Rector and Mrs. Nesbitt for their kind invitation to the members to take tea with them at the Rectory and for the use of their gardens afterwards; the organist for kindly giving up his time to accompany the hymns, etc., the choirboys, the organ blower, the Rectory maids for their help, Mr. Ordish and the members of the High Ongar band for having everything in readiness.

This was responded to by the Rector, who said it had been a great delight to all to have had the association meeting at High Ongar, and hoped they had all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and that they would pay another visit at some future time.

Tracks were again made for the tower, where the bells were kept going till 8.45 p.m. with rounds and Grandsire Doubles for the beginners to Surprise Minor methods for the more advanced, the Master making sure everyone had a pull.

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### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### BRIDGNORTH DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Bridgnorth District was held at St. Michael's Church, Madeley, on Saturday, May 26th, ringers from Bridgnorth, Highley, Chelmarsh, Hadley, Broseley, Coalbrookdale and Madeley being present. A service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Sime (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. Charles Fletcher (curate), with Mr. W. F. G. Youden at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. J. L. Stanier, local secretary, and a very appropriate address was delivered by the Vicar. After the service the ringers adjourned to the infants' school, where a splendid tea was provided by the Ladies' Sewing Guild and the local ringers' wives.

A business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair, supported by Rev. T. Eland, Vicar of Coalbrookdale, Rev. C. Fletcher, and Mr. Geo. Case (district secretary).

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Ladies' Sewing Guild, the Vicar and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

The bells were then kept going until 8.30 p.m., the methods rung including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

### KING'S BIRTHDAY RINGING IN OXFORD.

On Sunday, June 3rd, in honour of the King's birthday, at St. Ebbe's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: R. Cattle 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, F. Taylor (conductor) 3, G. Denyer 4, W. Collett 5, C. W. Denyer 6, G. Horwood 7, F. May 8. Also for evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, G. Horwood 2, H. Wooding 3, F. May 4, F. Taylor 5, W. Collett 6, J. Harris 7, A. P. Cannon (first in the method as conductor) 8. These quarter-peals were arranged for Messrs. Denyer, from Aldershot, A. P. Cannon, from Forest Hill, and H. Wooding, who were in Oxford for the royal birthday ringing at the various colleges, at the kind invitation of the Oxford Society.

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During the afternoon and evening members were present from Greenwich, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, South Weald, Romford, Gillingham (Kent), Hornchurch, Bentley, Leytonstone, Epping, Broomfield, All Saints', Maldon, Harlow Common, Chelmsford, North Weald, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, Prittlewell, Sible Hedingham, Springfield, Barking, Fyfield, Fryerning, Woodford, High Ongar, and all agreed that the association's first visit to High Ongar had been one of absolute delight.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. A. R. Powys has been made a Companion of the Order of the British Empire, in recognition of his work in connection with the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, of which he has been secretary for many years. His name appeared in the King's Birthday Honours list.

Mr. John Hindle, who was formerly a ringer at St. James' Church, Accrington, Lancs, for fifty years, has recently passed away, and on Sunday evening, June 10th, the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect.

It is twelve years ago on Sunday that the first peal on fourteen bells was rung—Stedman Sextuples at Birmingham. And no other peal on this number has been rung since.

Mr. Frank Banks, the steeplekeeper of St. Martin's, Birmingham, was knocked down by a motor lorry in Corporation Street, while on his way to the church on Sunday morning, June 10th. He is now in B.3 Ward of Dudley Road Hospital, suffering from injuries to his head and ankle and bruises about the body and arms. He is reported to be going on fairly well.

Frank Banks is well known to visitors to Birmingham, and especially to the Johnson dinner. Diminutive in stature and in his 87th year, Frank is a popular figure at St. Martin's, where he has held office for many years. Up to the present his only infirmity has been deafness.

Another Birmingham invalid is reported to be progressing, although only slowly. Mr. Morris J. Morris, who met with an accident at Plymouth, and was in hospital there for some weeks, is home again and able to walk with the aid of sticks. Mr. Morris, by the way, was one of the band who rang the peal of Stedman Sextuples.

The peals at Eastwood, Headingley and Queensbury, Yorks, were arranged for Mr. G. W. Debenham, of St. Albans. Two other attempts came to grief, a broken rope putting 'finis' to a peal of Treble Bob Royal at Bradford, after three hours' ringing, and a 'wanderer' making short work of a peal of Grandsire at Birstwith.

The peal of Doubles at Measham, Leicestershire, reported in last week's issue, should be credited to the Midland Counties Association.

In the peals of London rung at Bocking on June 7th and Earls Colne on June 9th the name of the ringers of 3rd and 5th is Ridgwell, not Redgwell as printed. The tenor at Kelvedon, where a peal of Minor was rung on Whit Monday, is 21 cwt. in E, not 12 cwt. as published.

## CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In view of the statements which have been made on the length of clapper flights, may I point out that, in work of this type, it is a common practice for a smith to reduce the end of the work to a size which is suitable for his tongs, and then proceed to draw out the other end to form the shank. Hence in this way it is possible that the length of the flight of old clappers, before these days of steam hammers and stamps, depended upon the skill or otherwise of the smith, and had no intended relation whatever to the tone.

Mr. Lewis has suggested that the effect of increasing the flight at the expense of the ball of the clapper will tend to make the blow more definite, as it (the clapper) would acquire more energy at the beginning of the swing owing to its greater moment of inertia decreasing its natural period of oscillation.

It must, however, be pointed out that, as a consequence of this, the bell will be slightly further in its swing when the long-flighted clapper (L.F.C.) leaves the side of the bell at the beginning than a similar weighted short-flighted clapper (S.F.C.). That is, the angular velocity of the clapper is less with the L.F.C. than with the S.F.C. when the clapper is at an angle in both cases equal to that made by the L.F.C. at the moment it leaves the bell. But it has already been shown that the angular acceleration is less for the L.F.C. than the S.F.C. Therefore, the L.F.C. travels slower throughout its whole revolution than the S.F.C., and so the energy it acquires is diminished by its decreased velocity and increased by its greater moment of inertia. Without a complex calculation and individual data it would appear to be impossible to state which effect would be preponderant.

The only other factor which enters into the note produced by the bell (apart from the structure of the bell itself) is the coefficient of restitution of the material of the clapper and the bell. This factor is, of course, especially noticeable when the bell is muffled, but it would be interesting to know if any of your readers have noticed an increase in the higher harmonics produced when a mild steel clapper has replaced a wrought-iron one.

With regard to the differences of plain and ball bearings and work done in overcoming friction, Mr. Lewis appears to have based his calculation upon the same assumptions as he used in his calculation of the vertical stress upon a tower whilst a bell is swinging, and, as in this he has made simplifying assumptions, the results appear to be useless as there is a possible error of the order of 400 per cent. in the calculation; also he appears to assume that the coefficient of friction is a constant for all velocities, whilst it actually increases rapidly as the velocity becomes less.

G. WILFRED SLACK.

The University, Leeds.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

The next motion on the agenda was that relating to peals of Minor. It was as follows: 'That, notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, peals in any recognised Minor method or methods containing compositions in what is known as the "Bankes James Arrangement" are, in the opinion of this Council, permissible.'

The President said in order to avoid useless discussion he had better explain that the motion was put down in order that the Council might consider whether compositions known as the Bankes James Arrangement should be permitted in peals of Minor. He did not want the discussion to wander off into the question of the difference between rows and changes; nor did he want the discussion to wander off into whether these 720's were true or not. They were not 'true and complete,' but, according to what might be called the new standards, they were true without being complete. They were not individually complete, although they might possibly look upon the whole 2,160 as being complete.

The motion was first formally moved by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope in order that a rider, defining the Bankes James Arrangement, might be moved at the suggestion of the Standing Committee.

The rider was proposed by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake as follows: 'That the Bankes James Arrangement be as defined in the Central Council's publication, "The Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods," on pages 120 to 132, with the exception of the compositions on page 127, numbered 149, 150 and 151, which are known as the Law James Arrangement of London.'

Mr. J. Hunt said these compositions had never been passed by the Council, and he challenged the Council to say that they had ever been passed. He emphatically protested against the rider including all the compositions that had been referred to.

The President: They have been printed by authority of the Council.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake: I am not speaking of the truth or otherwise of these things. I am simply proposing this rider so that the Council may have a definition in front of them as to what is meant by the Bankes James Arrangement.

Mr. Hunt said they had this all over at Gbelsford, and when the book was published they found that the Methods Committee had considerably exceeded their instructions from the Council. He made his protest at Plymouth and he made it again that day.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake said what they were doing was purely to define what the Bankes James Arrangement was, and they defined it as certain figures published in that book. Whether they were rightly or wrongly published did not concern them at that moment.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded the rider, which was accepted by the proposer and seconder of the motion.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said in the motion it said 'notwithstanding any definition to the contrary,' and he asked what were the definitions to the contrary?

The President: Perhaps Mr. Goldsmith will deal with that in proposing the motion.

### THE TRUTH OF THE PEAL.

Mr. Goldsmith said the suggestion of the president that they should not enter into a discussion as to whether the 720's in this form of composition were true or not rather cut the ground from under his feet, because he was going to submit to the Council that these 720's were individually true, although they were not in conventional form. He would not ask the Council to accept anything as a peal which he did not believe to be true. Therefore, while he would do his best, as far as he could, to keep outside the bar set up by the president, he must deal with the truth of the 720's, as it was the whole basis of his case. Turning to the question raised by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Goldsmith said of the 'definitions to the contrary' the first was to be found in the Council's handbook, that 'on all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.' The other was to be found in the resolution passed at Hereford, in 1928, 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720.' The manner in which the Bankes James Arrangement differed from these definitions was that it commenced not from but with rounds and, although individually true, the 720's were not complete. When the Hereford resolution was drawn up, he said, those who were responsible for it believed that it covered the Bankes James Arrangement, as it was purposely designed to do. It was accepted at that meeting practically without dissent, but since then there had been other developments, with the result that doubt had been cast upon the truth of the peal. It was true, continued Mr. Goldsmith, that the Bankes James Arrangement did not conform to the conventional standard of 720's. Its truth, however, did not depend upon convention but upon mathematical fact. In the construction of a Minor method with one hunt the first row of the method was rounds. That was a mathematical fact, and no amount of argument or convention could alter it. They could argue, if they liked, that the sun went round the earth, but it didn't, and no argument would alter it. In the same way the argument that the initial rounds had nothing to do with the method did not alter

the fact that it was an essential part of the first lead of the method, and that the end of the lead was the row at the handstroke lead of the treble. The Council itself had affirmed this fact, and laid it down in their definitions years ago. In 'Rules and Decisions' it was laid down that 'The division between the leads is, in methods with one hunt, between the first and second blows of the whole pull of the hunt,' therefore the initial rounds must be part of the first lead. Again, the Council, in defining a regular method, had stated, 'Each lead shall reverse true to itself and together with the hunting and place-making that connect it with the next lead, shall contain the whole working of the method,' proving that the place-making at the treble lead was a connecting link and not part of the lead itself. Moreover, without any equivocation, it put the backstroke lead of the treble into the next lead of the method. On six bells there were only 720 rows. In a six-bell method the first of those rows was rounds. In the Bankes James Arrangement, beginning with rounds, there were all the 720 possible rows, no more and no less, in the first 720, and in each and every succeeding 720 there were all the possible rows, although they did not all begin with rounds. Further, every 720 of Treble Bob was divided into 30 leads, the division between which was between the first and second rows of the whole pull of the hunt. Each 720 of the Bankes James peal contained every one of these 30 leads. No peal of Treble Bob Minor could contain more; this one contained nothing less. The other point of importance to justify the Bankes James Arrangement was whether each 720 must begin with rounds. He contended that it need not. A 720 could be just as true if it began with 142356 or 134256 as if it began with 123456. It did not affect the truth of the 720 or the ringing of the method which of these three rows they started with in the Bankes James Arrangement, but they did begin and end the peal with rounds, as they did every other peal, because it was the most natural and convenient starting and finishing point. In the body of the peal rounds had no special significance. In any peal of Minor it had to occur six times as well as at the beginning and end, and as long as it occurred only once in each 720 it was of no more value or importance than any other row. These were the grounds on which he asked the Council to accept the Bankes James Arrangement as a true peal.

### THE LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF REFUSAL.

If they refused to accept it, Mr. Goldsmith continued, they must face the logical consequences of their action. If they defeated the motion because the peal did not conform to long-established convention, they would tie ringers down to the limits of 20 years ago and say they refused to make allowance for expanding thought and practice, even within the limits of truth; they would be going back upon their own resolution passed at Hereford, which must be entirely scrapped; they would be going back upon their own considered pronouncements as to the construction of regular methods, and they would be saying that certain mathematical facts were wrong. Moreover, if they turned down this motion they must in future refuse to recognise any peals of this kind—anything which did not consist of seven 720's each beginning with rounds—and they must exclude them from the peals analysis. Whatever might be said to the contrary, these peals had, in the past, been tacitly recognised by the Council, and if they were now to say they were not to be permissible in the future, they must shoulder the responsibility and exclude them from the analysis. If they didn't, they would be the laughing stock of the Exercise. If, however, they passed the resolution, as he hoped they would, then they would acknowledge that the old conventions in Minor could no longer be retained as hard and fast rules, and, in doing that, it was better that the Council should apply safeguards and only admit as peals those performances which, after due consideration, they held to be both in accordance with progressive practice and the requirements of truth. They could not throw the responsibility upon the affiliated societies to decide for themselves. In that way they would have chaos. They could not put back the clock, but they could exert a restraining influence on those who would like to ride roughshod over everything and set their own standards. Mr. Goldsmith concluded by saying that in this matter he had no axe to grind. He had never rung Mr. Bankes James' peal, neither had the Guild of which he had the honour of being the hon. secretary. He asked the Council to accept the motion and to say that it was permissible to ring this arrangement on its merits (applause).

### PRINCIPLES OF A PEAL.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, in seconding the motion, said no two people had been more in active and verbal opposition than Mr. Goldsmith and himself, so when they saw the lion and the lamb lying down together the Council might feel that they had before them the minimum to which they could be asked to agree. Mr. Goldsmith had given them his reasons for asking them to accept the Bankes James style of composition as peals. His own reasons were different, although they amounted to the same thing in the long run. He took his stand on the general principles of the art and science of change ringing and also the good of the Exercise. He uttered a warning to the Council at the last meeting in London about the extreme danger they ran if they took the attitude of rigidly expecting people to obey their rules and if they did anything which had a tendency to discourage experiments and improvements and the natural development of ringing which was solely for the health of the art. It was better that those with no experience of six-bell ringing should tolerate a

form of ringing of which they know very little rather than run the risk of doing something which would discourage the natural development of ringing which had been taking place since it started 300 years ago. That was one reason; the other had been touched upon by Mr. Goldsmith, but in a different way to what he would do it. He took his stand entirely on the ground of the truth of the peal. The science and art of change ringing were based on certain broad principles, which were so strong that they had controlled the whole thing and made it what it was. They must be loyal to those principles, and as far as peal ringing was concerned one main essential was that the peal should be true and that it should be complete. If it were not true and not complete then it ought to be condemned. That, he thought, they were all agreed upon. But here came the difficulty which most of them were in. What was true in actual peal ringing was a thing which they could recognise by instinct, but which was extraordinarily difficult to define accurately. They might give a ready answer, but when they put it into practice there would be serious discrepancies. Truth in peal ringing was not exactly the same thing as the non-repetition of rows. For instance, they would not recognise 5,000 changes which had any repetition as a true peal; on the other hand, they did almost every time they rang a peal recognise times when the bells actually struck in the same order twice. He wanted to impress on the Council that there was a general principle, which the instinct, rather than the reason, of the Exercise had recognised as a true peal. Did these compositions come within the scope of that; were they legitimate developments? Having considered other people's opinions and looked at it from a purely impartial point of view, he was convinced they were a legitimate development of the spirit and ideals which produced change ringing. They were, in fact, true and complete peals. They sometimes heard talk about the 'old standards.' The Exercise had never, as far as he knew, been very long in one mind as to what actually was a six-bell peal. The first record they had was a peal of fourteen 360's. What the methods were they did not know. It showed, however, that the idea that a six-bell peal must consist of seven extents was not one of the things that had come down to them through the ages. Only quite recently there had slipped into their definition of a six-bell peal an alteration that they might extend the length by a touch of less than 720. That would not have been tolerated at one time. There was a time when they were expected to ring seven methods and not all the peal in one method. There was another time when they could ring a peal in 360's, which not allowed now. His point was that if they admitted the Bankes James Arrangement they were not doing something that was entirely revolutionary; they were only carrying on one step that evolution in the idea of what a six-bell peal was. They had to face the fact that repetition of changes must occur in a peal of Minor. They had got an extent of 720 changes only to deal with, and if they wanted to ring a 5,040 they must repeat them. How they repeated them was a question which the Council could decide. It would be perfectly logical to say that each constituent extent must be true and complete, but there was no reason why they should adopt that rule more than any other. It was not a thing which had come down from heaven; there were other things which they could hold as being true peals, and he suggested, speaking from experience, that they could treat peals on the Bankes James Arrangement as being true and complete peals. On that ground, and that ground alone, he volunteered to second the motion (applause).

The President said he hoped members would make up their minds to give full weight to any remarks made by practical six-bell ringers, rather than depend too much on what was said by eight, ten and twelve bell ringers.

Mr. Walter Ayre, in supporting the motion, said if these peals were to be ruled out as false now, they must be ruled out as true peals in the past. They could not be true in the past and false now. If they were to be ruled out he would have to rule out the whole of his peals of Cambridge Minor, for if this composition were false he had not rung a peal of Cambridge Minor yet. But as long as the composition was held to be true he should continue to ring it. With regard to the president's request, he would point out that there were eight-bell men there who were also six-bell ringers. They could be both.

The President said he did not think that any decision arrived at that day would affect the peals that had already been rung. If they decided not to accept the Bankes James Arrangement as a true peal in future, anything that had been rung in the past would stand as a true peal.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said the fact that no one had any specific purpose behind this particular proposal was no reason why members of the Council should allow their reason to be swayed in favour of something they did not believe in. They were asked to define the basis on which they were going to arrange their peals of Minor in future. Those who did not remain last year to hear the discussion on this subject had something on their conscience (hear, hear). Then, they had arguments rained on them and reiterated again and again, and now they had the same arguments once more reiterated, and he hoped the Council would now make up their minds as to what it was they did want. The mover of the motion had touched upon what he (Mr. Johnson) thought was a very concrete and salient difficulty upon which the Council had to decide. He had told them that, in his view, and as mover of the resolution, they must attach some weight

to it, that they started with rounds and that therefore rounds was the initial change ('No.'). That was what Mr. Goldsmith said ('No.').

Mr. Goldsmith, interposing, said he had never stated that rounds was the first 'change.' What he had said was that rounds was the first 'row' of the method, which was a very different thing.

Mr. Johnson said at any rate it was indicated that the initial rounds was part of the first lead, and Mr. Goldsmith had also read to them what the Council's definition of a lead was. He had also pointed out that the first necessity and essential of any method was that they must have bells hunting. They did not begin that hunt, said Mr. Johnson, until they began to ring the method (hear, hear). No one could logically contradict that. They did not ring Cambridge until they went off into changes, and if the initial rounds was not Cambridge they were not ringing the method they set out to ring if they had to count it as part of the peal. If they were going to admit peals of this kind they were going to open the flood gates to all kinds of tinkering (hear, hear, and 'No, no.'), and they would have it going on in the name of 'progress.' This would not be the first thing they had seen and turned down. He knew for a fact that at a county association meeting a member of that Council was asked if they were going to include the consideration of Doubles with the Minor, and he replied, 'Let us get this through first and we will have the other after.' That, said Mr. Johnson, was the sort of thing they were going to get. He concluded by reasserting that they did not begin to ring Cambridge until they broke away from rounds, and rounds was no part of what they set out to ring as a method. They did not begin to ring the method until they set the bells hunting, and if they didn't start they rang no method. He hoped the Council would reject the motion.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said there was a risk that the Council might be persuaded into doing something to make it look, in the future, exceedingly foolish. They must all agree that a method or peal must be composed before it could be rung. That was very obvious, and every composer knew that he must start with his lead heads. Rounds was a lead head in a peal; every composer knew that perfectly well. The lead of a method for the purposes of composition began with rounds and, in Bob Major, went on to 13254768, the first blow of the treble's lead. That constituted the lead of a method, and the Council would be very unwise to be swayed by arguments of members who were not composers and did not know these things, without considering these fundamental matters. They might look very foolish in years to come. He cordially supported the motion.

Mr. G. R. Newton said the question was one which wanted disposing of that day, and they were in a position to dispose of it. It was a plain and simple matter they had to decide: Were they going to accept the Bankes James composition? He had no hesitation in asking the Council to accept it. He was not going into the merits or demerits of the composition. In his opinion it held a high place. He had called it several times and, provided the Council did not reject it that day, he hoped to call it again. He was a six-bell ringer, although he did a little on the higher numbers sometimes (laughter). He loved ringing Minor, and this composition was an excellent composition. It was voted an ingenious arrangement when it was first introduced in 1923. In his opinion it was a true composition, based on its particular plan, and, in saying that, he believed he stood in good company. He hoped they would accept the composition and let it stand as a peal, never mind whether anything else crept in or not. This one would not let them down.

Mr. J. Hunt, in opposing the resolution, said the mover of it told them one thing in 'The Ringing World' and came there that day and told them another story altogether ('Oh!'). Mr. Goldsmith published in 'The Ringing World' the figures of the Bankes James Minor, which consisted of six 720's so-called, beginning with rounds and finishing with rounds. Their peals usually started at handstroke and ended at backstroke, although he rang in a long handbell peal of Stedman Caters which started at backstroke ('Oh!'). It came home at handstroke and was composed by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Mr. Goldsmith had told them that there was no repetition in the 720's. He did not know if members of the Council had pricked out the whole of them. The figures were printed very artfully (laughter) and were very deceiving. In the first block, from rounds to rounds, there were 1,321 rows, counting rounds at the start, in the next there were 336, in the next 504, in the next 1,320 and in the next 384. In the last 720 rounds came up twice. The Council would be wise to reject the peal altogether. The Council years ago, when some six-bell ringers were enterprising enough to ring fourteen 360's, barred that type of peal, yet in the Bankes James Arrangement they had rounds coming up with only 336 rows between. If they opened the door to this they would get some more of the same kind of stuff, 'and,' concluded Mr. Hunt, 'with these remarks I warn you.'

Mr. A. E. Sharman said they had heard a lot about progress, but he wondered if the mover of the resolution considered that this was progress? 'I don't,' said Mr. Sharman, 'and I don't know any six-bell ringer who does.' If a ringer had got to the stage where he could ring Surprise Minor he did not want to ring 5,000 of Cambridge. He came from a county where they had some of the leading Minor ringers of the country, and they would not ring it. They preferred to learn other Surprise methods. By accepting this they were opening the door to other things.

(To be continued.)

## ANONYMITY IN RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst reading the discussions of the Central Council one is led to wonder what the average ringer thinks of it all. I mean the ringer who rings for service and what pleasure he can get out of that, and is occasionally gratified by seeing his name in print. Take, for instance, the Methods Committee's suggestion that compositions should appear anonymously, which suggestion was described by Mr. Trollope as a basis of discussion. Driven to its logical conclusion, the Methods Committee would have to change its title to Mechanisation Committee, as, of course, methods themselves would have to have numbers, and their quaint old names be discarded. Ringers, in their turn, could have numbers assigned to them in their association, and peals could be recorded as rung by Numbers 9, 12, 248, etc. Even the conductor, who possibly surpassed himself getting 'lame numbers' along, would have to be content with anonymity, and it would not be necessary to state who rang the treble or the tenor; it would savour too much of individuality for our 'mechanised' art.

No, Sir, it won't do. It will kill ringing quicker than anything, and here let me say that there is a great debt due to the Methods Committee for their painstaking labour in the 'Collection of Methods' during thirty years past. The time involved must have been enormous, but let the composers and authors' names see the light. Bell-ringing is about the only pastime left that the sporting public can make neither head nor tail of, and therefore leave it alone, but it would be a good thing if the general public appreciated it more. To rob it of individuality would be to shroud it more completely.

Speaking of methods, can anyone inform me of any method whose name commences with the letter T, excluding Treble Bob, which is a description? I ask because in entering up Truro Surprise Major in the late Rev. Beeston's card index system of peals in new methods I found the T section empty except for 'Tittum Bob Royal,' rung in 1780 at Coventry, and even that does not seem to be in its proper section. This card index system runs from Triples to Maximus, and does not include peals of Minor or Doubles. I would be glad to know if there has been any peal rung, name commencing with T, by chance not recorded.

P. LAFLIN.

Stockport.

## THE LATE MR. W. B. MANNING.

## LINK WITH A BYGONE GENERATION.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Mr. William Butterfield Manning, a well-known Walthamstow ringer, died on Saturday week, on his 75th birthday.

Mr. Manning was one of three people who were struck by lightning while walking in Epping Forest in June of last year, and his health had been gradually failing since.

He was born in Wood Street, when that locality was merely a village end, and lived in and around Walthamstow all his life with the exception of a period of fourteen years or so when his business took him to Royston, Hertfordshire.

He was for over 50 years a ringer at Walthamstow, and before he went to Royston in 1911 he was for many years Master at St. Mary's. Year in and year out he had attended the belfry, and though in the last two or three years the disability of age had prevented some of his activity, yet all his enthusiasm had remained. In the earlier days he was with such locally famed ringers as the Maynards, the Wilkins, F. Rumens, T. Watson, H. Grimwade, Coakham, Crockford, Pinsent, Hopkins, Scarlett, Nunn, Harvey Reeves and many others, mostly College Youths, few of whom are now living.

He was known and respected as a ringer of wide knowledge, keen in the art and enthusiastic in coaching and encouraging the youngsters who came up for tuition. Indeed, it was in helping others in the art that he will be mostly remembered, although in many belfries, chiefly, of course, St. Mary's, numerous tablets record peals including his name as one of the band. Noteworthy among them was the 'William' peal rung at St. Mary's in 1898, wherein the conductor, composer, Vicar, churchwardens and all the ringers had the Christian name of William. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Wm. Pye.

Mr. Manning was married 54 years ago at St. Jude's, Bethnal Green, and his widow, a daughter and five sons survive him.

The funeral took place on Thursday, June 14th, at St. Mary's Church, Canon G. D. Oakley, M.A., R.D., officiating. The interment was in the churchyard.

The family mourners were Mrs. W. B. Manning (widow), Mr. and Mrs. W. Manning (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. E. Manning (son), Mr. and Mrs. S. Manning (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Manning (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Manning (son and daughter-in-law).

Among those present were Mr. Wm. Pye (Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), representing Middlesex Association, Mr. G. B. Lucas, Mr. A. Pye, Mr. R. Maynard, Mr. H. Rumens and other ringers. The bells were rung half-muffled the same evening by St. Mary's Society and Mr. A. A. Hughes to Stedman Caters.

St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers, Walthamstow, and St. Mary's company of change ringers, Woodford, were among those who sent wreaths.

## JOINT MEETING OF YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the southern area of Yorkshire was held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, June 16th, and being favoured with a sunny day and there being a good peal of bells in the tower, a good meeting resulted, about 40 members and friends being present from Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, Ecclesfield, Darfield, Doncaster, Arksey, Wath, Eastwood, Handsworth, Bolsover and Nottingham, and the local company. The bells were kept very busy during the afternoon under the direction of the new Ringing Master, Mr. S. F. Palmer, the methods rung including Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn under ideal conditions, and a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was very much appreciated. Although unable to join the members at tea, the Rector (Canon Scovell) presided at the meeting and extended his usual hearty welcome. The members were glad to see him out again after having been laid up three months with a broken leg caused by being run into by a motor-car whilst on parochial duties.

Apologising for not having the usual service, he remarked that during his enforced idleness he had been learning a lot about bells, and promised to tell them all about it the next time a meeting was held at Rawmarsh.

The next meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association is to be held at Handsworth on September 15th.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens, the ladies for services at tea, and the local company were heartily carried and concluded the meeting.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## COMBINED MEETING WITH LADIES' GUILD.

A combined meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bigby on Saturday, June 9th. It was a glorious day, and drew a large gathering to a delightful meeting place, where many a district meeting has been held, and enjoyed the hospitality of the district president, Archdeacon Parry, and Mrs. Parry. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The following towers were represented: Barton-on-Humber, Barrow-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Waltham, Elsham, and the local members. Dr. F. P. H. Birtwhistle, of Barton-on-Humber, the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson), Mrs. Richardson (secretary of the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild, lady ringers from Pinchbeck, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness (Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell (Cleethorpes), Mrs. Rushby, the Rev. W. H. J. Allin (Elsham), and Mr. Baker, of Gainsborough, were also present. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, who gave a very instructive address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

After the service a procession made the way to the schools, where a delightful tea was waiting. Nearly 50 sat down, at the kind invitation of Archdeacon and Mrs. Parry. The president afterwards presided over the district meeting, at which the Rev. W. H. J. Allin (Vicar of Elsham) was elected as an honorary member. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to £1 0s. 4d.

Mr. C. McGuinness proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Archdeacon Parry for conducting the service and for his excellent address, and for the use of the bells, and also to Archdeacon and Mrs. Parry for their kindness in entertaining the visitors to tea. —Mrs. Richardson seconded the motion on behalf of the Ladies' Guild. Mr. Rushby proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had made arrangements. —The President, in reply, said it was a great pleasure to Mrs. Parry and him to have them at Bigby. The ladies afterwards held their meeting; handbells and tower bells were rung, and the Rectory grounds visited.

A pleasing feature of the day's ringing was the handling of her bell by Miss Enid Richardson, of Surfleet. Standing on two hassocks, she mastered her bell in fine style in rounds.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

## SWINDON BRANCH HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch took place at Bishopstone on June 16th with a fairly good attendance, members and visitors being present from Swindon, Rodbourne Cheney, Stratton St. Margaret, Blunsdon, Marlborough, Aldbourne, Faringdon, London, Burford and Wootton Bassett. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major. No meeting was fixed for July owing to the G.W.R. holidays. The venues for the August and September meetings are Lydiard Millicent and Stratton St. Margaret respectively.

## FORESTERS' QUARTER-PEAL.

At Lavenham, Suffolk, on Sunday, June 3rd, at SS. Peter and Paul's, for the special service to celebrate the centenary of the Ancient Order of Foresters, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Bro. S. H. Symonds, P.C.R. (conductor) 1, Bro. A. F. Turner, P.D.C.R., 2, Bro. W. R. J. Poulson, P.C.R., 3, Bro. W. Faiers, P.C.R., 4, Bro. D. A. S. Symonds 5, Bro. F. A. Poulson, P.J.B., 6, Bro. L. Offord 7, Bro. F. Pryke, P.C.R., 8. All are members of the Lavenham Court, 'British Lion' No. 5848 A.O.F.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****NORTH FOREST BRANCH REOPENED.****Interesting Presentation to Association.**

On Saturday, June 9th, a meeting was held at Newent, Glos, to reopen the North Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

The General Secretary (Mr. E. Guise) asked Mr. Gould, the retiring Master, to hand his office to the Master elected for the ensuing year.

Mr. Gould then asked Mr. S. Romans to succeed him, and in doing so thanked the officers for the splendid support they had given him during his two years as Master. He wanted to mark the occasion and honour by presenting to the association a medallion bell, suspended on a black silk neckband. Mr. Gould handed this to the executive for their care, asking that in the event of the Gloucester and Bristol Association dividing into two associations that the medallion should be handed to the Bristol organisation.

Mr. Romans thereupon opened the meeting, calling on the branch to elect their officials. Rev. C. Burnell was elected as chairman, and immediately took the chair.

Mr. W. J. Roberts was elected branch secretary, and Mr. Chew was elected representative upon the management committee.

Many new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Dymock.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality was proposed by Mr. S. Romans and carried with acclamation.

Handbell ringing and further tower bellringing concluded a very happy meeting.

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**MUFFLED BELLS.**

On May 31st at St. Mary's Church, Redenhall, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. Howlett (conductor) 1, G. Curson 2, G. Walpole 3, S. Copling 4, G. Gower 5, C. Loom 6, E. Ritches 7, W. Barrett 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the late Dr. Inskip, Rector of Redenhall, and former headmaster of Framlingham College, who was interred at Redenhall the same afternoon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****OXFORD BRANCH'S RECORD MEETING.**

The Oxford City and District Branch of the Oxford Guild were favoured with glorious weather for the half-yearly meeting, which took place at Crendon on Saturday, June 9th. Early in the afternoon the usually quiet country village was besieged by a large charabanc party of Oxford ringers, young and old, and they were augmented by visitors from Abingdon (Berks), Swindon (Wilts), Ellesborough (Bucks), Tring (Herts), and Henley (Oxford), and met by a strong muster of the local band.

The bells were then set going to satisfy everyone from beginners to 'brass hats.' A short service was held in the Parish Church by the Vicar (Rev. D. R. A. Williams), after which an excellent tea was served in the Parish Hall, at which 44 sat down. This was a record gathering for the branch.

During the interval some of the handbell ringers entertained the company with a course of Grandsire Triples, after which the business meeting was held. Mr. W. G. E. Collett, admirably carried out his duties as branch chairman, supported by the Vicar, Rev. D. R. A. Williams, and the hon. secretary (Mr. R. A. Post). The secretary raised the question of the Jenkyn Memorial Fund, to which the members voted the sum of two guineas.

Two new members were elected, and certificates presented to others already elected.

The secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the afternoon, and the Vicar replied, welcoming the branch to Crendon on behalf of himself and the local band.

The members afterwards dispersed, some to the tower for further ringing, others on a 'hiking tour' of the village. The bells were kept going until 8 p.m. in methods ranging from rounds to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, after which the whole party held another 'unofficial' meeting in the usual ringers' rendezvous, where the handbells were rung and singing participated in. The charabanc party left at 9 p.m., after the would-be darts champion had nearly 'missed the boat' (after paying his fare, too).

**NEWBURY BRANCH AT BUCKLEBURY.**

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Bucklebury on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Beedon, Bucklebury, Compton, East Isley, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham and Wootton Hill. Visitors were present from Basingstoke, Bramley, Englefield, Henley-on-Thames, Overton and Oxford. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. M. Thorp), who gave a very helpful address. Tea was served in the Victory Hall by Mrs. N. J. Blunden, and 33 sat down to an excellent meal.

The chairman of the branch (Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided over the business meeting.

The next meeting was fixed for Thatcham on Saturday, September 1st. Three guineas were voted to the late Master's memorial fund.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. E. M. Thorp for his address and welcome to the ringers, to Miss Mathews for playing the organ, and to Mrs. Blunden for providing the tea, was proposed by the chairman and carried with applause.

The tower was again visited, and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

**EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS.**

A meeting was recently held at Clewer, whose local band joined the Guild earlier in the year, and ringers from numerous towers helped to make it a successful gathering. The man from—(where does he belong—Kent, Berks or Bucks?) was there with his bag of 'beech (k)nuts,' who all show great promise.

The curate and one of the churchwardens (Mr. C. Borlase) turned up to welcome the visitors and stayed to tea. Incidentally, the kindly helpers who laid the table would like another visit (so should we).

About 8 p.m. the Rector (the Rev. G. G. Payne-Cook, sometime of Northam, N. Devon) arrived, having that day returned from a holiday, and added his cheerful welcome to those the ringers had already received.

Ringings continued until a late hour, the visitors 'homeward plodding their weary way' to the sound of the bells of the curfew tower ringing for the royal occasion (and 'tolling the knell of parting day').

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## FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on June 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. Hicks 1, Miss E. M. Orlebar 2, A. R. Miles 3, A. Levery 4, C. Brasier 5, W. A. Kiteheuside (conductor) 6, G. Manser 7, C. Pennygar 8. Longest length by ringers of 2 and 7.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 10th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: C. A. Kirn (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, K. J. Guyler 3, J. E. Rootes 4, T. Collings 5, E. P. Ashby (conductor) 6, J. Dolamore 7, T. Humphreys 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On May 30th, at the Parish Church for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Dent 1, \*H. Bird 2, A. C. Levey 3, W. Morris (first as conductor) 4, \*C. G. Traveller 5, S. White (first quarter-peal 'inside') 6, E. J. Rochester 7, W. Cross 8. \*First quarter-peal.

KIRTON, Lincs.—On May 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): E. Sellars 1, Miss M. Jessop 2, D. Flatters 3, W. Lakin 4, T. Bishop 5, H. Barsley 6, A. E. Flatters 7, C. Burrell (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 7, also first as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): \*E. A. Palmer 1, \*C. Poole 2, \*Mrs. C. Pearce 3, \*S. Quintin 4, \*H. T. E. Curtis 5, W. H. Adkins 6, H. W. E. Curtis 7, E. W. Smith 8, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 9, \*Tom Curtis 10. \*First quarter-peal on 10 bells. With the exception of one peal of Caters, this is the first quarter-peal on the 10 bells. Kindly arranged for the conductor from Forest Hill, London.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on Whit Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,270 changes): Dennis Mann (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, C. Bolland 2, H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 3, E. Cartwright 4, J. Grundy 5, J. Saddington 6, J. Towell 7, G. Stedman Morris 8, C. Harrison (conductor) 9, A. Hickman 10. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 3rd.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes): R. Brown 1, A. Appelby 2, S. Jessop 3, A. Stephenson 4, H. Burrell 5, F. Dewey 6, J. Sharpe 7, F. Leggott 8, W. E. Clarke 9, C. Burrell (first quarter-peal as conductor) 10. First quarter-peal by ringers of 4 and 7.

DONCASTER.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: F. Newsome (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, E. Stacey 4, H. Wagstaff 5, W. E. Lloyd 6, R. Thompson 7, H. Baldwin 8. First quarter as conductor.

ASHTED, SURREY.—At the Parish Church of St. Giles, on Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: K. Waldron (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Cook 2, J. Hoyle 3, H. V. Young 4, G. Marriner 5, A. Harman 6, W. J. Whiting (conductor) 7, D. Anscombe 8. Specially arranged for the treble ringer, who is one of Ashted's new junior band.

GREAT OHISHELL, CAMBS.—At St. Swithin's Church on Sunday, April 29th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Reid 1, S. Mancer 2, C. Plumb, sen., 3, T. Smith 4, R. Howard (conductor) 5. Rung as a farewell touch to the Rev. W. H. Brett, O.B.E., of Forest Hill, who had carried on the ministry at this church during the past seven months.

WESTON, BATH.—At All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Cross, jun., 1, Mrs. S. Woodburn 2, Miss E. Cross 3, G. Cross, sen., 4, S. Woodburn 5, H. Ellis 6. Also rung as a compliment to Miss E. Cross on her 21st birthday.

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## NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Ayers' Hall, 5. Gentlemen invited.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement (bells 8) on Saturday, June 23rd. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — E. Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting is to be held at Claybrook on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Hoping for a bumper meeting?—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Aughton tower will be open from 6 p.m. The committee will meet for business meeting in the Church House.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, June 23rd, next. Tower open from 2.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Guest House. Kindly advise me early all those requiring tea.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, S. and W. District.—A joint meeting has been arranged at Denham on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE AND NORTHERN DIVISION YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint Meeting.—A meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland on Saturday afternoon, June 23rd. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringers during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at Ball's Café, High Street, at 5 p.m. Members 1s. 3d. per head.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Nibley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — The branch annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service (handbell accompaniment) 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Browning, Cold Higham, Towcester.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, June 23rd, when the bells of St. Aidan's and of the Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, and St. Cuthbert, Benfieldside, will be available after 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Come and enjoy the beauties of the Derwent Valley.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Anstey, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Gransden to-morrow (Saturday, June 23rd). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Established 1623).—The 311th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. Service 12.30 p.m. Hot lunch (2s. 6d.) at 1.30 p.m. Will all those requiring lunch please notify me by June 26th.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.**—Annual ringing contest (6 bells) will take place on Saturday, June 30th. A copy of rules will be sent to any company of ringers on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas not guaranteed if not applied for. — E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly meeting at Matlock, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, 5 p.m., at the Duke William. General meeting follows tea. Darley Dale bells (8) available after meeting. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Earls Colne bells (8) also available after 6 o'clock. Will those who intend being present please notify me by Wednesday, 27th inst.? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 26th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Brockworth on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by the 25th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A by-meeting, by kind invitation of the Rector, will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will those who intend coming please notify me as early as possible.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold on Saturday, June 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. It is absolutely essential that numbers for tea should be sent to me by June 25th. Hascombe (five bells) will be available in the evening.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting (quarterly) will be held at Pucklechurch on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Fleur de Lys. Bus No. 19a leaves Staple Hill hourly at half-past the hour. Please let me know for tea not later than 27th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Burley on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Vicarage grounds, if fine, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Please notify Mr. E. F. Godfrey, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. A delightful half-day.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The summer festival will be held at Husborne Crawley on Saturday, June 30th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Bishop Lander. Tea at 5. Will those intending to be present kindly send a card to Rev. A. Rust a day or two previous? This will greatly help the tea arrangements.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Owing to limited catering, will belfry secretaries please notify me as to number for tea? All ringers welcome.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Privett on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 27th? —C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—The ring of eight bells restored by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated on Sunday, July 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Bells available 4 to 4.30, 5.30 to 6.30, and 7.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome. All requiring tea (6d. each) must let me know by Thursday, June 28th.—Wm. E. Cheater, Roxwell, Addison Square, Ringwood, Hants.

**IPSWICH ROYAL SHOW.**—For ringers visiting the above show ringing arrangements are as follows:—Tuesday, July 3rd, St. Mary-le-Tower (12 bells). Wednesday, July 4th, St. Clement's, Ipswich (6 bells). Thursday, July 5th, St. Margaret's, Ipswich (8 bells). Thursday, July 5th, St. Andrew's, Rushmere (6 bells). Friday, July 6th, St. Mary's, Hadleigh (8 bells).

For Sproughton, Bramford and Hintlesham (all 6 bells) apply to Mr. Charles Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich. All at 7.30 p.m. Any further particulars from the Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, or G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Gateshead on Wednesday, July 4th, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The bells of St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will be available at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good attendance of members is specially requested.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th. Towers open at 3 o'clock till 9 p.m. Service at St. John the Baptist's 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good muster is requested.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Kirkburton on July 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea provided, 1s. 6d. each, if applied for not later than June 30th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 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.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 7th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6), from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room at 5. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, July 3rd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Adderbury (8) and Deddington (6) bells available during the evening. For tea, please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 3rd.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at the Parish Church. Clitheroe bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.**—At evening service on Wednesday, July 11th, the Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. Ringers' day, Saturday, July 14th.

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ham on July 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea (for those who notify me by July 11th) 6 p.m., 1s. each. Castle Grounds open to ringers and friends in the evening.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs, on Saturday, July 14th. Further particulars later.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynham Road, Trowbridge.

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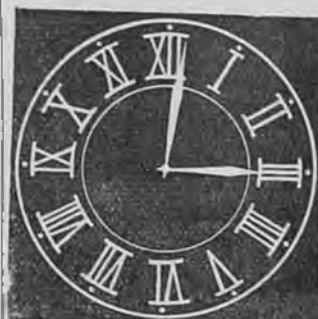
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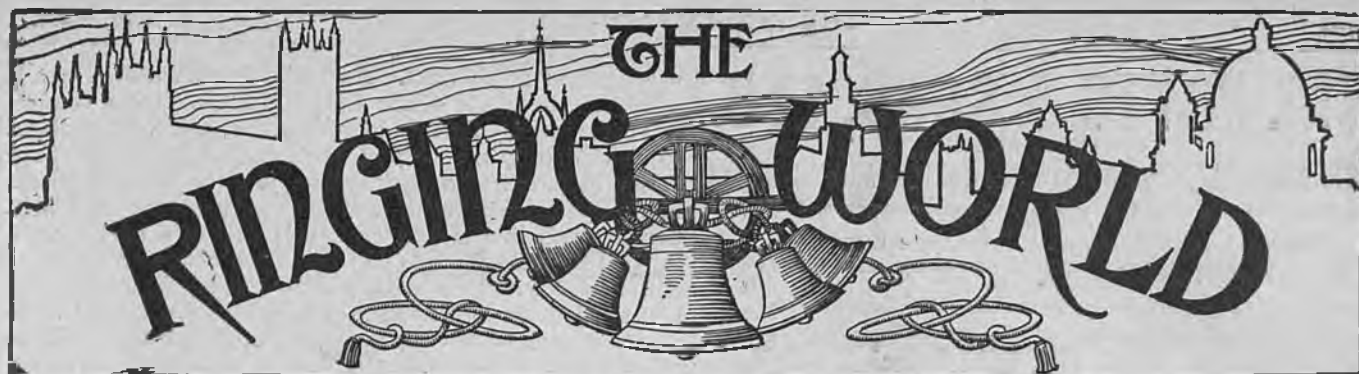
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Hitherto there has been no organised 'invasion' of ringers in any country outside the British Isles, and any pioneer work that has been done has been by individual effort, at only rare intervals. The brief visit which the tour next autumn will make possible cannot be expected to work miracles, but the mere fact that a company is making a 25,000 miles' journey, merely because of their enthusiasm for the art of ringing, must surely show those connected with the churches in the Commonwealth that there is, after all, something well worth while in the

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Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

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

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WATSEN ... .. 5
*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 7
ARTHUR GRIMWELL ... .. 4	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. P. Whittell, of Bildeston; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Capon, verger at this church.

ECCLES, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM PARKINSON ... .. Treble	STEPHEN PARRY ... .. 5
THOMAS JONES ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 7
WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 4	ROBERT THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Mr. W. W. Heaps, late of Ilford.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 27.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... .. 5
MATRICE SWINFELD ... .. 2	ROBERT G. LEWIS ... .. 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.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 5
GEORGE LADD ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... .. 4	SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Richard Mackman, one-time verger and steeplekeeper, and a member of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the above Guild for 50 years.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
FRANCES HUMPHREY ... .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

LYTHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*JONATHAN ALLAMSON, JUN. Treble	*JOHN BOARDMAN ... .. 5
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 6
†GEORGE MARIES ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 4	ARTHUR PRESTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the 40th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

BEADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY H. FLOWERS ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3
ALBERT R. WARD ... .. 2	FRANK TAYLOR ... .. 6
ARTHUR P. BRADING ... .. 3	WILLIAM UPTON ... .. 7
HENRY JENNINGS ... .. 4	*GEORGE WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
HENRY JENNINGS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... .. 6
*ARTHUR P. BRADING ... .. 3	WILLIAM UPTON ... .. 7
*FRANK TAYLOR ... .. 4	ALBERT R. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob and also first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. Treble	JOSEPH FOWLER ... .. 5
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... .. 2	*FRANK E. HANSFORD ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 3	S. PERCY MERSON ... .. 7
DAVID G. TAYLOR ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. P. MERSON.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

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## GRAVESEND.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CYRIL W. HAMMOND... .. Treble	EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 5
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 2	RICHARD A. CONSTANT ... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... .. 7
JAMES BAILEY ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

## WHISTON, ROTHERHAM.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIE GREEN ... .. Treble	GEORGE LEE ... .. 5
NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 6
CHARLES E. POULINNEY ... .. 3	*HERBERT CHADDOCK... .. 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM  
\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Irene Chad-dock, sister of the ringers of 2nd and 7th.

## WITHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*REGINALD GRAINGER... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	FRANK CLAYDON... .. 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 7
PERCY GREEN ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells and quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the 40th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the 30th birthday of Det.-Constable Wm. Green, brother of the ringer of the 4th; also as a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Keeble on the anniversary of their wedding day, June 21st.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## CHALFORD, STROUD, GLOS.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PERCY RIDDIFORD ... .. Treble	PERCY PONTING ... .. 4
MRS. LAURA EAST ... .. 2	FREDERICK BLOWER ... .. 5
LESLIE BARRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM DEAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

First peal by all except the conductor on steel bells.

## KNAPTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising twelve extents of Plain Bob (four variations of calling) and 30 extents of Grandsire (10 variations of callings).

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in B flat.

*AUBREY LUBBOCK ... .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3
CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 2	THOMAS FRANCIS ... .. 4
CLIFFORD T. BURTON ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: C. Diplock 1, G. Mansbridge 2, H. Richardson 3, W. Stenning 4, G. Masters 5, G. Lucas 6, J. Fiest (conductor) 7, F. Jennings 8. All are Sunday service ringers.

## LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH BOWEN ... .. Treble	ALFRED GOODING ... .. 4
*DAVID DAVIES ... .. 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 5
*WILFRED T. NORGROVE ... .. 3	*JAMES WILCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. GOODING.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band. Rung on and to commemorate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Stallard and a local resident. First peal as conductor.

## HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, College Single, Reverse and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5
EDWARD HOWES ... .. 3	HENRY TOOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in eight methods by all, on the bells and, in seven true extents, by the association.

## ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. Treble	ISAAC EMERY... .. 4
*PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 5
†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in two methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung on the 47th anniversary of Mr. I. Emery's first 120 on these bells. It is seven years since the last peal was rung here.

## UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

REG. C. H. CONNELLY ... .. Treble	JOHN W. FAITHFUL ... .. 4
WALTER LINTNER ... .. 2	GEORGE HUTCHINSON ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JOHN A. HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. HILL.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor for all, except Mr. Williams. First peal of Minor on the bells.

## HITCHAM, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*RONALD TAYLOR, age 12 ... .. Treble	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 4
*JOHN E. TAYLOR, age 13 ... .. 2	GORDON W. LIMMER... .. 5
GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 3	*JAMES TAYLOR, age 14 ... .. Tenor

Conducted by the BROTHERS LIMMER.

\* First peal. Rung with eighteen changes of method, the conductors calling an equal number of six-scores of each method, and never more than two consecutive six-scores. First attempt as conductors. Arranged and rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pusey (grandparents of Ronald and James Taylor). All the band are Sunday service ringers at Burnham, Bucks.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. Treble	WALTER WHITE ... .. 4
REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells (the heaviest six in the county), recently augmented and rebung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. This is the 121st tower in the Leicester Diocese in which the conductor has rung peals of 5,000 and over. Rung on the anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. E. Morris.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. ROBINSON ... .. Treble	J. WALLIS, JUN. ... .. 4
J. WALLIS, SEN. ... .. 2	F. J. SANDERS ... .. 5
A. HOLMAN ... .. 3	H. R. THORPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the formation of the local band. Messrs. Robinson and Sanders are two of the original members. Mr. A. Holman has been a member for 47 years, and Mr. J. Wallis, sen., for 40.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY'S TOUR.

Favoured with ideal weather for ringing, St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held their annual outing by motor coach on Saturday, June 23rd. The route took them to Saxlingham Nethergate, where Mr. W. L. Duffield, sen., met the party, Hethersett, East Dereham (where there are eight bells in a campanile detached from the church), North Elmham (noted for ruins of a minster dating from A.D. 900), Aylsham (ten bells), St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where the first course of Superlative Maximus on this fine peal of twelve bells was rung, and Eye, which was reached shortly after 8 p.m. Handbell ringing at the White Horse, Stoke Ash, kept by Mine Host Aldous, ended another enjoyable outing. A touch was rung in many methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

The society wish to thank all incumbents and steeplekeepers for their co-operation and assistance towards making the outing so successful.

5.280 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

23456	1	3	4	5	6	7	9
24356					S		
62354	S	S		S			S
43256			S		S		
42356					S		
25346	S		S		S	S	
23546					S		
32564	S	S	S	S		S	S
35264					S		
62534	S				S		
45266			S		S		
42536					S		
35246	S				S		
32546					S		
23564	S	S	S	S		S	S

Twice repeated.

Reduced to 5,056 by calling a single at 4 in the 9th course of the second part which cuts out two courses. Rung in this form at Wymondham Abbey Church on Thursday, June 14th, 1934, conducted by the composer.

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## OXFORD SOCIETY'S ANNUAL OUTING.

### EXPEDITION TO SURREY.

Punctually at eight o'clock on the morning of Whitsun Monday 25 members of the Oxford Society left Oxford for their annual outing. The district chosen was Surrey, and the route had been selected not only for the beauty of the bells at the towers at which it was proposed to ring, but also on account of the magnificent scenery. The charabanc was comfortably full, and it was not found necessary to take advantage of Mr. R. A. (Tubby) Post's kind offer to sit on somebody's lap. The way led through Reading and Farnham, and via Hindhead, to Haslemere. A short halt was made at Hindhead for the purpose of admiring the Devil's Punchbowl (exterior) and the famous Huts Hotel (interior). Haslemere was reached at 11 a.m., where Mr. B. Hayes and Mr. F. Bowden, of the local band, were waiting to welcome the visitors.

On arrival, says our correspondent, several were heard to wonder that the tower could really contain ten bells, but there were no complaints as soon as the bells themselves were heard. The hour passed all too quickly with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and a plain course of Cambridge, and then the party had to be off again to Petworth. On our way we passed through Cowdray Park, and arrived at Petworth at 12.45. The next call was 'Middle' (anatomically speaking), and all managed to get through three courses without difficulty. In spite of a good lunch, everybody was ready to ring by two o'clock, and enjoyed the fine peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.). Mr. P. Vincent, the local captain, was there to greet us.

Leaving Petworth at 3 p.m., we made for Chiddingfold, an old-world village with a picturesque green nothing like our Gloucester Green at Oxford. We were welcomed by Mr. A. J. Bartlett, the local captain, and by Messrs. M. Smither and G. Luff, who gave us the pleasure of their assistance in the tower. It was now found that the three courses at Petworth, previously mentioned, had not been without result, and proof was given that discretion is the better part of valour, even in making a choice of sweet! However, the indisposition was only temporary, and by 4.30 p.m. we were all ready for tea, which was waiting for us at the Swan Hotel. Mr. R. A. (Leave-it-to-me) Post produced a brand new set of eight handbells, and with the aid of Messrs. Bartlett and Smither a touch of about three or four hundred Grandsire Triples was successfully accomplished. After tea Mr. W. G. (Didn't-I-tell-you-so?) Collett, late Master of the society, made a short and apt speech, saying how much all the members had enjoyed the expedition so far, and thanking all those who had had a hand in making the arrangements, especially mentioning Mr. J. P. (We-don't-do-it-like-that-at-Guildford) Pelloe, who had been instrumental in selecting the route and the towers for ringing.

Mr. Pelloe replied, expressing, on behalf of the other members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild present, the pleasure it gave them to welcome the Oxford Society to the Guildford district.

At 5.45 p.m. a move was made for Guildford, where we found Mr. W. R. Melville, the District Ringing Master, Mrs. Melville, their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Kippin, and Mr. W. J. Robinson, waiting for us at Holy Trinity, the Pro-Cathedral. These were undoubtedly the finest bells we had so far visited, and we deemed it a compliment to be told that we had got the compass of them. The enjoyment of our visit could only have been heightened had Mr. A. H. (Who-taught-you-to-handle-a-bell?) Pulling, who was unfortunately laid up with pleurisy, been able to be present, but we were pleased to hear from authoritative sources that he was on the road to recovery.

At 8 p.m. tracks were made for home, but the day's entertainment was not yet over. During the return journey we were enlivened by songs from our secretary, Mr. V. J. (Now-then-mind-you're-in-time) Bennett, and from Mr. G. Cooke, whose repertoire was seemingly inexhaustible; and by tunes on the handbells from Mr. R. A. (see-above) Post and Mr. J. Harris. It was a tired and happy band of ringers who reached Oxford that night at 11.45.

## SOMERSET RECTOR'S DEPARTURE.

The ringers of North Cadbury, Somerset, made a presentation to their Rector, the Rev. R. Moline, on Sunday, May 27th, in the ringing chamber. The Rev. R. Moline, who has been appointed to All Saints, Poplar, London, E., came to North Cadbury from Australia five years ago, and immediately became interested in the activities of his ringers. He visited them most Sundays and managed to handle a bell enough to ring rounds. He was always present on New Year's Eve and read Tennyson's 'Ring out, wild bells,' and gave a word of encouragement, while the Rectory was open afterwards for refreshments.

He had not time to proceed much with change ringing, but understood the principles of the art, and was president of the Castle Cary Branch of the Bath and Wells Association.

The ringers of North Cadbury feel that they have lost a friend and a man, besides a parson, and his wholehearted joining in happy co-operation will not be easily forgotten among the ringers he has left behind.

W. A. O.

### ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM. PROGRESS OF A YOUTHFUL BAND.

With the title of St. Peter's Society, a voluntary band was formed at Burnham, Bucks, in April, 1932. Previously this was a 'stone' tower. By recruiting from the choirboys a company has been steadily built up to ring and strike rounds properly for services. They have now arrived at the stage where they can ring a good course of Triples in more than one method in spite of the fact that there are only five members of the band over fourteen years of age, and there are only three members who have not taken part in a 5,000. Sunday morning and evening usually sees the whole band present; in fact, recruiting has had to stop temporarily. Little wonder that they are proud of their effort at Hitcham last week, when a peal of Doubles in three methods was rung with two conductors, the captain and deputy captain.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION. A FRESH SIX-BELL TOWER.

A very enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Danbury on Saturday, June 16th, when over 50 members and friends were present from Great Baddow, Broomfield, Burnham, Chelmsford, Fryerning, Ford End, Galleywood, Maldon, Prittlewell, Rettendon, Springfield, Great Totham and the local company. They were pleased to welcome Mr. E. J. Butler, the secretary of the South-Western Division, and Mrs. Butler.

Ringling commenced just before 3 p.m., the bells having been augmented to six recently by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A little difficulty was found by the ropes hanging in awkward positions, but these are being improved by bringing them through to the gallery.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. E. Fanshawe, who gave a very interesting address and welcomed the association to Danbury. Mrs. Fanshawe was at the organ. It was gratifying to see several of the parishioners at this service.

Tea was partaken of at the Village Hall, presided over by the Rector, accompanied by Mrs. Fanshawe. The Rector again extended a hearty welcome to the ringers, and hoped it was the first of many visits.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Master (Mr. H. W. Kinton) presided. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. Harry Dawson, of Great Baddow, who recently passed away after a long illness.

The Rector was elected an honorary member of the association, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rettendon on September 1st.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells, taking the service and presiding at tea, also to Mrs. Fanshawe for playing the organ and the local ringers and friends for providing and serving the tea, by the District Master, and carried unanimously.

Handbell ringing followed, after which a return was made to the tower, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. The opportunity was taken by several to walk round the Rectory gardens.

### RINGERS' CRICKET MATCH.

#### ALDERSHOT BAND PROVIDE LADIES' AND GENTS' TEAMS.

There can be few bands of ringers that can put two teams into the cricket field, but the Aldershot company did so last week—and twelve aside at that! It was almost a ladies v. gents match, a side of ten ladies being augmented by two of the other sex. The game was played in Aldershot Park, and the gentlemen won what proved an exciting match by 17 runs. The gentlemen were handicapped by having to bowl underarm or overarm as desired by their opponents, and they also had to bat 'wrong-handed.' A 'feature' of the game was the deplorable fielding of the men! Betty Stewart, in addition to making top score in the match, took three wickets for 30; Doris Viggers landed four for 28, and Marjory Smith two for 22. There was great excitement over the game.

These mostly young people are just as keen over their ringing. Their average attendance on practice night is about 22, and most of the men and boys perform other duties in connection with the church besides ringing for service. Nearly all of them have graduated from the choir to the belfry when their voices 'broke,' and several have returned later to the choir stalls. Recently they provided and 'ran' a stall at the church bazaar.

The scores in the cricket match were:—

Ladies.—Miss A. Fisher b A. Cole 1; Miss N. Denyer b P. Connor 0; Miss G. Denyer b P. Connor 2; Miss D. Viggers b R. Whitford 13; Miss E. Southby b G. Challen 1; Miss B. Stewart b C. Denyer 21; Miss H. Mills b G. Challen 2; Miss M. Smith b C. Denyer 11; Mrs. Sargeant b R. Whitford 3; Miss M. Dickinson c A. Cole b P. Eldridge 0; J. Connor b P. Eldridge 3; E. Symonds not out 10; extras 11; total 78.

Gents.—P. Eldridge c and b Miss Viggers 19; R. J. Whitford run out 15; C. Denyer c Miss Stewart b Miss Smith 0; G. Challen b Miss Stewart 2; A. Cole st b Miss Stewart 9; T. Denyer b Miss Viggers 3; W. Denyer b Miss Smith 2; E. Gower c Symonds b Miss Viggers 2; R. Jones c Symonds b Miss Viggers 0; P. Connor run out 5; E. Aldridge run out 18; J. Le Chenninant b Miss Stewart 0; extras 20; total 95.

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### BELLRINGERS' JUGS AND PITCHERS (PAST & PRESENT)

BY ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.HIST.S.

It will be remembered that some time ago I issued an appeal through these columns for information, photos, etc., respecting ancient ringers' jugs, pitchers, gitchers, and the like. The result was most satisfactory and enlightening. I was able to get details of many of these quaint curiosities from the following places: Beccles, Braintree, Bungay, Cirencester, Clare, Crewe, Church Lawton, Crowle, Great Yarmouth, Grimley, Worcs, Garboldisham, Hadleigh, Hinderclay, Hornchurch, Ixworth, Kendall, Lincoln, Marlesfield, Norwich, Oxford, Salisbury, Stafford, Stowmarket, Swansea, Tamworth, Tawstock and Witcheampton.

I also obtained many fine photos and views of these relics. An article on the subject appeared in 'Apollo' (see issue June, 1933), where are some very fine illustrations, and in the same journal for March, 1933, a very good illustrated article on the Dorchester (Dorset) ringer's pewter flagon appears from the pen of Mr. H. H. Cotterell, F.R.Hist.S. If any of your readers can tell me of other specimens I shall be grateful.

#### NOW THE SEQUEL!

I have just received from an anonymous friend (whom here, now and forthwith I wish to thank sincerely) the gift of a unique ringer's jug, the like of which I have never seen before (and never shall again). It is of small dimensions, which leads me to think it must be a miniature copy of some older jug, for it most certainly could never quench the thirst of some of my Leicester friends, even if filled to overflowing many times over! It is elaborately inscribed and designed in colours on a background of gold, and a real work of art, for it has designs on its interior as well as exterior. The pottery is of 'Crown Derby' (at least it says so on its base), while above is the word 'Ebor,' and below the date 1641. Now, although I was for over two years in York during the war, and attached myself to the Minster Society, I never heard of nor saw a replica of this jug, even though I gathered much other historic stuff during my sojourn in that ancient city. On one side of the jug is a good view of St. Paul's Cathedral, and it may be possible (but highly improbable) that this 'object' once belonged to the ancient College Youths. However, nearby is the signature of Oliver Cromwell and date 1659, so perhaps he—in his despoliation of churches—collared this relic? Beneath the lip is 'Fab Sted—Patron.' On the reverse is a ringer ringing a bell 'set up.' On its interior is a bell at the base, within which is the initial E, and on the side a church tower and some hieroglyphs which at the moment I cannot decipher. On the lip is a (public?) house and the initials 'G.W.F.' The latter I cannot pretend to know, but doubtless they are those of the 'potty pottor.'

I thank my dear anonymous friend once more for this relic, which will be preserved along with the 'golden-wooden' bell I received last August.

**BEDDINGTON RINGERS MARRIED.**

The wedding took place on Saturday last at St. Mary's, Beddington, of Mr. Frederick Walter Housden, son of Mr. W. Housden (Saffron Walden) and Miss Ivy Rhoda Kippin, daughter of Mr. Chas. Kippin, sen. (Beddington).

The bride was given in marriage by her father. There were six bridesmaids, and Mr. Leonard E. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, was best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. G. Witcomb.

Bride and bridegroom were presented with an oval mirror in chromium frame from the Beddington Society—of which they are both members—and were the recipients of many other presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Housden are spending their honeymoon at St. Ives.

**LAVENHAM BENEDICTS LOSE THEIR CONDUCTOR.**

The wedding was solemnised at St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, London, on June 2nd, between Mr. Maurice T. Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, and Miss Margaret Harris, of Camberwell. This happy event robs the Lavenham 'single' band of their conductor, who is one of the well-known ringing family of Symonds.

The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. F. L. Leeks, late member of the Lavenham company.

The happy couple were the recipients of many presents, including on oak framed photograph of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, from the Lavenham ringers. A touch of Stedman Triples was rung in the evening at Lavenham to mark the event.

**CHILVERS COTON RINGER'S WEDDING.**

On Whit Monday, at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Mr. Charles E. Reyson, of the local band, was married to Miss Marjorie Craddock. As the couple left the church the bells rang out in rounds, interspersed with 'Queens' and 'Firing.' The local ringers were assisted by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were also rung.

All the ringers attended the reception at the Newdegate Arms Hotel, and after the lunch a short musical programme followed, in which bells played a prominent part. Tunes were rung by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish and Miss M. V. Godderidge, the 'Rise and Fall' by Messrs. E. Stone, J. Moreton, J. Draycott, A. H. Beamish, Mrs. A. H. Beamish and Miss Godderidge, and a course of Grandsire Triples by Mrs. Beamish, F. E. Dawe, A. H. Beamish and E. Stone. Amongst the numerous presents was a set of carvers presented to the bridegroom by his fellow-ringers, with every good wish for the future.

**BELLS HUNG FOR CHIMING.****YORKSHIRE RINGERS DEPLORE SKIPWORTH SCHEME.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Eserick on Saturday, June 16th, and was attended by 45 ringers from Beverley Minster and St. Mary's, Easingwold, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hull, Kirk Ella, Patrington, Pontefract, St. Giles' and All Saints', Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Thorne, Withernsea, and York.

The Rector, Rev. C. H. B. Trollope, M.A., gave the address at the service in St. Helen's Church. Tea in the Black Bull Inn was followed by the business meeting on the Rectory lawn, presided over by the Rector.

Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. H. Mellor, of Pontefract, G. Pearcey, of Patrington, and G. Gardner and J. Johnson, of Goole. Several places were suggested for the September meeting, and, on a vote being taken, Hedon was selected by a large majority.

The Secretary mentioned that the neighbouring parish of Skipworth were to have their bells increased from three to six, but regretted to report the three new bells were only being put in for chiming. As this was the second instance of bells being put in in this manner in the past few years in the neighbourhood, he proposed writing the Vicar of Skipworth deploring the action, and asking if something could be done to have them hung for ringing.—A resolution was unanimously passed, endorsing the secretary's suggestion to write the Vicar on the matter.

This letter has since been written.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer, seconded by Mr. Abraham Haigh, the veteran York Minster ringer, to which the Rector replied welcoming the association to Eserick, and hoping they would come again soon. He also promised to convey the company's thanks to the organist who played at the service.

A vote of thanks was passed to the secretary for all the arrangements he had made for the meeting. Unfortunately, only one of the local company was present. He was a learner. The remainder were away playing cricket.

Further ringing concluded a most enjoyable meeting on a glorious June day. The methods rung included Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford and Spliced Treble Bob, Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and rounds for some other ringers.

Further ringing books have been received from Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, and the secretary has written to thank him for his extreme kindness to the members of the Eastern District.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Who has been the youngest conductor to call a peal for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild? John A. Hill has just called a peal of Bob Minor at the age of 19.

Lavenham will celebrate its 123rd ringing anniversary to-morrow in conjunction with the meeting of the Suffolk Guild.

In the report of the annual meeting of the Sussex Association at Hastings, the name of Mr. G. H. Howse appeared as one of the trustees. It should have read Mr. G. W. Stokes.

The peal of Treble Bob at West Hallam, reported in last week's issue, should be credited to the Midland Counties Association.

By the peal at Sileby, Leicestershire, Mr. Ernest Morris completes 121 towers in the Leicester Diocese, 120 of which are actually in the county. This includes 'turning in' the tenors of heaviest rings of five (Broughton Ashley, 19 cwt.), 6 (Sileby, 23 cwt.), 8 (St. Saviour's, Leicester, 25½ cwt.), 10 (Loughborough, 30½ cwt.), and 12 (St. Margaret's, Leicester, 33 cwt.).

Mr. Maurice Smith, of Banbury, is now in Bed 2, Ewing Ward, St. George's Hospital, London, whither he was hurriedly removed from his home last week. He has suffered intensely, and has been operated on. His many friends will wish him speedy and complete recovery.

Last Saturday a peal of Stedman Cinques was lost at Southwark Cathedral through the breaking of a rope, after 3½ hours' ringing and with only eight sixes to go!

## BROADCASTING FROM RIPON. CONGRATULATIONS FROM AMERICA.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should like to correct a statement made by Mr. G. R. Newton and reported in the proceedings of the Central Council under the heading 'Broadcasting' in your issue of June 15th. He refers to the absence of the bells from the service broadcast from Ripon Cathedral on Whit Sunday. The bells were heard for a few minutes before the service, although this fact was not advertised in 'The Radio Times,' and would therefore probably be missed by many ringers.

It may be of interest to your readers to know that the bells were also broadcast to America later on the same evening, in connection with a relay broadcast from here, in which the Dean of Ripon, the Mayor, the hornblower, the Cathedral choir, and the bells all took part. I have just received two postcards of congratulation on our efforts. These are extracts from them:—

'Many thanks for the pleasure of hearing the sweet sound of the bells you rang far away in Yorkshire. It was a hot day when your concert was broadcast, and the time was ten minutes before noon on Sunday. We hope sometime again to hear the bells and the singers in Ripon. Greetings from Sunny California.—W. E. Hall.'

'My sister and I greatly enjoyed your part in the Ripon broadcast. Some months ago we heard "Big Ben" by radio broadcast, and the one from Ripon came in equally clear.—From Avalon, Catalina Island.'

May I add that the North Regional engineers were quite satisfied with the broadcast to English stations, and also the one to America.

FREDERICK TINGLE.

62, Southgate, Ripon.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH GRANTS.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at Newport Pagnell, on the occasion of the annual festival of North Bucks Branch. The fine weather and a good attendance made the meeting quite a success. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Bradwell, Chicheley, Fenny Stratford, Great Linford, Newton Longville, Olney, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Stoke Goldington, Whaddon, Milton Keynes and the local ringers, with visitors from Bucklebury, Abingdon, Oxford and Leighton. The bells were going in good time in various methods, and service was conducted by the Rev. H. Adam Byard, Vicar of Newport Pagnell and chairman of the branch. A very interesting address was given by the Rev. Fulmer, Rector of Clifton Keynes. Tea was served in the schoolroom, where nearly 70 partook of the good things provided.

The business of the branch was afterwards transacted. The secretary gave a report on the financial position of the branch, which showed that it was in a sound condition, with £10 invested and a balance of £13 19s. in hand. There is a membership of 195, and 27 towers belong to the Guild. The secretary spoke on matters of grants which had come before him, and after discussion the following were made: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn memorial fund £5 5s., Milton Keynes bell fund £3 3s., Stoke Goldington bell fund £2.

Both the Rev. H. Adam Byard (chairman) and Mr. W. Fear (secretary and treasurer) were re-elected.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) expressed their appreciation of the good meeting and congratulated the branch upon its healthy condition generally.—A letter of apology was read by the secretary from Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), who was not able to attend.

Votes of thanks were proposed by the chairman to the preacher and to the ladies for providing tea. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Major.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 394.)

### FURTHER DISCUSSION ON PEALS OF MINOR.

Mr. S. H. Wood, continuing the debate on the motion regarding peals on the Bankes James plan, said he had intended to support the motion, but after hearing some of the speeches he began to have doubts. According to Mr. Hunt the mover of the resolution was very artful and said one thing in his paper and something else at the Council meeting (laughter). He also understood from Mr. Hunt that they ought not to listen to Mr. Trollope because he was only an honorary member and did not represent an association (laughter), but he (Mr. Wood) hoped they would not take any notice of that. Look at the people who had spoken against the motion! Mr. Hunt said he did not mind whether he started a peal at handstroke or backstroke; if so, why worry about a little thing like the Cambridge Minor (laughter). Mr. Wood said he could not answer Mr. Johnson, because the president had asked them not to talk about rounds being the first or the last row, but as regards opening the 'flood gates,' there had been proposals put forward that a peal should be considered true as long as every change occurred only seven times. Such a proposal as that did not figure in the motion that day, and it showed they were not trying to open the flood gates, but to stick to the Bankes James Arrangement. They need not take it for granted that the Council would pass anything that was proposed. If somebody proposed to let in something that was not acceptable he was sure Mr. Johnson would try and step into the breach and stop the flood. With regard to the Bankes James Arrangement, they might not want to ring it themselves. He did not know that he wanted to ring it, but he did not want to say that nobody else might. In ten years' time the people who voted against the motion that day would be a little bit sorry—the laugh would be on the other side. Mr. Sharman, continued Mr. Wood, had talked about progress and said he did not consider the Bankes James Arrangement was progress. He (Mr. Wood) could assure him that it was. Mr. Sharman had also said that other Minor ringers did not want to ring the Bankes James Minor. In 'The Ringing World' some weeks ago Mr. Joyce said he had heard from 60 or 70 Minor ringers in all parts of the country who did want to ring it. Mr. Wood asked the Council to support the motion.

Mr. J. W. Jones supported the motion for the reason that his friend Mr. A. J. Pitman assured him that it was perfectly true. They were not being asked to vote for anything that was false but to vote for a composition that was perfectly true.

Mr. T. Clarke said, although the Bankes James Arrangement as a whole might be a true peal, it would not stand the tests they could apply to other peals. If, for instance, they took a piece out of Thurstans' peal they would find it was true, but they could not take a 720 out of the Bankes James Arrangement and say it was true. They had rounds occurring at irregular intervals.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said that point had been raised before. There was a danger of attaching too much importance to the row 123456. It had no more importance than any other. If they took the row 654321, for instance, what was true of rounds was true of that, or of any other row that they liked to take. If they fixed rounds to come at every 720 changes, then every other row that there was would occur at varying intervals, some of them much closer than 336 changes apart, unless they rang the same 720 over and over again. When they talked of change ringing they must not attach undue importance to one particular row; all rows were of equal importance (applause).

Mr. Clarke said he did not quite agree with the last speaker. His reason for objecting to this composition was that the Council's definition was that a 720 must start from and end with rounds.

Mr. W. A. Cave asked if it was a fact that the difference between an ordinary peal of seven 720's of Minor and the Bankes James Arrangement was that the one contained 123456 seven times, but in the Bankes James Arrangement they had rounds eight times, because they had to have it once at the start and once at the finish? If so the peal was false, although it might be theoretically true in 720's.

### COUNCIL MIGHT LOOK FOOLISH.

Mr. C. T. Coles said it was fitting that they should be discussing that resolution in Warwickshire, because it was at Grendon in that county in 1923 that the composition was first rung. He reminded them of that fact mainly because it was eleven years since this peal was first before the Exercise, and every year there had been one or more performances of it published in the Analysis, yet there was no one there that day who had ever voted against the adoption of the table because it included peals on the Bankes James plan. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson had suggested that the Council might make itself look exceedingly foolish in the future if it did not adopt that motion. He made the same remark last year, and he could not help saying that if they objected to the motion they would make themselves look exceedingly foolish that day by having omitted to move the reference back to the Analysis Committee of their report, which contained performances of that peal. He would remind the Council that it was the Council's own fault at Hereford that the peal became exceedingly popular, for it there passed a definition of a peal of Minor—and incidentally also of Doubles—which purported to bring this peal in. If it didn't, it was the fault of the framers of the resolution, but the fact remained that that resolution was passed

by an overwhelming majority. Then in the following year at Chelmsford it was said that the peal was hopelessly false, and the Council had suffered for it ever since. Mr. Cave, continued Mr. Coles, had referred to the occurrence of rounds at the beginning and end. If they rang a peal of Stedman Triples they had rounds at the beginning and the end. Which one they counted was a matter some of them 'stuck' on, but it made no difference to the peal. The truth of the peal was in the peal itself and not necessarily in the 720's. There was too much importance attached to having rounds 720 changes apart. People who talked about the truth of a peal of Minor did not mind ringing a certain change in the last lead of one 720 and in the first lead of the next. They called that true. If they were wrong in saying that rounds need not be 720 changes apart then they must of necessity ring every other row at intervals of exactly 720 changes and go back to ringing every 720 in a peal in the same method and calling the same composition, which all of them would agree would be a retrograde step. He would remind Mr. Hunt that a peal of Stedman Triples must contain 5,041 rows, with rounds at the beginning and the end, and however much he liked to try he could not dodge the fact that there were 5,041 rows in that peal. If they applied the same rule to the Bankes James Arrangement they must admit that the peal was true.

### A BIG MAJORITY.

The Rev. H. Drake suggested that in deciding this matter only those who were six-bell ringers should vote ('Oh!').

Several Members: What is a six-bell ringer?

The Rev. H. Drake: One who rings on six bells and is not a regular ringer on eight or more bells. We should then see whether the six-bell ringers, who are chiefly concerned, are in favour of it or not.

Mr. Rupert Richardson said he supported the resolution and was certain he was speaking for practically every six-bell ringer in Lincolnshire (applause). At present he was not a six-bell ringer, but he had rung over a hundred peals of Minor. He was one of those to whom Mr. James introduced spliced Minor ringing, and they had some very fine Minor ringers in Lincolnshire.

Mr. C. Mee, speaking for the six-bell ringers of Suffolk, said they were in favour of admitting the Bankes James peal.

Mr. Goldsmith briefly replied to some of the points raised in the discussion. He said that whether they started at handstroke or backstroke made no difference to the truth of a peal; neither did it affect the truth of a 720 whether they began it with rounds or any other row. There were no more rows of rounds in the Bankes James Arrangement than in any other peal of Minor. In every peal on six bells they had eight rows of rounds, but only seven of them counted; and it was exactly the same in the Bankes James Cambridge. It had been said that they could not take a true touch out of this peal as they could out of Thurstans' peal of Stedman. The two things were different. There was no repetition from beginning to end of a peal of Triples, but in a peal of Minor there must of necessity be repetitions of each row. With regard to the constitution of a lead, which involved the inclusion of the initial rounds as the first row, that applied to all Minor methods and not merely to Cambridge, and was not an argument introduced to make this particular peal true. It was true of all even-bell methods with only one hunt. He asked the Council to accept the motion on the ground that the peal was true.

A vote was then taken, and the President declared the motion carried, adding that there was more than a two-thirds majority.

### SMALL NUMBER OF 'FIRST PEALERS.'

The remaining motion on the agenda was moved by Mr. E. M. Atkins in the following terms: 'That this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren.' He said the impression was growing that things were not too satisfactory in the ringing world as a whole; that, in fact, they were not going uphill, but downhill. The number of towers one heard of where there was no band of ringers ringing for Sunday, and places one came across where one band supplied the ringing for two or three towers, were numerous. He had also noticed that there was often very little encouragement at meetings for those who could only ring rounds or were endeavouring to learn to hunt the treble. That came to a head this year when he realised that a certain well-known Diocesan Guild, with between 700 and 800 members, had only succeeded in getting three people through their first peal last year. When this happened there was something wrong, and he felt it was up to somebody to bring the matter before the Council. That was why he put the first part of the motion on the agenda with reference to people ringing their first peal. If they referred to the analysis things did not look quite so bad last year as the year before. They would find that last year 523 ringers rang their first peal, against 430 the year before, an increase of 93, but, on the other hand, if they went back another year they would find there were 612 who rang their first peal in 1931, so that in 1933 there was a decrease of 89 compared with two years ago. If they went back ten years they would find the number was 687, which showed a decrease of 164. Unfortunately they had no means of estimating the number of change ringers, but in the 'Church of England Year Book' it was stated that there were 46,321 bellringers, which meant that about one per cent. rang their first peal in the course of the year. He had analysed a number of Guild reports and had come to the conclusion

that the number of ringers attached to guilds and associations was now about 25,000, and that meant that only about two in each hundred were being got through their first peal every year. That meant that if they were to progress in numbers a ringer had to have about fifty years of ringing life after ringing his first peal. They knew that ringing was a healthy exercise, but it meant that a ringer, if he rang his first peal at 20, had to live until he was 70 if they were to keep their numbers up—and that did not allow for wastage. He could not say how it was, but they seemed to be losing ground. If they took the analysis of peals for last year they would find it contained a total drop of 369 in the year, but the drop in the simpler methods was 338, which was 90 per cent. of the whole. It looked rather as if the experienced ringers were not doing their part in getting the less efficient people through the simpler methods.

#### BEGINNERS' POINTS OF VIEW.

With regard to the second part of his motion, Mr. Atkins said he put in the reference to their high calling, because he felt their work was one of the higher callings in the Church; he felt it was almost next to the priesthood itself, from the fact that it was a tremendous privilege to them to proclaim the Gospel Sunday by Sunday. It was a great thing to take a share in the first part of the chief services every Sunday, not simply from the point of view of calling people to church, but as an offering which nobody else could make. It was for their Guild officials to see that the bells were rung regularly and efficiently. Were they doing all in their power to help beginners? Mr. Atkins asked. He quoted from points of view which beginners had given him. Most of them complained that not sufficient opportunity was given them at meetings, and one wrote that 'the atmosphere puts one off.' After beginners had been given a short spell of rounds the more advanced ringers seemed to be saying to themselves, 'Thank goodness that's over, now we shall be able to do something!' Mr. Atkins added that the Council and ringers generally ought really to try and do something in this matter; they must try and cultivate a brotherly spirit and give youngsters every opportunity. He urged the more general use of the Council's 'Handbook for Instructors and Beginners.' It ought to be studied, he said, by everybody concerned with the teaching of beginners. He wished very much that they had statistics which would enable them to say definitely whether they were progressing or not and, if he might, he would like to propose some amended resolution that the secretary be empowered to collect statistics from the affiliated associations. It was, he concluded, most important that they should aim at getting all the bells rung on Sundays regularly. At present only a small proportion were rung. He might be pessimistic, and he hoped he might be proved wrong, but he hoped that some day they might be able to say with even more justice that this was truly the 'Ringing Isle.'

Mr. J. Parker, who seconded, remarked that he would not say much, as Mr. Atkins had said enough for three or four (laughter).

Mr. Groombridge said they could not put any more on their association secretaries than they already put on them.

#### OLD RINGERS' VIEWS.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert said he did not think there was any need for Mr. Atkins to get pessimistic. If youngsters got where there was no good ringing they quickly tired of it, but if they went to a tower where there was good ringing they very soon got on. They did not then lose them unless they started 'taking on one of the opposite sex' (laughter). He had three or four in his band who were going to ring quite as well as ever he had, 'if I don't drive them away,' he added, 'and I will if they don't ring and strike' (applause).

Mr. George Williams said Mr. Atkins had asked, 'What are we going to do about it?' If he would come to the south he would see what they were doing about it there. They had a meeting every month and two or three practices besides, and they rang twice on Sundays, and it would do Mr. Atkins good to see it. They rang methods for all the young ones, from Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and even rounds, from January 1st to December 31st, and every now and then they had a chance to put in something above the ordinary. In his Guild they always seemed to be teaching young ringers at the district meetings; that was their first object, together with ringing for Sunday services, if it was only ringing rounds.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said in Yorkshire, not merely in ringing but in other things as well, there was an increasing difficulty in getting people to undertake work that had to be done regularly and also meant sacrifice of their own convenience. Another difficulty in the big towns was that owing to the increasing facilities of motor transit there was a tendency for the people to migrate miles out, and the churches in the cities were left with very few people round them, and it meant something of an effort for a young man, even if he had the courage of his convictions, to be prepared to go some miles for his ringing. He himself had half an hour's walk to ring, and if they imagined they were going to get that from the younger generation he was inclined to think they were expecting something they would not get.

Mr. J. W. Jones said at Newport he found no difficulty in obtaining ringers. He believed in many cases ringers looked in the wrong places for beginners. He had looked after the bells of his church for 32 years, and in all that time they had never missed ringing twice on a Sunday, unless illness happened close to the church. All the band were either sidemen or in the choir or connected with the Church Council. He got his young ringers from among the choir-

boys. When their voices cracked he did not let them slip away from the church but got them into the belfry, and he could get six new ringers on the next Monday evening if he desired to do so. One of the troubles experienced in many places was, he believed, that many men who understood ringing would not give their time to teaching. What they wanted was Cambridge or London, but they would not teach a boy to ring. His advice was, 'Start them young and start with choirboys and others connected with their own church' (applause).

Mr. S. F. Palmer said if beginners were encouraged the great majority of them would make ringers, but there were a certain number of men who had not the patience to teach young ringers. As Ringing Master of a Yorkshire society he made it his duty to see that every member who attended a meeting got a ring; also that every youngster got a ring. A certain portion of the ringing was always devoted to rounds for the beginners. He also saw that all the rest got their due proportion of the advanced methods or whatever they liked to ask for. If all Ringing Masters followed the same plan he did not think there would be much need for Mr. Atkins' proposition.

#### RESULTS DEPEND ON TEACHERS.

Mr. A. Walker said he was not one of the pessimists. The way in which youngsters got on depended on the teachers, and results rested largely upon them. In Birmingham there had not been many peals rung lately, but he could give an optimistic report as to what they were doing. They were having to start their practices half an hour earlier than they used to in order to give all the ringers their opportunity to ring, and on most Tuesday evenings the ringing comprised anything from Grandsire Triples to Stedman on 8, 10 and 12, and Cambridge, London and Bristol. It was the teacher who had got to do the pushing; if he did not encourage the youngsters they would slip away. They must also get the youngsters to move about to other towers. They would then get experience and enthusiasm with it (hear, hear). If existing ringers would not be satisfied with merely ringing themselves, but would bring others into their band and teach them, there was nothing to be pessimistic about for the future (hear, hear).

Mr. C. T. Coles said as secretary of the association in whose area Mr. Atkins lived, he did not think there was anything to be pessimistic about. The difficulties in big places like London, which embraced miles and miles of suburbs in every direction, were growing, and it was more difficult to do the Sunday ringing and more and more difficult to find time for practice than it used to be; and in these areas it was difficult to find youngsters to take up ringing. It made the work of the associations in such areas much harder, but the fact remained that, in spite of the difficulties, they were slowly improving. There were places where matters had gone backward, but in their districts as a whole they could show progress. There could not be much to be pessimistic about when they had such performances as the young people's peal at Crayford. One of the young ladies who rang in that peal and was only 17 had rung a peal in four spliced Surprise methods. There was every opportunity for young ringers to learn if they wanted to learn, and had the ability. In the area to which Mr. Atkins referred there were four or five associations functioning with meetings almost every week. If in London there was the possibility of ringing closing down here and there, that was counterbalanced by the increased facilities for travel which enabled the young ringers to get further afield. It might be that in these days of facilities for pleasure the youngsters found that learning to ring was hard work, and some dropped away before they really got into it, but in his opinion the districts of his association showed a great improvement compared with 25 years ago.

Mr. J. Parker said one of the greatest mistakes was to get young ringers through their first peal of 'Spliced.' They suffered from it in his association in Middlesex more than anybody. There were ringers who saw a promising young ringer, and said, 'We will put him through a peal of spliced.' The others got jealous and stopped away. What they wanted was to encourage the Sunday ringing; that was the way to get young ringers.

The motion was then put and carried nem con.

Mr. Atkins asked if he could put a supplementary resolution that the secretary of the Council should be empowered to obtain statistics as to the number of ringers in the country?

The President said he thought they could leave this matter to the secretary, who had had it in mind for a long time. The only difficulty was devising a suitable method and finding time to do it.

The matter then dropped.

#### WARWICKSHIRE SECRETARY'S BEREAVEMENT.

On Thursday, June 7th, at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung with half-muffled clappers: P. Stone 1, E. Stone 2, J. E. Moreton 3, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 4, J. Draycott 5, A. Haswell 6, C. E. Rayson 7, H. Harris 8. This was a last token of respect for Mr. George J. Lewis (father of Mrs. D. E. Beamish, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild), for over 30 years actively connected with church work at Chilvers Coton. He was an indefatigable worker for the recasting and augmentation of the bells in 1908.

The interment took place the previous day with full Masonic honours, Mr. Lewis having held office in the Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.

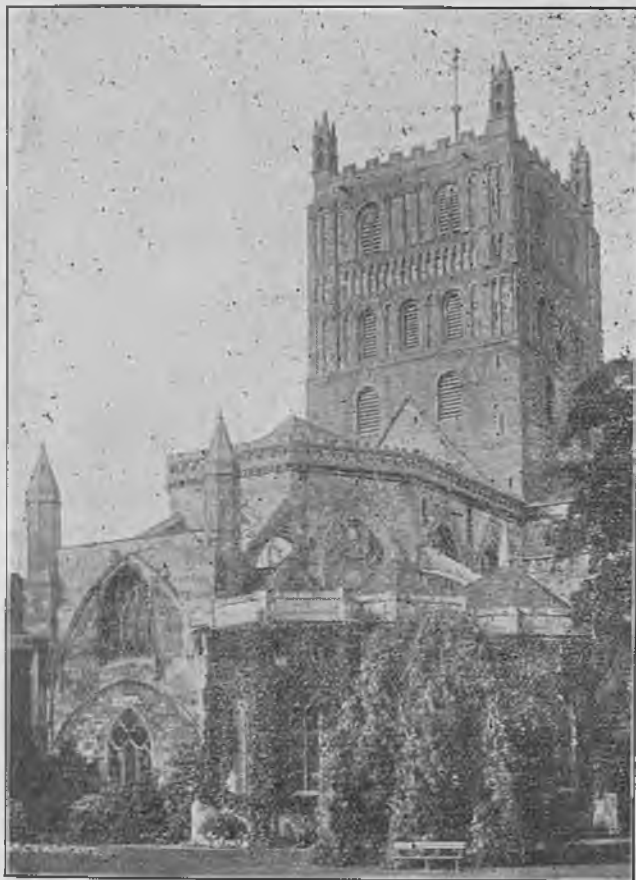
## TEWKESBURY BELLS THROUGH SEVEN CENTURIES.

BY REV. E. G. BENSON.

In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' Mr. E. D. Taylor gave a short history of the Abbey bells from 1696. The following fuller account from the earliest days may therefore be of interest:—

The earliest existing record of bells at Tewkesbury Abbey is the plain statement in the Tewkesbury Annals that in the year 1224 the Bishop of Killaloe dedicated two large bells (majora signa) in the tower. Seventeen years later another Bishop consecrated two new large bells (magna signa) in the choir.

There was a campanile which stood at the north side of the Abbey church (cf. Chichester), but it is not known how long it was used for bells. In 1582 this campanile was converted into a house of correction, and in 1817 it was pulled down. The first of the above records seems clearly to refer to bells for the great Norman tower of the church (in turri). In the vaulting of the church above the choir, constructed about 1350, there is a large round hole for raising bells into the church tower, so that we can say that certainly from that period there have been large bells in the great tower of Tewkesbury Abbey.



THE TOWER OF TEWKESBURY ABBEY FROM N.E.

At the time of the dissolution of the monastery in 1539 there were eight bells, weighing altogether 14,200 lb. (over six tons). These bells were bought by the townspeople from the King's Commissioners, who had confiscated them, but three or four of them must have been sold again, for from that date until 1612 there were only four large bells and a sanctus in Tewkesbury tower.

In 1612 it appears that the churchwardens had a fifth bell cast in the churchyard by a travelling founder named William Ward (we know of no other record of this founder), but they sold it in the following year. There is no record of this transaction in the churchwarden's accounts, but the following rhymes were written on the cover of the baptismal register (1607-29):—

'William Dixon and Thomas Hoare  
Made us that Bell which we ring before  
Which men for that good deede; praie we they maie thrive  
For we haveinge but foure Bells: they made them five.  
And out of the grounde this Bell they did delve,  
The 24th of Julie Anno Dom, 1612.'

Then below a little shield with the bell bearing the founder's name is added:—

'The Bell speaks

William Dixon and Thomas Hoare  
Did sell me away though I rang before,  
Which men afterwards did never thrive  
For making us four, being once made five.  
And could me to Wales, as I do ween,  
About Anno Dom. 1613.'

Clearly some of the parishioners were aggrieved with the churchwardens for selling the bell, for someone also scribbled on the cover of their accounts:—

'William Dixon: Thomas Hoare  
Caused him to ringe no more.'

Thus there remained four bells in the peal until 1632, when they were 'new caste into sixe.'

Mr. E. D. Taylor, however, is incorrect in assuming that there was no change ringing until the peal was increased to eight. On the walls of the tower where the old ringing chamber used to be there are incised sets of changes for four and five bells. There are two methods for the four bells. In one, the treble alone hunts right up to the back and returns, the other bells only moving to let the treble by. The other method is 'Grandsire singles' with the fourth covering. The method for five bells is 'Bob Minimus' with the fifth covering.

We wish we could date these early records of change ringing exactly. As 1612-3 is the only time there has been a peal of five bells in the tower, we are tempted to put this as the date of the five-bell method. The other two may be rather earlier. They all certainly date from the early part of the seventeenth century.

In 1632 the four pre-Reformation bells were recast into six, but there is no record of the name of the founder, though it is probable that it was John Palmer, sen., of Gloucester.

This increase in the number of the bells is clearly an indication of the growth of interest in ringing, and the ringing of the bells on special occasions (local and national) becomes a more regular feature of the life of the parish. Indeed, it is remarkable what large sums the parishioners spent on their church bells during the seventeenth century, and how constantly they were striving to improve their peal.

Thus in 1647 the tenor was recast at Gloucester, probably by John Palmer, jun.; in 1670 one of the bells was recast by John Martin, of Worcester; then in 1679 the fifth and tenor (again) were both recast at Bishop's Cleeve.

Hitherto the bells had been sent away to Gloucester or Worcester, and thus the carriage was by river. Bishop's Cleeve, however, necessitated a journey of some six or seven miles by road—no easy journey for those days. We have no record as to who this bell founder was at Bishop's Cleeve at this date, but the real interest of this temporary foundry lies in the fact that Abraham Rudhall was working for it. Besides paying the founder, the Tewkesbury churchwardens paid:—

Abraham Riddle (sic) for hanging the bells ... .. 06:00:0  
for work ... .. 01:10:6

The earliest known bell cast by Rudhall himself is dated 1684, five years later.

In 1696 the bells of Tewkesbury Abbey again come in for attention. In this year the parishioners decided on 'recastin the six belles into eaight,' and Mr. Abraham Rudhall was engaged to do the work at his now well-established foundry in Gloucester. A subscription list was opened, and the Bishop of the diocese contributed. Mr. Rudhall's first peal of eight did not satisfy the parishioners, who seemed to have been determined to have a really good peal of bells. He had therefore to recast the treble and seventh in 1697, and tune them and retune the fourth. Even this was not satisfactory, and so he recast the fourth as well, it appears, in 1699 or 1700.

The present seventh and tenth remain of Rudhall's 1696 peal. The present eighth is the old fourth that was recast a year or two later. The present eleventh was recast in 1717, and the present sixth in 1725 by Abraham Rudhall, and the present fifth in 1743 by his son, Abel, because it was 'newly crackt.' Then for very nearly a hundred years this Rudhall peal remained unaltered. Throughout this period there was ringing on all the usual occasions, but there is no record to show how far change ringing was practised.

In 1837 the old sixth (recast in 1914), the tenor and the pre-Reformation sanctus bell were recast by Thomas Mears at Gloucester. Thomas Mears had recently bought up Rudhall's foundry, but for a short time he continued to cast bells there. Thus the present tenor is a Gloucester bell, and was no doubt cast on the old Rudhall stacks.

The opening of the bells in 1837, after the restoration, was the occasion of the ringing of the first peal at Tewkesbury. Several bands came over to attempt a peal, but only the Cheltenham men succeeded in bringing one round. The method they rang was Kent Treble Bob. It was an exceedingly cold day, and these ringers walked over from Cheltenham bringing their ropes with them.

After 1837 change ringing made little headway until C. D. P. Davies, the son of the Vicar, while quite a lad, interested himself in ringing, got together a local band and rang with them the first

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN BRANCH AT BELBROUGHTON.**

One of the prettiest villages in Worcestershire was wrapped in sunshine, and the gardens one mass of colour, in spite of the drought, when 80 odd representatives of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association attended a meeting at Belbroughton. The bells were rung in various methods during the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. de V. Watson). The choir was in attendance, and Mr. Moore presided at the organ. Tea was afterwards provided in the Church Hall by the local ringers ably directed by their leader, Mr. E. Calcutt.

The business meeting was held on the Church Hall lawn, and was presided over by the Rector, supported by Mr. W. Short (Ringing Master of the association), Mr. H. F. Martin (Ringing Master of the Northern Branch), Mr. H. G. Bird (Central Council representative), Mr. W. H. Webb (Central committee representative), Mr. C. W. Cooper (librarian), and Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bewdley.

Several new members were elected to the association, and the Rector was made an honorary member.

Mr. H. G. Bird gave his report of the Central Council meeting, and mentioned that the peal of Cambridge rung at Coalbrookdale had come under discussion. Mr. Bird said that it had been found to be false.—Mr. R. Matthews, the conductor, said that the peal had been withdrawn with the usual apologies, and warned anyone else against calling it in the form in which it appeared in the association report.

Mr. W. Short proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for arranging the service and the use of the bells. He coupled with that the ringers' best thanks to the organist and choir under Mr. Moore, to Mr. E. Calcutt and Mr. R. Parton for interesting themselves in providing the bountiful tea for the visitors, and to the ladies who had so kindly helped at the tables.

The vote was carried unanimously, and the Rector, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to have the association at Belbroughton. He mentioned that his father-in-law was one of the chief founders of the Kent County Association.—Mr. E. Calcutt responded on behalf of the local ringers, Mr. R. Parton for the ladies, and Mr. Moore on behalf of the choir and organist.

A very fine meeting closed with further ringing.

**ESSEX RINGERS' OUTING.**

The ringers of St. Barnabas' Church, Great Tey, had their annual outing on Wednesday, June 13th, in beautiful weather.

The first call was St. Margaret's (Ipswich), where they enjoyed some very nice ringing, and then went on to Helmingham and Debenham (where Mr. Rumsey had kindly arranged for lunch). Afterwards they made for Beccles, where they found a bit of weight to swing. Mr. Goate and another of the Beccles band met the visitors, which gave them a chance to ring rounds on the ten. The band then made for Lowestoft, where tea was enjoyed and two hours spent by the sea. Home was eventually reached at 10.30, after a tour of 160 miles. The Vicar, warden and friends joined the party, which numbered 27 in all. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the steepkeepers and clergy for the use of the bells and for having everything in readiness, which helped so much to benefit the outing.

Touces of Bob Major and Oxford and Kent Treble Boh were rung during the day.

**WIGSTON RINGERS VISIT NORTHANTS.**

On Saturday, June 23rd, Wigston Magna (Leicestershire) ringers set forth on their outing first to Hazelbeach, where, for an hour or so, the peal of eight were kept going to London, Cambridge and Stedman. From Hazelbeach the journey was continued through the picturesque countryside and a succession of pretty old-world villages, typical of Northamptonshire, to a fine peal of eight at Wicken, where Superlative, Bristol and Stedman were rung before partaking of an excellent tea. On returning to the belfry, Wicken, Leicestershire, Wigston, London and Bristol Surprise Major and Stedman and Grand-sire Triples were successfully brought into rounds. After 'falling' the bells a convivial evening was spent with members of the local band, during which tunes on the handbells and a course of Grandsire Triples by two of the Wicken ringers were much appreciated. A most enjoyable day was spent. The thanks of the Wigston Society are due to the local band and Mr. A. J. Green for the arrangements made.

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local peal (of Grandsire Triples) in 1877. For the next thirty years this band kept together and maintained a high standard of striking, but unfortunately it failed to train up a young band to succeed it, and so, although two trebles were added in 1914 to make a peal of ten, by then there was no local band to keep up the tradition.

Now, with a fine peal of twelve bells, and a keen band of young ringers, we look forward full of hope for the future of ringing at Tewkesbury. The magnificent Norman tower, the long history of the Tewkesbury bells, the memory of C.D.P., all need to find their fulfilment in the living tradition of good ringing by a local band.

E. G. BENSON.

**FOXEARH. ESSEX, BELLS REHUNG.**

The bells of the Parish Church have been thoroughly overhauled and rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. They were tried for the first time on Sunday, June 17th, for the morning service, ringers being present from Sudbury, Long Melford, Glomsford, and the local company. Some excellently struck touches were rung, and the bells were found to go splendidly. All the ringers agreed that Mr. Bowell had made a capital job of them.

**EFFORT TO INTEREST PUBLIC.**

In order to interest members of the public in bells and ringing, the tower at Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex, which contains a ring of ten, will be open to all who care to visit it on Saturday, July 14th, and Wednesday, July 18th, during the afternoon and evening. Members of the local bellringers' Guild will be in attendance to explain how the bells are rung and other interesting facts about them.

The Guild had their annual outing last week when, accompanied by the Rector (Rev. D. G. Matthews), they visited Salehurst, Rye and Pevensey.

**THE 22-METHOD PEAL.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 22-method peal rung at Deeping St. James on June 16th, I omitted to mention in the footnote the name of Mr. A. G. Driver, the composer of the six-method 720's, and offer my apology for the omission. Also, I am indebted to Mr. G. L. Joyce for the figures

H. M. DAY.

Market Deeping.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 24th, for morning prayer, 1,024 changes of Bristol Surprise Major: C. Whiting 1, K. Willers 2, J. Rumsey 3, A. Keeble 4, E. S. Bailey 5, F. Smith 6, L. P. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 8.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, June 24th, for evensong, 720 changes of St. Clement's Boh Minor: J. B. Hall (conductor) 1, R. Chambers 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Pryke 4, F. Day 5, H. Hollocks 6. First 720 in the method by all, who are local men.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.—On Sunday, June 24th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Cooper, sen., 1, J. Cooper, jun., 2, V. Darvill 3, G. Tilley 4, R. Darvill (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, F. L. Leeks 2, R. C. Dakin (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, A. Symonds 4, D. A. S. Symonds 5, M. T. Symonds 6, L. Pryke 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. Rung to oblige F. L. Leeks, of Croydon, on a visit to his native town.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Trinity Sunday, for morning service, 1,295 Grandsire Caters at the Priory Church: F. Stonestreet 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, E. V. Hinton 3, Miss M. Rouse 4, Mrs. E. Williams 5, S. White 6, F. Sparshott 7, F. E. Pitman 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, W. Fowler 10. This was also a wedding compliment to Mr. Henry J. Nash (a local ringer), who was married to Mrs. Ada Blanche Francis in Bournemouth (Curzon Road) about the same time. It was also the bride's birthday celebration.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—Sunday, May 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): G. Carter (first quarter in method) 1, J. Bingley 2, F. Hammett (first in the method away from treble) 3, G. Upshall 4, S. Meadows 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.—For evening service, 672 Stedman Triples: T. Upshall 1, C. Edwards 2, J. Read 3, C. Wells 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Rung in honour of the 24th anniversary of the accession of H.M. King George V.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): F. Buckland 1, G. Guttridge 2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, W. Edwards 5, W. Henley (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, H. Wingrove 8. Rung for the 24th anniversary of His Majesty's accession.

**LATE NOTICES.**

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—July meetings: July 1st, Sunday morning, 10 a.m., service ringing; July 9th, practice at 7 p.m., quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; July 23rd, practice at 7.30 p.m. All above at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, July 31st, at 8 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 67, Canonbie Road, S.E.23.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Creake on Saturday, July 7th.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

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**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Established 1623).—The 311th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. Service 12.30 p.m. Hot lunch (2s. 6d.) at 1.30 p.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly meeting at Matlock, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, 5 p.m., at the Duke William. General meeting follows tea. Darley Dale bells (8) available after meeting. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Earls Colne bells (8) also available after 6 o'clock.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District. —A by-meeting, by kind invitation of the Rector, will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will those who intend coming please notify me as early as possible.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold on Saturday, June 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Hascombe (five bells) will be available in the evening.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch. —A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Vicarage grounds, if fine, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. A delightful half-day.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The summer festival will be held at Husborne Crawley on Saturday, June 30th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Bishop Lander. Tea at 5. Will those intending to be present kindly send a card to Rev. A. Rust a day or two previous? This will greatly help the tea arrangements.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—The 123rd ringing anniversary will be held to-morrow, Saturday, June 30th. Bells from two o'clock. In conjunction with this gathering will be held a meeting of the Suffolk Guild. Tea (1s.) 5 o'clock, followed by short business meeting. Old and new friends in large numbers cordially invited.—S. H. Symonds, 72, Church Street.

**RINGWOOD, HANTS.**—The ring of eight bells restored by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated on Sunday, July 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Bells available 4 to 4.30, 5.30 to 6.30, and 7.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. E. Cheater, Roxwell, Addison Square, Ringwood, Hants.

**IPSWICH ROYAL SHOW.**—For ringers visiting the above show ringing arrangements are as follows:—Tuesday, July 3rd, St. Mary-le-Tower (12 bells). Wednesday, July 4th, St. Clement's, Ipswich (6 bells). Thursday, July 5th, St. Margaret's, Ipswich (8 bells). Thursday, July 5th, St. Andrew's, Rushmere (6 bells). Friday, July 6th, St. Mary's, Hadleigh (8 bells). For Sproughton, Bramford and Hintlesham (all 6 bells) apply to Mr. Charles Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich. All at 7.30 p.m. Any further particulars from the Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, or G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Gateshead on Wednesday, July 4th, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The bells of St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will be available at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 5th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, St. Andrew's on the 19th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good attendance of members is specially requested.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th. Towers open at 3 o'clock till 9 p.m. Service at St. John the Baptist's 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good muster is requested.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Kirkburton on July 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea provided, 1s. 6d. each, if applied for not later than June 30th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at the Parish Church. Clitheroe bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 7th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6), from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room at 5. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, July 3rd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Adderbury (8) and Deddington (6) bells available during the evening. For tea, please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 3rd.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Alburgh and Redenhall on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Streatley on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 4.45 p.m. Goring bells available after tea. Please note altered date and advise Mr. W. H. Perry, The Thatched Cottage, Streatley, number for tea, by July 5th.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Branch Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea and meeting to follow. Corsley, Horningsham and Sutton Veny bells also available. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 7th. Bells of St. Mary's, Portsea (8), available during the afternoon and evening. General meeting in the Parish Institute at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Mary's at 4 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Portsmouth. Tea in the Vicarage garden at 5 p.m. to all who inform me by Thursday, July 5th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Notice for tea by Thursday, July 5th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Shield contest will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Draw 2.45. For tea please notify Mr. W. A. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, near Sheffield. Entries (6s. per band) and prize fund be sent by July 7th to A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lechlade on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) open afternoon and evening. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by July 3rd?—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Glemsford, Bowling Green, Cirencester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 till 8.30. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, July 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Unveiling of the peal board recording the peal in seven methods rung by the local band. It is important that names for tea should be sent to Mr. A. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, not later than Wednesday, July 3rd. Southport to Liverpool buses pass door of the church. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 7th. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. A. Rowley, 120a, Church Street, Stone, Staffs, on or before July 4th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. For tea, please notify Mr. Eric Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton, not later than Tuesday, July 3rd.—Arthur Whiting, Hon. Sec., Marple.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., price 1s. to 1s. 3d.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.**—At evening service on Wednesday, July 11th, the Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. Ringers' day, Saturday, July 14th.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available all day. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Lunch (12.30 p.m.) can be arranged, but all requiring lunch and tea must notify Mrs. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, by July 11th.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please let me know regarding tea by the 11th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock in the Institute. A good attendance is re-

quested. A few subscriptions are still outstanding, and should be paid at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Those intending to be present at tea must let me know by Tuesday, 10th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer Festival at Farnham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock (preacher, the Lord Bishop of Guildford). Tea, 6 p.m., 1s. each, at Rogers' Restaurant. Castle Grounds open to ringers and friends after tea. Those requiring tea must notify not later than Wednesday, July 11th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on July 14th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each, to all sending names to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by July 11th. All members and friends welcome. A pleasant afternoon's outing.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence's, Reading. Dedication of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn memorial in cloisters immediately after service, followed by business meeting in Chapter house. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. to non-members. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, to reach general secretary by Wednesday, July 18th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at service for Guild restoration fund. Cheap railway tickets from all stations in diocese, G.W.R. and L.M.S. All college and city towers open as in past years.—Richard T. Hibbert, sec., 69, York Rd, Reading.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 21st. Further particulars next week. Half fares will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynham Road, Trowbridge.

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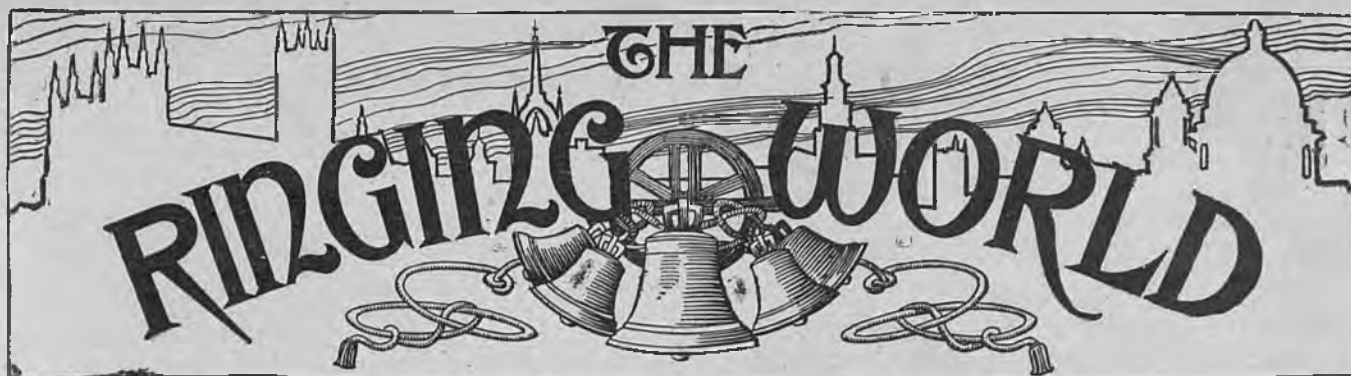
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**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE ... .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 5
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

A. W. HOODLESS ... .. Treble	WALTER GODDARD ... .. 5
JAMES GODDARD ... .. 2	JOSEPH ATKINSON ... .. 6
FRED OVERTON ... .. 3	CHARLES TAYLOR ... .. 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... .. 4	ARTHUR W. PASHLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by CHARLES TAYLOR.

Great credit is due to the 2nd ringer, as this was his first peal on eight bells, and he is only 14 years of age. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hobson, parents of Mr. W. Hobson, of Holy Trinity Church, Hull; also as a 21st birthday compliment to the son of the treble ringer.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... .. 3	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 7
REGINALD REX ... .. 4	MARK ROSIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

## DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE SIX-PART, No. 88

(PLAN No. 2).

Tenor 18 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The peal was a birthday compliment to Miss Joan Salter, daughter of the sixth ringer.

## MARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Treble	HARRY DOBELL ... .. 5
MRS. HARRY BAKER ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
REGINALD G. PHIPPEN ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells as a peal of eight. Third, fifth and tenor ringers belong to local band.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN A. C. ABSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
*GROFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
*MOLLIE REDPATH ... .. 4	WALTER J. LEMON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal away from the treble. Rung as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Andrews, on his return after a long illness. All the band are members of the local company, and it is the first 'local peal' on the bells since October 24th, 1911.

## HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN ... .. Treble	T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	FRED WATKINSON ... .. 7
*FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 4	C. W. R. HOOTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

\* 50th peal. Rung with the clappers half-muffled to the memory of the Sheffield City Battalion, who left this sphere on July 1st, 1916, at the Somme. 'Tis not the whole of life to live, nor all of death to die.'

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... Treble	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5
GEORGE GRAY ... .. 2	GEORGE B. COLLINS ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	*HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 7
FRANK WEST ... .. 4	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S TRANSPPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*GEORGE P. ELPHICK ... .. Treble	ALFRED C. PANKHORST ... 5
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 2	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 6
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY 3	ROBERT W. E. DAWE ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	GEORGE WIGGINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ALFRED L. RYMAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL ... .. 2	ALBC RICHARDSON ... .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 7
*BERNARD COLLISON ... .. 4	ALFRED J. BATTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung at the first attempt.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
*GEORGE WOOD ... ..	Treble	EDWIN H. FOSTER ... ..	5
ALFRED T. POULTON ... ..	2	GLYN SHAW ... ..	6
CHARLES L. SADLER ... ..	3	WILLIAM POSTON ... ..	7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... ..	4	†ALFRED NORMAN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GLYN SHAW.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
 (HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

*On Wednesday, June 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

*GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... ..	Treble	FRANK BAILESS ... ..	4
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... ..	2	CECIL E. CARR ... ..	5
†JOHN H. BAILESS ... ..	3	ALFRED BALLARD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

\* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.' Rung half muffled in memory of Mr. E. Matthews Watson, who was one of the ringers of the above church, and who was interred the same day.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**  
 (HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, June 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, called differently.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	Treble	*GEORGE HOWLETT ...	4
*HERBERT G. JILLINGS ...	2	*C. JACK GIBSON ...	5
*ROBERT J. GARDINER ...	3	ARTHUR H. TOOK ...	Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Kemp, who were married at this church 50 years ago.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

BUSHEY, HERTS.  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Tuesday, June 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,*  
 AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

HENRY HODGETTS ... ..	1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLEY ... ..	5-6
*WALTER AYRE ... ..	3-4	†FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... ..	7-8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by FREDK. W. BRINKLOW  
 Umpire—John Roots.

\* 125th peal for this association. † First peal in the method.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service at All Saints', a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. R. Ward 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Miss B. M. Mills 3, E. J. King 4, T. W. Taffender 5, T. Wyatt 6, W. D. Grainger 7, A. Wight 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

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## THE LADIES' GUILD.

### WOMEN 'MAN THE ROPES.'

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Stapleford, Notts, on Saturday, June 23rd, members being present from Duffield, Handsworth, Long Eaton, North Collingham and Nottingham, who were well supported by gentlemen ringers from many districts.

The absence of Mrs. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, owing to a recent bereavement, was very much regretted, and at the meeting the ladies passed a vote of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft.

The ancient Parish Church of Stapleford, typical of many to be found in our English villages, has an excellent ring of six bells, recently augmented from three by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The weight and 'go' suited the ladies admirably and were declared by them to be 'fine.' Touches of Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Choral evensong was sung in the beautiful memorial chapel, the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. A. Burden, officiating, the Guild service being used and much enjoyed by all.

Tea was served in the schoolroom. And such a TEA ('caps,' Mr. Editor, please), even the men were heard to say they had never seen such a tea. They certainly know the way to a man's heart, and a woman's, too, at Stapleford!

Full justice having been done to the good things provided Miss Varley, in a pleasing speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, the ladies for preparing tea, and to Mr. Fisher for making the arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors.—This was seconded by Miss Foulk.

It was decided to hold the next three quarterly meetings at Duffield, Leeds, and North Collingham, and the annual meeting at Manchester.

Returning to the tower, the Vicar spoke a few words of welcome and remained to see the ladies 'man the ropes.'

Trains and buses, like the tide, wait for no man, or woman either, so all too soon came the time to call 'Stand,' and the visitors went their various ways after a very happy afternoon of practice, praise and fellowship, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The ladies thank most heartily all those who contributed to their pleasure.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The 15th annual meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd, Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock and continued till 4.30, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. B. Thompson, assisted by the organist and choir.

Adjourning to Ayers' Hall, the ringers found a good tea awaiting them, and thoroughly appreciated the strawberries and cream sent by the 'Fairy Godmother' of the Southern District, who wished to remain anonymous.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (Mrs. Bruce), the chair at the business meeting, which was held in St. Nicolas' commodious ringing room, was taken by Mrs. Hazelden.

The officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Bruce; hon. secretary, Miss H. Mills; committee, Mrs. Whittington, Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Hazelden and Miss Fisher; Central Committee, Mrs. Bruce and Miss Mills.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting in conjunction with the most convenient district meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, owing to the difficulty of getting a Saturday that did not clash with the Aldershot Tattoo.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Thompson, to the organist, to Mrs. Hazelden, and all who had helped with arrangements.

Ringing continued until eight o'clock. The bells have a tenor of 21 cwt., and were rung in rounds by ten ladies. In the touches they had the assistance of members of the other sex.

## TILEHURST RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, June 23rd, the St. Michael's, Tilehurst, ringers held their annual outing, when a party of 25 ringers and friends, accompanied by the Rev. H. Fletcher, proceeded by motor coach to Fairford, Glos. The drive over the Berkshire Downs and Vale of the White Horse was much enjoyed. They were met by Mr. J. Hopa at Fairford, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, with rounds for the beginners. The next tower was Faringdon. Here again was an easy-going peal, and Grandsire Triples and rounds were rung, but Stedman was unsuccessful.

Tea was partaken of at Ardington, kindly provided by the Rev. F. R. Standfast and Mrs. Standfast, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. The party then attended a short evensong, after which Doubles were rung on the light peal of six, while the remainder of the party enjoyed looking round the beautiful Vicarage garden.

East Hagbourne was the last stop on the way home. Several touches were rung here, and with the help of some of the local band a well-struck touch of Stedman. Tilehurst was reached at 10 p.m. after a most successful time, and, for a change, the weather was fine. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells and steeplekeepers for meeting them and having all in readiness.

## A WEEK-END IN NORTHANTS.

### LEYTONSTONE SOCIETY FIND 'HEAVY METAL.'

St. John Baptist Society, Leytonstone, always turn their annual outing into a 'week-end,' and this year they made Sulgrave, Northants, their headquarters, at the invitation of Mr. J. Mardell (a former member of the company). They reached this destination on Friday evening, and on Saturday, at 8.15 a.m., set out for Wicken, where 720 Beverley Surprise Minor was booked, but on arriving in the belfry eight ropes were found attached to a nice peal, recently rehung and augmented by Taylor and Co. The method was soon changed, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. Going on to Helmdon, the visitors rang 720 Southwell Surprise and a touch of Cambridge to give all the company a pull. Next, at Lois Weedon, 720 York Surprise was rung before returning to Sulgrave for lunch. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Cold Higham, where a light musical ring of six was soon going to Norwich Surprise, a good 720 being the result. At Kingsthorpe, they found a heavy ring of six, on which 720 Ipswich Surprise was rung.

The next move was to St. Peter's, Northampton, where, on the fine ring of eight, more Stedman and Grandsire were brought round and a well-struck course of London Major. After tea a long drive brought them to Braunston, where, on a heavy peal of six, 720 Lon-



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don Surprise was rung non-conducted. The last place for the day was Badby, where 720 York failed, but touches, in which some of the local ringers took part, were brought round.

On Sunday the ringers were early astir, and at 7 a.m. the light ring of six at Sulgrave were going, and a good 720 in six Surprise methods was well rung, followed by 720 Cambridge for eight o'clock service. After breakfast, a visit was paid to Wardington. Here is another heavy musical peal of six, and 720 each of Wells and York Surprise were rung on them. After lunch some ambitious ones rang another 720 Cambridge at Sulgrave before going to Middleton Cheney. Here at the grand old Parish Church hangs a peal of six, all cast round about 1640, with tenor about 26 cwt., and upon which, the local men said, a 720 had never been rung. Nothing daunted, the visitors decided to try 720 Ipswich Surprise, and were successful, a good 720 being rung. It was a good performance, considering the long draught of rope and weight of metal. Ringing is done on the ground floor with about 60ft. of rope and no guides. Banbury Parish Church was the last place of call. A look round the beautiful interior, which was well worth while, preceded a visit to the belfry,

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## 'THE WORST RING OF BELLS IN ENGLAND.'

### GUILDFORD GUILD RINGERS IN RURAL SURREY.

The Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting on Saturday and embraced two towers in their proceedings. In the afternoon they met at Dunsfold, where the church nestles on the side of the hills nearly a mile from the village, but is well worth a visit. It is late fourteenth century, and one of the finest specimens of its architectural type in the county. It consists of nave, chancel and transepts, but its bells are in a loft over the west end of the church. They are a light peal of six, with a tenor of about ten cwt. and a long draft of rope, which proves disconcerting to those not used to this kind of thing. Among the features which make the building interesting are the 'squint hole,' through which, in days gone by, lepers were able to get a view of the altar, and three dram holes, each with its wooden plug, which were used when it was the practice to swill down the church floor.

The Rector (the Rev. A. E. Hollins) welcomed the ringers, and pointed out with pride the features of his beautiful church. He conducted the Guild's service and, in an unconventional address, talked in homely fashion to the congregation. He pointed out an unusual item of interest in the adornments of the church. On an oak panel on the west wall, behind where the ringers stand, is a small cross. It was cast from the metal of the old bells of Dunsfold, and until recently was in possession of the lady who had the restoration carried out. On her death it was presented to the church.

Tea was served on the Rectory lawn, under the supervision of Mrs. Hollins. There was no business to transact, and the district secretary confessed he had left his minute book at home, but a cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Hollins by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse).

Afterwards there was some further ringing at Dunsfold, and the ringers went on to Hascombe, another little backwater among the Surrey hills. Here in a modern church, standing on the site of a much older building, is a ring of five bells (with tenor about 4 cwt.) mounted, like those at Dunsfold, in a loft over the west end, but rung from a little 'rabbit hutch,' reached by a rather fearsome staircase, down which a local ringer once fell to his death. The bells sound like a bad ring of six with the second left out, and were described by one of the visitors as about the worst peal of bells in England, with which statement the landlord of the solitary village inn appeared to agree—not that he had had much experience, perhaps. One bell rope falls in each corner of the little ringing box—it cannot be called a room—and the treble rope comes down in the middle, the bell itself being hung in the peak of the turret above the rest. A few six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, with some Bob Singles, were rung, but the visitors were quickly satisfied. They are still wondering how any self-respecting body of churchpeople can be content with such a ring of bells.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evensong, and for the birthday of H.M. King George V., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Crowder 1, J. J. Lamb 2, P.C. C. Elliott 3, A. Crowder 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, A. F. Bennington 6, P.C. C. Davis (conductor) 7, R. Fosdike 8.

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which contains a handy ring of ten. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and three courses of Treble Ten were rung, but the striking was anything but good.

Sulgrave is the ancient home of the Washington family, of which the first American President was a scion, and is the Mecca of many American visitors to this country. The tomb of Laurence Washington, who died in 1585, his wife Amee, who died in 1564, and their eldest son Robert, is among the objects of great interest in the church.

In 1928 an old ring of five was recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the cost of the restoration of the tower and bells being largely contributed by Americans. In 1932 Messrs. Taylor and Co. added a new treble, the gift of Mr. C. E. Walton, in memory of his wife, who was organist at the church for a number of years.

The Leytonstone company were all very much impressed by the welcome received from the local ringers and the clergy who met them, especially the Rev. —. Briscoe, of Wardington. To all they express their thanks, and especially to Mr. Mardell for the successful arrangements made.

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## AMONG WORCESTERSHIRE BELLS.

## CHESHIRE RINGERS' PLEASANT WEEK-END.

Despite the fact that it was Friday, nine members of the Chester Diocesan Guild recently set out for a short tour in the Worcester district. The party, which consisted of Messrs. J. Morgan, R. Sperring, W. Thomas, J. Swindley, W. Bibby, G. Jones, A. E. Richards, P. Swindley and J. W. Clarke, arrived at Worcester in the early evening, and the programme was opened with a visit to Claines, two miles away. It was a point of interest that these bells were at the foundry when some members of the party visited Loughborough in 1927. At this date three trebles were added to the old ring of five and the present fourth (Huntbach, 1686) recast. The back three were cast by Oldfield in 1623, and the fifth was added by Warner in 1886. Two of the local ringers, Messrs. E. Wilson and G. E. Large, were in waiting, and touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge and Little Albion were much enjoyed. Claines recently achieved popularity from a newspaper account headed, 'An Inn in a Churchyard,' a statement which needed verification before beginning the return journey to headquarters in Worcester.

On Saturday the visitors were joined by Mr. R. G. Knowles, of Madresfield, in whose hands the arrangements for the day rested. An early start was made, and a leisurely run through blossomed lanes brought the party to the old-world town of Evesham, famous for its bell tower. This detached campanile, which was originally built for Evesham Abbey by its last abbot, Clement of Lichfield, is a magnificent specimen of late Perpendicular architecture. It is beautifully decorated, and serves somewhat in the nature of a memorial to the glories of the great abbey church so ruthlessly destroyed at the Reformation. No other part of the abbey remains. Mr. J. Hemming met the visitors, and the fine ring of ten (tenor 3½ cwt. in C sharp) were soon going to Kent Royal, and a course of Cambridge on the back eight followed before lowering the bells in peal. The bells were originally eight by Rudhall, cast in 1741, but the tenor was cracked in 1800, according to tradition, by a blacksmith living near, whose sleep was disturbed by the striking of the hours. He rose from his bed, hurriedly grabbed the largest sledge hammer from his smithy, and ascended the tower with grim determination! The unlucky tenor was recast in 1801 by Mears, and in 1910 the whole ring was rehung and two trebles added by Barwell.

After a stroll round the picturesque old town, and an internal contemplation of at least one of its beautiful half-timbered buildings, the journey was continued to Hampton. The Parish Church of St. Andrew, which was endowed earlier than 1282, is a fine example of ancient craftsmanship. Its central tower formerly contained a ring of four by Bagley, cast in 1702. A restoration scheme was carried out in 1902 by Carr, of Smethwick, when the old four were recast into six (tenor 9 cwt.). Ringing here included London, Cambridge and Oxford Treble Bob, and Mr. Hemming was left behind while the visitors proceeded to Pershore for lunch.

Although the tower of Pershore Abbey was originally included, it was found later that ringing was not possible, but nevertheless a visit to the coolness of the lofty pile was well repaid by its display of architectural beauty. The tower contains a ring of eight by Rudhall in 1729 (tenor 26 cwt.), and both Mears and Barwell have done some recasting and rehanging at various times. The ringing chamber is of peculiar interest. It is a cage-like structure held under the floor of the bell chamber, and access to it is provided by a small iron staircase of spidery appearance, which springs out from the triforium and bridges the space to the platform. Rumour has it that on more than one occasion visiting ringers have failed to sum up enough courage to climb that staircase!

Upton-on-Severn was reached in the early afternoon, and Mr. C. Camm and Mr. S. Holt received the visitors. The church is a modern structure replacing the old building, the ruins of which can be seen near by. The bells, moved from the old church to the new, were originally five by Rudhall, cast in 1705. Mears added a treble in 1837, and these six are contained in the present eight (tenor 17½), hung by Bond in 1902. A pleasant-toned and easy-running ring, they were soon set going to Stedman, followed by Little Bob Major, and an interesting half-hour was thus spent before moving on.

The tower of the Priory at Malvern was included before tea, and a short touch of Grandsire and 504 Stedman were brought round before lowering the bells in time for a special festival service at 5.30. Historically these bells are of some interest, as the fourth of the old ring of six is dated 1350, and, although not included in the present ring, is properly hung in the frame. The 6th and 7th are by Henshaw, 1611; the 3rd 1706, and the 2nd and 4th 1707 by Rudhall; the treble, 5th and tenor by Taylor in 1837, in which year the restoration scheme was carried out. Conditions in the ringing chamber are not exactly ideal, the floor having three or four levels and forming something in the nature of a 'man trap' for the unwary! The view from the summit of the tower, however, is worthy of comment, giving, as it does, a panorama of the English countryside at its best.

During the evening the bells of Malvern Link—a comparatively new eight from the Loughborough Foundry—were available, and Bristol, London, Superlative, Double Norwich and Bob Major were rung in turn, bringing a pleasant day's ringing programme to an end.

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## DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN LANCASHIRE RINGER.

## MR. SAM GREENHALGH, OF PENDLETON.

His many friends will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Samuel Greenhalgh, which occurred at his home, 16, Egmont Street, Pendleton, Manchester, on Friday, June 22nd, after a rather long and trying illness.

Mr. Greenhalgh had been a ringer at St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, for upwards of 45 years, and rang most regularly up to the commencement of his illness nine months ago.

Always of a cheerful disposition and ever willing to lend a hand in peal or practice, he set an example in service and a standard in striking which many might follow with beneficial results to the Exercise.

He started his ringing career at St. Thomas', and a little later joined the Lancashire Association in 1892. He rang his first peal there on February 3rd, 1893, after which he became one of the noted Pendleton band of 30-40 years ago.

Amongst his collection of over 100 peals can be mentioned the first peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, and Oxford Treble Bob Major rung for the Lancashire Association.

At the annual meeting of the association on September 26th, 1903, Mr. Greenhalgh and the late James Barratt, Eccles, were elected auditors of the association, and this office Mr. Greenhalgh retained until the day of his death.

Many are the tales he could relate of peals and attempts, meetings and ringers' outings, for few knew better than Sam the ways to and from the towers of Lancashire.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, June 26th, at St. Thomas' Church, the Rev. E. Fletcher, B.A., officiating, assisted by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., president of the association.

The bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege approached and entered the church, and also later in the afternoon. The interment was at St. John's, Pendlebury, where a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. H. Jones, H. Hollingworth, A. Barnes and C. Ollier. Others present at the funeral included Messrs. W. H. Shuker (general secretary of the Lancashire Association), S. Holt, Wm. Clark, W. J. Howard and G. Norrey.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Pendleton bells by Messrs. H. Jones, A. Frost, Thomas Jones, Wm. Clark, S. Holt, R. Davies, D. Brown and W. H. Shuker. Later, a second quarter was attempted by the local band.

Between the quarter-peals and afterwards, rounds and short touches were rung to enable all present to pay their last tribute to one who was well known and much respected, and who will be long remembered by all who knew him.

Thus the Exercise loses a member who, in his activities as a ringer, placed service ringing first, and good striking above all.

## 'UNPUBLISHED WARWICKSHIRE HISTORY.'

## ANOTHER STORY.

Apropos of 'Some hitherto unpublished Warwickshire history,' writes a correspondent, members of one group of visitors will not soon forget their experience.

Preliminary.—A local House quoted them inclusive terms.

Finally.—Rendered 'bills' for 2s. 6d. per day extra, which some refused to pay, others paid, growled and grumbled, and determined to seek a rectification, which up to this moment has not been answered.

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Sunday morning—Mr. J. Swindley's birthday, as well as that of His Majesty the King!—an early start was made for the Cathedral, and it was with no little pleasure that the visitors took advantage of the opportunity to join in a touch of Grandsire Cinques on this magnificent modern ring of twelve. In addition to the twelve with a tenor of 49½ cwt. in B, the tower contains three half-tone bells and a 90 cwt. hour bell. Made at Loughborough in 1928, they are a worthy example of the modern bell founder's art.

Some of the party were also able to visit All Saints' Church after leaving the Cathedral, and enjoyed a nice touch of 507 Stedman Caters on the old Rudhall ring there.

Leaving Worcester immediately after lunch, a halt was made at Hallow, where a musical eight (Taylor, 1900) were soon striking out Kent Major, followed by Oxford Treble Bob and a course of Cambridge. Arriving at Shrewsbury at 5.30, it was possible to join in the service ringing at the Parish Church, a Georgian structure whose tower holds a fine ring of twelve. Grandsire Cinques and Caters were rung before the remaining part of the journey was begun.

Chester was reached about 9 p.m., and so a pleasant ringing week-end came to a close. Thanks are due to the incumbents of the various churches, who were good enough to allow the use of the bells, and to the many ringers who helped to make the venture the success it was—especially to Mr. R. J. Knowles, who spared no effort in making arrangements and personally conducting the visitors to the delightful churches and bells in that equally delightful county of Worcestershire.

J. W. C.

**HERTFORDSHIRE RINGERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH.**

The Apsley and Hemel Hempstead ringers, with friends from Rickmansworth, Berkhamstead, Northchurch and Leverstock Green, Herts, visited Loughborough for their annual outing. A 6 a.m. start, and a very enjoyable run via Dunstable, Weedon, Rugby wireless station, and Leicester, brought them to the Bell Foundry by 9.45, where Mr. C. Harrison gave the party a cordial welcome, and proved a splendid guide and mentor.

After a fascinating and educational tour of the Foundry, the campanile was visited, and rounds on the ten, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and Cambridge, were attempted. ('What a test for a ringer!')

Lunch was then taken at the King's Head Hotel, the company next being granted permission to ring on the grand 10 at the Parish Church, where the difference in weight upset things for a bit.

After a stroll round the park and viewing the carillon tower, tea was taken at the Empire Cafe.

Homeward bound again, but with a call at Monks Kirby (found after some searching), with its magnificent church and fine peal of eight, where the visitors were met by Mr. Harrison (secretary of the Parochial Church Council), Mr. J. H. White (Coventry) and other members of the local company. Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Major and Cambridge Minor, were managed here, until the company adjourned for refreshments.

The journey was resumed at 9.45, and Apsley safely reached soon after midnight. Thanks are especially due to the two Mr. Harrisons for their kindness, Mr. White for meeting the company, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., for granting facilities for the visit, and the Rectors of the two churches for permission to ring. Everyone voted this a very successful outing.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, July 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: F. J. Green (aged 13) (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, T. Roberts 2, R. Foddy 3, J. A. Green (conductor) 4, H. O. Read 5, G. Whitehead 6, A. J. Green 7, F. Case 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for 5th ringer away from tenor.

**CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM, IRELAND.**—On Sunday evening, June 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*L. Weir 1, Capt. J. Roper 2, H. Clark 3, H. B. McAteer 4, W. Pratt 5, J. Palmer 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, \*J. Milliken 8. \* First quarter-peal. Kindly arranged for the conductor from London, on holiday in Northern Ireland.

**SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.**

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BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456 M W H

25634	2	1	1
26354	1	2	
32854		1	
62534	2	1	
36524	1	3*	
52364	1	1	
35264		1	
23564		1	
56234	1	1	

Repeat four times. Where there are two bobs middle or wrong in a course, ring a lead of Bristol. Same applies to 2 or 3 bobs home.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**

A meeting was held at Elveden on Saturday, June 16th, when about 20 ringers attended and had a very pleasant time. Mr. Bowers, the local captain, had obtained permission for the visitors to look round the beautiful gardens and grounds of the Hall, which was very much enjoyed. The members were very pleased to welcome Messrs. G. Lucas, A. Pye, E. Pye, J. Davis and Easton from London, and Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of Central Council, who looked in in the evening and had a pull. Ringers also attended from Swaston, Fulbourne, Newmarket, Mildenhall, Eye and Garboldisham, and there was a good muster of the local band. The methods rung included Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Kent and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a touch of Minor. Tea was served in the Village Hall and was much enjoyed. One new member was elected, and the next meeting was fixed for July 28th, at Brandon, or, failing that, at Mildenhall.

**THE PRINCE'S BIRTHDAY.**

At St. Mary Abbots' Church, Kensington, on June 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): A. V. Selby 1, W. E. Judd (conductor) 2, E. R. Mackrill 3, H. G. Miles 4, P. L. Miles 5, M. N. Haines 6, F. Skevington 7, C. Hunt 8, C. H. Dobbie 9, C. Warner 10. Rung to celebrate the 40th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. T. E. Sone, an extremely active member of the Kent County Association, recently met with a serious motor accident, in which his wife and son were also involved. We are glad to say that Mr. Sone has sufficiently recovered to ring again, and was welcomed back to the belfry with a peal at Marden last week. His wife and son are also making satisfactory progress.

Another victim of a motor accident, Mr. Frank Bates, the veteran steeplekeeper of St. Martin's, Birmingham, is also on the road to recovery. He has left hospital and is at home at 62, Lozells Street, Aston.

Mr. W. J. Nudds who, until a few years ago did a great deal of ringing with the Middlesex Association, and was one of the band who rang the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909, has recently undergone a serious operation. He had been in indifferent health for some time.

Ten years ago yesterday the first peal on the twelve bells at Exeter Cathedral was rung. It was a peal of Stedman Cinques by members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

Exactly two hundred years ago on Sunday a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Laurence's, Reading—the tower where Mr. Tom Hibbert would have you believe he now rules with a rod of iron but where he is actually a soft-hearted 'father' to all the 'children.'

We understand there is no truth in the rumour that a muffled peal—with one bell of the eight omitted—is to be rung by the 'surviving' seven bachelors who celebrated their 'freedom' at St. Giles-in-the-Field on February 29th, 1932.

The eighth member of that band is about to enter, or may by this time actually have entered—there has been much secrecy about the date—the bonds of matrimony. While the other bachelors may lament his 'lapse,' they wish their 'erring' brother every joy.

We referred last week to one of the youngest peal conductors in the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. A. Hill, who has recently called a peal at the age of 19. Mr. C. E. Bassett, of Petersfield, called a peal of Grandsire Doubles for the Guild at the age of 18, and Mr. R. O. Street, in the days of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild, a peal of Grandsire Caters at Christchurch Priory at the age of 18.

A peal was rung at Wissett, Suffolk, on Saturday, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kemp. Mr. Kemp has been a ringer at Wissett for over 50 years and parish clerk and towerkeeper for 34 years.

## ADDITIONS TO CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY.

The hon. librarian of the Central Council acknowledges the gift of 'The Church Bells of Buckinghamshire' and 'The Church Bells of Suffolk' from Mrs. Jenkyn. These books were the property of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. 'The Church Bells of Essex' has been acquired for the library by purchase. Will those who promised other books please forward?

## CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. G. Wilfred Slack in your issue of June 22nd seems to require a reply. Just as I should not dream of publishing a composition without satisfying myself as to its truth, so I trust that I should not be tempted to make a statement depending upon mathematical laws before testing its accuracy. The complex calculations to which he refers were made twenty years ago, and were applied to individual data. I have checked them again and give the following example:—

Take a bell of 1,378 pounds with a clapper of 35 pounds and other fittings of 239 pounds, hung so that the centre of gravity of bell and fittings without the clapper is  $15\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the axis of revolution.

First suppose the clapper to be of normal shape with its centre of gravity 19.9-16 inches from the centre of the clapper pin and a 'throw' of 4.13-16 inches. If the bell starts from equilibrium the clapper will leave the bell when they have travelled through 98 degrees 6 minutes 21 seconds. At this point the kinetic energy of the clapper will be 75.32 foot pounds, of which gravity accounts for 39.12 foot pounds, and the balance of 36.20 foot pounds is the amount of energy given to it by the bell.

Now suppose that  $3\frac{1}{2}$  pounds weight be transferred from the ball to the flight six inches further away from the clapper pin, the result is that the clapper will leave the bell when they have travelled through 102 degrees 30 minutes 47 seconds from the position of equilibrium. At this point the kinetic energy of the clapper will be 85.39 foot pounds, of which gravity accounts for 45.08 foot pounds, the balance of 40.31 foot pounds having been given to the clapper by the bell. These calculations were made without allowance for friction, air resistance or any pull on the rope, which do not appreciably affect the comparative results.

I do not quite understand the reference to possible errors of 400 per cent. in the last paragraph of Mr. Slack's letter, although I admit that nothing very definite is known about friction on shafts which revolve with varying velocity. As I hope some day to make some practical investigations into this point I will defer my reply to this part of the letter until then.

E. H. LEWIS.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### THE NEXT MEETING.

The President said the Standing Committee had considered the place for the next meeting of the Council and recommended Shrewsbury. The cycle on which they had gone in the past, apart from the London meetings, was north and south, Midlands, east and west. They were, therefore, due to go to another place in the Midlands, if they kept to the routine. They might think that Shropshire had not taken much notice of the Council this year, as no one was present to represent the association, and that they did not therefore deserve to have them; on the other hand they might go there and tell them what they thought about it (laughter). Shrewsbury was a very delightful place, and there were plenty of bells there.

The proposal was agreed to.

### CIRCULATION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Mr. F. E. Dawe, with the consent of the Council, introduced the following motion: 'That in view of the meagre response made in answer to the resolution passed at Plymouth two years ago, a small committee of the Council be appointed to collaborate with the Editor of 'The Ringing World' with a view to increasing the circulation of this paper among members of the Exercise.' Mr. Dawe said the increased circulation since two years ago was not only meagre, it was totally inadequate. There were many towers where there were a dozen or so ringers who took only three or four copies of the paper between them, and there were a great many cases where only one copy went into a tower. He suggested that a small committee be appointed, presumably to meet in London, to discuss the matter with the Editor and see what could be done. He had taken in all the ringing papers for the last 58 years. One after the other they had fallen by the way, simply because they had not been properly supported by the majority of the ringers. Ringers generally were nice fellows, but there were three things they were singularly gifted in: apathy, procrastination and indifference (laughter). They could never be got to do things. Fifty years ago he was one of the best ambassadors of the old 'Bell News,' and pushed the paper all he could. But he found time after time that one copy was taken for a tower and was passed around. The same thing applied in these days to 'The Ringing World.' He had wondered whether they might not raise a fund to pay for a supply of copies of the paper to be sent weekly to different secretaries of associations for distribution among towers where the paper was not already circulating, so as to induce the ringers eventually to support the paper. He would be prepared to contribute £5 a year for a year or two to such a fund, and he thought there were others in the Exercise who would also be prepared to contribute towards such an object. If there was anything they could do to stir up enthusiasm they ought to do it, and he proposed the appointment of this small committee to go into the subject.

Mr. Cave seconded.

Mr. Hunt said it was a difficult job to get ringers to take the paper, but something could be done by personal effort. There were 15 ringers in the band he belonged to, but there was not one of them who took the paper until he got them to do so; but even now two-thirds of the band did not look at the paper; they had not got time.

Mr. G. Pullinger said there was one plan that was quite easy, and that was for every member to take two copies. He had taken two for several years, and his spare copy he gave to someone whom he thought might become interested. He let them have it for two or three weeks, and in many cases it 'came off' and the individual became a new subscriber to the paper. If 500 people took two copies for a year and utilised the spare one in that way it would doubtless make a difference.

The President: That is a detail which could come before the committee if it is appointed.

The motion was put and carried, and the officers of the Council and Mr. Dawe were appointed as the committee.

### GREETINGS TO AUSTRALIA.

The President said there was a scheme afoot for a band of ringers to go to Australia. It was not quite certain yet whether they would be able to go, but whether they could or not there were to be centenary celebrations in Melbourne in the autumn, and ringing would be going on there. It would be very nice, therefore, if the Council sent their greetings to the ringers of Australia, and if a band went out from England they could personally take the message from the Council (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said that recently he had received a letter from the secretary of the Holy Trinity Society, Hobart, Tasmania, who had said that the society would be very pleased to receive photographs of English church towers to add to their collection, if anyone would like to send them. It had occurred to him, therefore, that it would be very appropriate and a very nice gesture if, in connection with this proposed visit, a gift of a collection of photographs of the cathedrals and notable churches containing rings of bells could be taken out, not only to Hobart but also to the society at the Cathedral at Melbourne, which was to be the central point of the tour. He suggested that all the associations in the country should provide pictures of the most important towers in their area, and that they should be mounted in presentation albums. He had ascertained that many such pictures could be obtained from one source, and that the

cost of each, including the album and mounting, would be about 2s. per copy. Each picture would have to be provided in duplicate. He was prepared to organise these albums, but to give the gifts a national character he asked the Council to support the scheme.

On being put to the meeting this was at once agreed to, and the resolution of greeting carried.

### MEMORIALS.

The President said the question of contributions to memorials had been before the Standing Committee. The Oxford Diocesan Guild had a scheme in hand for a memorial to the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who was the hon. librarian of the Council. It was to consist of a tablet in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, and any further money was to be given to the trustees of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, where Mr. Jenkyn was chaplain, for an extension of the chapel, which was to be enlarged as a memorial to Mr. Jenkyn. The Standing Committee recommended the Council to subscribe a sum of ten guineas to that memorial. They had also had an appeal with regard to the memorial to the late Canon Baker. When the proposal first came before them the Council were not in favour of it because they did not approve the form of the memorial, but that had been changed, and it was now one of which they could approve. The Standing Committee therefore recommended that three guineas should be given to the fund.

These proposals were agreed to.

### CONGRATULATIONS.

The President offered the congratulations of the Council to Archdeacon Parry, one of the representatives of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who, he said, was the first member of the Council to be elevated to the rank of Archdeacon (applause).

### IRREGULAR METHODS.

Mr. A. D. Barker said in the past the Council had ruled out certain minor methods which, they said, ought not to be rung in peals, because of the irregular lead-ends in the plain course. One of these methods was Woodbine. It had been rung in peals this year, and he had no doubt it was rung in peals last year. What was to be the attitude of the Council to these irregular methods?

The President said it was up to the associations to deal with it. They agreed to abide by the rules of the Council. If a peal was published it was taken out by the Analysis Committee and included in the peals accepted by that Council.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said as far as he knew the Council had never condemned any method at all. There was a standard of what a method should be, but the Council had never taken the attitude that nobody should ring a method that did not come up to that standard. If some people like to ring a method which did not come up to that standard that was their own responsibility; it was no business of the Council.

### GREAT PAUL.

The Rev. F. Li. Edwards said at that time the B.B.C. were broadcasting the chimes of St. Paul's Cathedral clock instead of Westminster. In the same tower with the clock at St. Paul's was the biggest bell in England. That bell was rung up every week-day at one o'clock by four men, and he thought the B.B.C. were missing a great opportunity by not broadcasting that bell to the world. It would be heard over the wireless with far finer effect than it was ever heard in St. Paul's Churchyard. He thought every member of the Council as a member of the public should write a brief note to the B.B.C. asking them to broadcast the great bell as well as the clock of St. Paul's.

### VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Warwick for the use of the Court House, which had been a very nice place to meet in. He also thanked Alderman Dr. Malins, Deputy Mayor, who received them, and the Bishop of Coventry for his presence and welcome. They also had to thank the incumbents of the various churches for placing their bells at the disposal of the members of the Council, the Warwickshire Guild for their kind invitation to tea. They also had to thank very heartily indeed Mr. F. W. Perrens for making such excellent arrangements. The President also thanked Mr. Adams, of St. Mary's, for his assistance, and all tower and steeplekeepers who had had the bells ready for them.

The motion having been carried, Mr. Perrens briefly replied, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the president, proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge, who said they could not be too grateful to Mr. Lewis for the admirable way in which he had conducted the business that day. They highly appreciated his services, not only in the chair, but throughout the year, for the great deal of work he did unseen for the good of the Council (applause).

### GUESTS OF THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

Members of the Council and their friends were entertained to high tea at the headquarters, the Woolpack Hotel. The chair was taken by the president of the Warwickshire Guild, who heartily welcomed the Council into the territory of the Guild. It was, he said, a matter of very real satisfaction to those who had made the arrangements to see such a representative gathering from all parts of the country. The clergy appreciated tremendously the work done by the whole of the ringers. They did a great service to the Church, and the clergy were grateful for it. The presence of the Council at Warwick was a cause for real satisfaction to the Warwickshire Guild, and he thanked all those who had worked so hard to make preparations for the gathering (applause).

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## BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Baker is quite safe in saying that 'at that time I did not realise that a method when extended to the higher numbers does not necessarily have the same lead head.' Neither do I realise it now.

What I do realise is that the method rung at Beddington is not Bristol.

I challenged it in 1922, and, at Mr. Baker's pressing invitation, I journeyed to Brighton on purpose to talk the matter over with him.

Mr. Baker produced his books, and for more than an hour he laid his views before me. Then, thinking it time I said something, I tried to take my turn, but was unable to do so, as Mr. Baker always broke in with something quite irrelevant to what I was trying to say before I got more than half a dozen words out of my mouth. So, as I quite saw that he did not want to talk the matter over, but only to talk me over, I said 'Good-bye,' and left.

Mr. George Williams was sitting with us during the whole of the interview.

But, as other people might care to hear my views (as the author of Bristol) on the subject, may I trespass on your space to say a few words?

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in his work on the Surprise methods, points out that the half-lead can be divided into four symmetrical sections by drawing a vertical and a horizontal line as in example 1. Now, if we examine this example we find that when the treble passes the middle position the 5th bell makes 5th's and 4th's the wrong way round in passing her. Now these places only occur when the treble passes from the first quarter into the second quarter of the lead. Mr. Craven introduced the same work in his method as the treble went through 4-5 and 6-7, and in the Maximus 8-9 also.

Now Bristol work is four-bell work, as in example 2. Mr. Craven has extended this to six bells in his Royal method.

In example 3 I give a lead of Bristol Surprise Maximus. Examining the method we see that the four-bell work commences in 5-6-7-8, while 9-10-11-12 do a double dodge. Then they begin Bristol four-bell work, and when that is finished the seventh makes 7th's and 6th's as the treble passes the middle places, as the 5th did in Major.

Such is Bristol Surprise Maximus. Now if Mr. Craven's Royal is Bristol, his Maximus is Bristol also. But we cannot have two methods on twelve bells each called by the same name; and I confidently leave it to the Exercise to judge which of these twain is more worthy of the title.

While congratulating the Beddington men on ringing a peal of the beautiful method that they have rung, I would humbly suggest that they choose for it some other name to which it may have a legal title.

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—Continued from previous page.

The Mayor of Warwick apologised for not having been present to welcome the Council in the morning, but he took that opportunity of welcoming them to the historic town. He thought that was the first visit the Council had paid to Warwick, and he hoped, now that their business was concluded, they would make themselves acquainted with the many places of beauty and interest in the town and neighbourhood. He hoped they would make up their minds to come again, and asked them not to think, because it was quiet, that there was nothing they could do. Warwick had the best in England to offer them (applause).

The President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) thanked the Mayor for the welcome he had just given them, and through the president of the Warwickshire Guild he also thanked those who had made the arrangements for the Council's visit. Mr. Perrens had borne a good deal of the brunt of the work, and Mrs. Perrens and the Guild committee had done much to assist him. He offered their hearty thanks to all of them (applause). Many of the Council had had the opportunity of seeing some of the beautiful things in Warwick and the neighbourhood. 'Some members,' added Mr. Lewis in regard to a remark made by the Mayor about the water supply of Warwick, 'may have tasted the water, but it is not the custom of ringers to drink very much water (laughter). I have not tasted the Warwick water yet' (laughter).

Mr. F. W. Perrens, replying to the appreciation expressed, said they of the Warwickshire Guild had been only too pleased to do what they had to make the visit successful, and he hoped they had to a certain extent succeeded. They were only a small Guild of a little over a hundred ringing members and not a very wealthy one, but what their hospitality lacked in substance they made up for in the spirit (applause). During the last few days he had been rather in the limelight, but he did not want them to think he had done all the work. Their hon. secretary (Mrs. Beamish), Mr. Adams, Mr. White, Mr. Burt and others had given every assistance, and had done a large amount of work. They hoped the members of the Council had enjoyed their visit; the committee had been very pleased to do what they could to help them (applause).

In the evening ringing took place at St. Mary's Church, and a social gathering followed at the Woolpack, in the course of which Mr. Rupert Richardson showed films of particular interest to ringers.

There is not any ten-bell method that may lay claim to the name of 'Bristol.'

Double Norwich is another example of a method that goes equally well on eight or 12 by making the places in 5-6-7-8 on twelve bells. But on ten bells, as a double method it is impossible to reproduce the beautiful double dodging.

E. BANKES JAMES.

## BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

## Example 1.

12345678  
21436587  
12346857  
21438675  
24136857  
42316587  
24135678  
42315768

24351786  
23457168  
32541786  
35247168  
53427618  
35246781  
32547618  
23456781

## Example 2.

5678  
6587  
6857  
8675  
6857  
6587  
5678

## Example 3.

1234567890et  
2143658709te  
1234685790et  
2143867509te  
2413685790et  
4231658709te  
241356780t9c  
42316587t0e9  
243615780t9e  
4263518709te  
2436157890et  
426351798e0t  
24365719e8t0  
234567918e0t  
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35246789e10t  
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23457968e10t  
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## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Billingshurst on Saturday, June 23rd, 22 members being present from Billingshurst, Heone, Lower Beeding, Lindfield, Rudgwick, Turner's Hill, Washington, Warnham and West Grinstead.

The bells were kept going in the standard methods during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of at the Guest House, where the Rev. J. E. Gardiner, Vicar of Billingshurst, met and welcomed the company, but owing to an engagement was only able to stay to have tea with them.

Mr. Walter Charman kindly presided at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Messrs. G. Allen, J. Lee, R. Anker, E. Laurence, B. Baker, W. Torry, R. Buckman, J. Spring, A. Flux and A. Wornham, of Midhurst.

After votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, the company again paid another visit to the belfry for further ringing.

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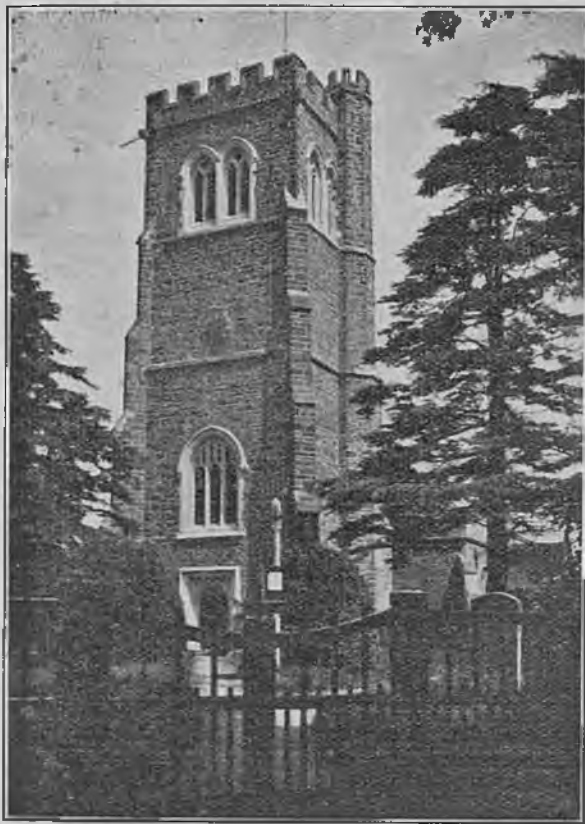
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## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### SUMMER FESTIVAL AT HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.

The annual summer festival was held at Husbome Crawley on Saturday, and proved a great success. Members and friends numbering about 50 were present from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Bromham, Dunstable, Luton, Linslade, Hitchin, Tring, Woburn, Wicken, Southill and Bletchley. The bells, a fine ring, set in delightful surroundings, were at the disposal of the members from an early hour, and most of the popular methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Owing to illness, Bishop Lander was un-



THE TOWER OF HUSBORNE CRAWLEY CHURCH.

able to officiate at the service, and his place was taken by the Rev. S. E. Swann, Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. The short service and address were a model of what a ringers' service should be.

Afterwards the ringers were the guests of the president (Rev. A. Rust) and Mrs. Rust. Tea was served on the lawn.

No business is done at this meeting, but the usual votes of thanks to the host and hostess, to the preacher, and to the ladies for their help at the tea tables were passed.

Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells and nearly Bob Royal, but the tower bells striking up in the middle of the latter it soon 'went west.'

In the evening quite a number of ringers went over to Aspley Guise to ring on the six bells there, one well-known Hertfordshire man to begin another century of towers. Altogether an ideal afternoon and evening was spent.

### MUFFLED BELLS.

On Sunday, July 1st, after evensong, at Pinner, Middlesex, 630 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect and esteem to the late Bishop Perrin, formerly Bishop of Willesden: F. Leek (longest touch) 1, J. E. Rootes 2, K. J. Guyler 3, W. Bunce, sen., 4, E. P. Ashby 5, T. Collins (conductor) 6, J. Dolamore 7, T. Humphreys 8.

For morning service, at Llandaff Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled for the late Dean of Llandaff: E. Coles 1, T. F. Bailey 2, A. Rowley 3, L. Wright 4, T. Carter 5, H. Thomas 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, J. Phillips 8.

### ORIGIN OF A KENTISH MEETING.

#### ASHFORD DISTRICT RINGERS CELEBRATE SIGNING OF PEACE TREATY.

A meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 30th, in ideal summer weather. About 40 members and their friends were present from Aldington, Ashford, Brabourne, Canterbury, Egerton, Hythe, Horsmonden, Kennington, Lyminge, Little Chart, Sturry, Tunstall, Willesborough and Wye. Ringing was carried on during the afternoon in various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and rounds for the beginners.

The association service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. R. L. McDowall), and an interesting address was given by Rev. Coverdale, of Hastingsleigh. After the service a splendid tea, kindly given by the Rector, was served on the Rectory lawn by ladies of the church. Mr. E. S. Ruck, on behalf of those present, thanked all who had helped to make such an enjoyable meeting. He also mentioned that the inauguration of that annual visit to Brabourne was probably unique. In June, 1919, as a number of ringers such as this were sitting at tea on the same lawn, the guns were heard which proclaimed the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. The Rector at that time, the Rev. S. K. Lockyear, then invited the ringers to Brabourne annually on the Saturday nearest to that date, in order to celebrate the signing of that Treaty which meant peace.

The Rev. C. R. L. McDowall, in reply, renewed that invitation of 1919, and said he hoped the ringers would meet there annually for the same purpose for many years to come.

The bells were made good use of during the evening, and were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m., thus ending a most enjoyable meeting.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting was held at Burley (St. Matthias' Church) on Saturday, June 30th. The bells were rung up at three o'clock, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. The weather was almost too hot for travelling, and with a county cricket match in the next parish numbers were on the small side. The business meeting was held in the tower, with the president in the chair. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Headingley St. Michael's, Shipley, Tadcaster and the local company. One new member was elected, Mr. W. Hick, of Tadcaster. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements, was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson and seconded by Mr. E. Simpson. —Mr. Armitage replied for the local company.

The Secretary read the letter from Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, of 'The Ringing World,' in regard to supplying photographs from the society to form part of the albums to be presented to ringing brethren in Australia during the tour which is to take place later on this year. The secretary, in conjunction with the president, had already agreed that the Leeds Society should join in with this scheme, and now sanction of the members was sought. —Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed, and Mr. S. Barron seconded, that the action of the committee be supported and permission granted for the payment to be made from the society's funds. —The meeting then closed.

### DEATH OF CROFT RINGER.

We regret to report the death of Mr. E. Matthew Watson, of Croft, Leicestershire, who passed away on June 16th, after a long and patient illness, at the early age of 25 years. The deceased was a very enthusiastic ringer, although he had not been able to take any part in ringing for the last year or so owing to his failing health.

Mr. Watson had been a member of the M.C.A. since 1923, and during that time had rung 12 peals. He was a regular Sunday service ringer and was sadly missed from the belfry when he had to give up.

Three of the local ringers acted as bearers at the funeral, which took place at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Croft, on Wednesday, June 20th. The Rev. T. E. Blackmore, of Leicester, formerly Vicar of Croft, officiated. There were a few ringing friends present, but the day was rather inconvenient. Among those who attended were Mr. E. A. Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth, who takes a very great interest in the work done by the Croft ringers. There were also many floral tributes sent, including one from deceased's fellow-ringers. In the evening, as a last tribute to one loved and admired by all, a peal of Bob Minor was rung half-muffled.

The deepest sympathy and condolence goes out to the mother of the deceased and other members of the family in their bereavement.

### OLD GLOSSOP RINGER'S DEATH.

#### CONDUCTOR OF RECORD PEAL 50 YEARS AGO.

Mr. Samuel Knott, who conducted a peal of 10,000 odd of Kent Treble Bob Major at Old Glossop in 1885 (the longest peal rung in that district), died on June 18th, and at All Saints' Church, on June 27th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect: H. Cooper 1, E. Maitkin 2, T. Jackson 3, E. Garside 4, F. Marsden 5, T. Potts 6, J. Bentley 7, H. Pemberton 8.

**A DAY AMONG THE DALES.****ANNUAL OUTING OF ST. IGNATIUS, SUNDERLAND, RINGERS.**

Patterdale, at the head of Lake Ullswater, was chosen for this year's outing of the ringers of St. Ignatius, and favoured with fine weather, it proved to be 'the best ever.' The party numbered 22, including six ladies, and the journey was made in a comfortable 'Northern' saloon bus, via Durham, Stanhope, Wearhead, Alston and Penrith, short stops being made at Stanhope and Alston. Rain had fallen in the early morning, and Weardale looked its very best, but the scenery around Ullswater surpassed anything that most of the party had ever seen.

After an excellent dinner at the Glenridding Hotel, Patterdale was visited. The Rector here, who was formerly Vicar of St. Ignatius, was away on holiday, unfortunately, but his son, Mr. Roger Baily, kindly showed the visitors round the church and Rectory, the latter being beautifully situated at the base of Place Fell, which is 2,154ft. above sea level.

Much as they felt inclined, the ringers were unable to linger here, or to visit Aira Force, but again skirting the lake, and with stops at Pooley Bridge and at Penrith, at five o'clock they arrived at the beautiful little market town of Appleby, where a hearty welcome and a bountiful tea was awaiting them at the Red House Hotel. The inner man completely satisfied, Mr. J. W. Parker thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for their presence and their kind contribution towards the expenses, the Vicar in his reply causing great amusement with a production of the 'A stands for —' type, pointing out the foibles of the various members of the party.

Mr. R. L. Patterson proposed the health of 'The Visitors,' the Rev. Canon Sykes (another former Vicar of St. Ignatius) and Mr. George Atley replying in humorous vein.

Arrangements had been made for a ring on the six bells of St. Lawrence's, but owing to lack of time it was decided to cut this out. On hearing that the townspeople had been looking forward to hearing the bells, however, a visit was paid to the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor of the church, and a touch of Cambridge Minor was rung.

Leaving Appleby with great reluctance, the party had a glorious ride over the moors to Barnard Castle, where touches of Stedman were rung on the fine peal of eight at St. Mary's. The 'home course' was then entered, a stop being made at Raby Castle to allow Mr. Frank Ainsley to 'shoot,' not the deer, but the party, and Sunderland was reached shortly after 10.30 p.m.

**ST. ALBANS RINGERS' WEEK-END.**

The St. Albans Cathedral ringers had their outing during the week-end commencing June 22nd. On that day they were accompanied to Herne Bay by the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson). On the Saturday afternoon a trip was made by road to Chilham, near Canterbury. After being conducted round the grounds, etc., of Chilham Castle, and the old-world village, the bells of the Parish Church were rung to touches of Stedman Triples and a plain course of both Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. The local ringers' secretary (Mrs. Hay) then entertained a large company to tea at her house, and the visitors expressed their thanks for a most enjoyable afternoon. On Sunday morning the St. Albans party (numbering 14) journeyed to Canterbury in time to ring at the Cathedral for morning service, when plain courses of Stedman Caters and Superlative Surprise Major were rung. Some of the party afterwards rang at St. Alphege, Canterbury, when Cambridge Minor and Stedman Doubles were accomplished. Returning again to Herne Bay, the attractions here occupied the party until Monday afternoon, when all returned home after a pleasant outing.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**WALTHAM ABBEY.**—On Sunday, July 1st, for morning service at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Mrs. Berry 1, G. Peace 2, C. House 3, Miss G. Church 4, G. Thurgood 5, F. Perrin 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, A. House 8.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday morning, June 17th, for service at St. Leonard's Church, 1,280 Bob Major: W. E. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, J. Lee 3, E. E. Bish 4, H. Mance 5, T. W. Wellbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, J. W. Euston 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, June 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's): H. Whitehead 1, C. R. Millway 2, A. Waddington (Egerton) 3, H. J. Saunders 4, R. T. Clark 5, M. Hibbert (Bushey, Herts) 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. J. Walker 8.

**LATE NOTICE.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at The Leigh on Saturday, July 14th. Service 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Visitors please notify Sec. by Wednesday.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

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**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 7th. Bells of St. Mary's, Portsea (8), available during the afternoon and evening. General meeting in the Parish Institute at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Mary's at 4 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Portsmouth. Tea in the Vicarage garden at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton to-morrow, Saturday, July 7th. Bells available: St. Mary's (12), St. James' (8), from 2.30 p.m.; Wilton (8) after business meeting. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Maynard's 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Ashby to-morrow (Saturday), July 7th. Arrangements as usual. Permission has again been obtained to view the grounds and gardens of the castle, and the wives and friends of the members will be heartily welcome on this occasion. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 3.30. Return fare 1s. 3d.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield (six bells) to-morrow, Saturday, July 7th. Buses at Malin Bridge tram terminus.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) and meeting to follow. Special method, Double Norwich Major. Important business. Nominations and election of officers for branch.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. A good attendance of members is specially requested.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 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.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Kirkburton on July 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

A quarterly meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th. Towers open at 3 o'clock till 9 p.m. Service at St. John-the-Baptist's 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good muster is requested.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at the Parish Church. Clitheroe bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 7th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6), from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room at 5. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Adderbury (8) and Deddington (6) bells available during the evening.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Alburgh and Redenhall on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—West Norfolk Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Creak on Saturday, July 7th.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 till 8.30. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, July 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Unveiling of the peal board recording the peal in seven methods rung by the local band. Southport to Liverpool buses pass door of the church. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilton (six bells) on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells also available at South Newton (six bells). All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, Hon. Branch Sec., 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Streatley on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 4.45 p.m. Goring bells available after tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., price 1s. to 1s. 3d.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on July 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, St. Andrew's on the 19th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.**—At evening service on Wednesday, July 11th, the Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. Ringers' day, Saturday, July 14th.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Shield contest will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Draw 2.45. For tea please notify Mr. W. A. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, near Sheffield. Entries (6s. per band) and prize fund be sent by July 7th to A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available all day. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Lunch (12.30 p.m.) can be arranged, but all requiring lunch and tea must notify Mrs. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, by July 11th.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please let me know regarding tea by the 11th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on July 14th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each, to all sending names to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at Dibden on July 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers by July 11th. Eling and Fawley bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock in the Institute. A good attendance is requested. A few subscriptions are still outstanding, and should be paid at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Those intending to be present at tea must let me know by Tuesday, 10th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer Festival at Farnham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock (preacher, the Lord Bishop of Guildford). Tea, 6 p.m., 1s. each, at Rogers' Restaurant. Castle Grounds open to ringers and friends after tea. Those requiring tea must notify not later than Wednesday, July 11th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by July 11th. All members and friends welcome. A pleasant afternoon's outing.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bromley on July 14th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (six bells) on Saturday, July 14th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday, July 10th, if you require tea. This is important.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow in Church Room. Kindly let me know if you want tea.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in Steeles Cafe for those who drop postcard to Mr. C. H. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring. All ringers welcome and a good muster is requested.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Brecon, Saturday, July 14th. 12 noon to 2.45 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church open for ringing (eight bells). 3 p.m. service at Brecon Cathedral (preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon). 4 p.m., tea at Tower Cottage. 4.30 p.m., business meeting. Please let the secretary know the number for tea by July 7th.—L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Everleigh on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6, recently rehung) from 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Numbers for tea by July 11th.—A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester and Bramley on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Silchester Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by July 10th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thornaby (five bells) on Saturday, July 14th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Orwell on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Barrington bells (6) may be rung in the evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Mortimer on July 14th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall, free to all members of the Guild. Please let me know by July 11th how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at East Markham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) ready for 2.30 p.m. All are welcome. Notify the hon. secretary by July 12th if you require tea.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Bottesford on Saturday, July 14th, at 2.30. Tea can be had at cafe. Visitors welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Buxted on Saturday, July 14th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday next. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence's, Reading. Dedication of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn memorial in cloisters immediately after service, followed by business meeting in Chapter house. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. to non-members. Application

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (recently augmented to a ring of ten) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 1s. per head to those, and only to those, who notify me not later than Monday, July 16th. Half fares up to two shillings will be paid to members attending this meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Tenterden, in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meetings after. Half travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton (eight bells) on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Practice at Miles Platting, Tuesday, July 10th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Secretary, 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynam Road, Trowbridge.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN JUBILEE.**—Ringers' rally at the Minster on Saturday, August 11th. Book date. Full particulars later.

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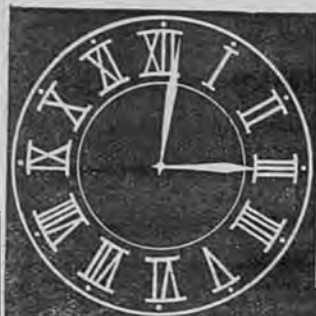
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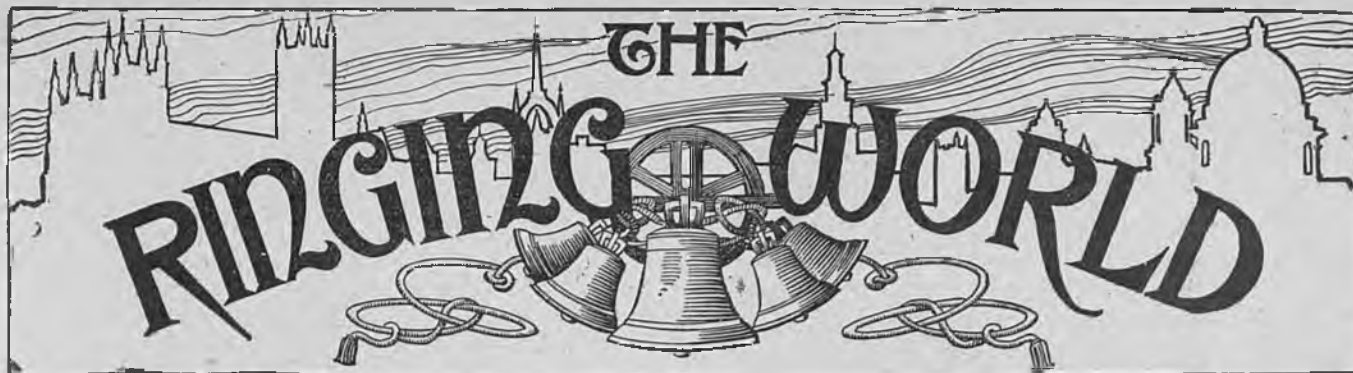
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Tenor 20 cwt.

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EDWARD H. KING ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
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On Tuesday, July 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

* WILLIAM CROSS ... .. Treble	† MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 5
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Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

* ROGER CADAMY ... .. Treble	GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... .. 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 2	WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 6
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GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

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\* First peal.

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FREDERICK ROOPE ... ..	3	RUSSELL RICHES... ..	7
CHARLES BAKER... ..	4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	Tenor

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*WILLIAM T. POSTON... ..	2	EDWIN H. FOSTER ... ..	6
W. GLYN B. SHAW ... ..	3	JOHN J. WEBB ... ..	7
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GEORGE LEWIS ... ..	2	ALBERT NASH ... ..	6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... ..	3	HAROLD KENT ... ..	7
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## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR WATTS ... ..	Treble	CHARLES E. BASSETT ... ..	4
PERCIVAL W. FISHER... ..	2	ARCHIBALD J. GARRETT ... ..	5
ARTHUR H. FISHER ... ..	3	*PERCIVAL L. WRIGHT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

\* First peal. Rung with four changes of method.

## HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8lb.

*REGINALD TIPLER ... ..	Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... ..	4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY... ..	2	SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... ..	5
†HECTOR A. KNIGHTS... ..	3	HORACE V. ROWLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Iris Rowley, daughter of the conductor.

## GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.

MISS E. C. BAREHAM ... ..	Treble	BERT COCK ... ..	4
*CECIL CORDER ... ..	2	ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... ..	5
*CHARLES A. WEAVERS ... ..	3	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. C. RIPPINGALE.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on tower bells for Miss Bareham. First peal of Minor as conductor. This peal was specially arranged in honour of the wedding of Miss Winifred Broyd, of Gestingthorpe, to Mr. William Everitt, of Sible Hedingham, the bride being the sister of Mr. Olave E. Broyd, well known as a ringer and conductor.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 1st, for the children's festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,313 changes): J. W. Faithful (conductor) 1, H. Payne 2, N. Curtis 3, A. E. Newman (first quarter-peal) 4, H. Smith 5, A. Butler 6, F. Mursell 7, H. Reeves 8, R. Brown 9, J. Elliott 10.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)On Thursday, July 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	...	...	1-2	HAROLD MARCON	...	...	7-8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	...	...	3-4	JACK BRAY	...	...	9-10
FRANK LORD	...	...	5-6	GEORGE W. CREASEY	...	...	11-12

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal of Cinques 'in hand,' by all the band and for the Guild.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Saturday, July 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,  
IN THE GROUNDS AT THE INSTITUTE.**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5046 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

\*JOHN W. HUMPHRIES ... 1-2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 3-4

\*G. E. D. PRATT ... 5-6

Conducted by W. SAUNDERS.

Witness—Mrs. Saunders.

\* First peal. Especially arranged to enable J. W. Humphries to ring a peal before leaving the neighbourhood to take a position in London.

**N.U.T.G. ON THE WAR PATH.**

A WEEK-END IN SOUTH BUCKS.

Seeking new towers and heavy tenors, six members of the N.U.T.G. Association journeyed into South Bucks on bicycles the other day. The first call was Little Missenden. They were welcomed by the Vicar and local foreman, the Vicar kindly showing them round the church and explaining the wonderful collection of mural paintings, the finest the writer has seen. Then into the tower to ring Grandsire Doubles and Stedman on the good going peal of five (tenor 11 cwt.). After one of the band had mended a puncture and another had collected some postcards, a move was made to the chief attraction of the day, Great Missenden, with the second heaviest peal of six in the county (tenor 26½ cwt.). The bells being up, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 28 minutes: W. H. Gutteridge 1, R. Darville 2, F. J. Bolton, jun., 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, F. Corke 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. All admired the fine tone of the bells, which go remarkably well for their weight. Afterwards a course of Cambridge, with Mr. Higgin, the only change ringer in the parish, taking part. Tea time had arrived, and a good spread awaited the party in the village, and was soon demolished! Then a move was made to Chesham. A good-going peal of six (tenor 17½ cwt.) was soon going to 720 of Bob Minor, but after 10 minutes' ringing the second rope broke. A new one was put in, but there was only time for 108 Bob Minor before lowering the bells for eight o'clock service. The homeward journey was begun, and to fill up time a 'short notice' call was made at Amersham, but several of the band feeling a bit tired the 720 did not go down well and 'went up' after about 15 minutes. The ringing finished with a course of Cambridge Minor, with Mr. Ayres, a local man, taking part. And so to bed!

Sunday morning was the beginning of a nice day, and the writer had the pleasure of ringing at Farnham Royal and of meeting Mr. J. J. Parker, of '12 part' fame. On Sunday afternoon 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor at Chalfont St. Peter (tenor 11½ cwt.) was rung, and in the evening touches of Kent and Oxford at Chalfont St. Giles (tenor 11 cwt.). The last ringing of the day was 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor at Fulmer (tenor 7½ cwt.) after the evening service by \*A. P. Cannon 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, \*R. J. Darville 3, F. J. Bolton, jun., 4, \*C. Nicholls 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6. \* First 720 of Surprise Minor. A touch of Kent Treble Bob closed the ringing, and the end of a very pleasant week-end was reached. Mr. A. P. Cannon would like to thank all those who rang in the touches with him and the local captains for granting permission for the bells.

**SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. ALFRED WAITES.**

A WELL-KNOWN OLDHAM RINGER.

The death took place on Monday, July 2nd, of Mr. Alfred Waites, of Oldham, under tragic circumstances; he was found dead at his place of employment.

Mr. Alfred Waites had been a ringer at Oldham Parish Church for over 30 years, and was a regular service ringer up to the last, having rung for service on the day previous to his death. Never a keen peal ringer, he was, nevertheless, justly proud of the peals in which he had taken part at the Parish Church. He is the only ringer who has rung the Oldham tenor through the peal of Triples, Caters and Cinques. Of a quiet disposition, but of rather a forceful nature, his absence will be keenly felt by his brother ringers.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Hollingwood cemetery, the Vicar (Canon Mackintosh) officiating. The bells were rung fully muffled as the cortege approached the church and after the funeral service. After the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. J. Lees, H. Barlow, V. Sykes and C. H. Marsland. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Oldham bells by: A. Waites (son of deceased) 1, B. Thorpe (Ashton) 2, J. Ogden 3, S. Holt (Middletown) 4, J. Lees 5, V. Sykes (conductor) 6, H. Barlow (Glodwick) 7, F. Buckley 8.

**SUDBURY BELLS DIAMOND JUBILEE.**

The diamond jubilee of the opening of the bells at St. Peter's Church, Sudbury, Suffolk, as a ring of eight, was celebrated on July 1st with a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,230 changes) rung for evening service by W. Lee 1, H. Herbert 2, C. W. F. Clarke 3, D. Felton 4, A. Fitch 5, L. Johnson 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7, T. E. Slater 8. Mr. Slater's father rang at the opening of the bells on June 25th, 1874. After evensong a touch of Bob Major was rung in which Mr. M. Silvester took part. He was present at the opening in 1874.

**TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR.**THE METHOD. 5,152 BY A. J. PITMAN.  
W. M. H. 23456

12345678	—	—	—	64235
21436587	—	—	—	26435
12463857	—	—	—	42635
21648375	—	—	—	56423
26143857	—	—	—	45623
62418375	—	—	—	64523
62143857	—	—	—	26545
26418375	—	—	—	42563
24681357	—	—	—	54326
42863175	—	—	—	34625
42681357	—	—	—	23645
24863175	—	—	—	62534
42683715	—	—	—	52436
24867351	—	—	—	35426
28463715	—	—	—	43652
82647351	—	—	—	63254
28463751	—	—	—	56234
82647315	—	—	—	23564
86247135	—	—	—	52364
68421753	—	—	—	35264
68247135	—	—	—	42356
86421753	—	—	—	34256
84612735	—	—	—	23456
48167253				
48612735				
84167253				
81462735				
18647253				
81674523				
18765432				
18874523				

Bob 17864523

This method is Carter's No. 4, and a peal was rung for the first time on May 29th at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, by the Middlesex County Association.

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## BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is strange the tricks that one's memory plays. If Mr. James had not written to the contrary I should have said that he paid me a visit after some peal ringing in Brighton or neighbourhood.

It is quite certain I have no recollection of pressing him to visit me, and further, 'a man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.'

I had, previous to his call on me, been convinced by his letters that nothing would make him agree to the fact, accepted by sixteen other composers, that a method does not necessarily have the same lead-head when extended to the higher numbers. Mr. James' description, in 1922, was 'they are Oxford extensions,' an old, old cry that had long before been applied to the proper extension of Double Norwich Major to Royal and Maximus.

It is true that when he did call on me I tried to show him my reasons for saying that Arthur Craven's extension of Bristol Major to Royal and Maximus were correct extensions, and with your kind permission I will once more try to show him and the Exercise my reasons for saying so.

Mr. James and everyone who knows Bristol Major will agree that the following ten changes of Major are the first ten changes of that method:—

12345678	1234567890
21436587	2143658790
12346857	1234685079
21438675	2143860597

24136857	2413685079
42316587	4231658709
24135678	2413567890
42315768	4231576980

24351786	2435179608
23457168	2345716980

There is no getting away from the fact that the interior place-making is the same in both Major and Royal, and if the Royal is to be a double method without any padding or alteration all one has to do is to reverse the previous place-making.

I was one of the band who rang the first peal of Bristol Major, and from what Mr. James writes in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' one is led to suppose that the method has double dodging at the beginning and ending of a lead, hence the figures that he supplies us with as Bristol Maximus. Any Maximus that does not conform to the characteristics of the Major and Royal is no true extension.

Mr. Craven's extension of Bristol Major to Royal and Maximus are perfect extensions.  
BRIGHTON.  
GEORGE BAKER.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHERN DIVISION WELCOMES NEW MASTER.

The Northern Division of the Essex Association held a meeting at Colne Engaine on Saturday week, 33 ringers being present from the following towers: Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Colne Engaine, Colchester, Braintree, Bocking, Sible Hedingham, Great Bentley, Brentwood, Springfield, Dunmow, Gestingthorpe and Broomfield. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and later a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Chilton, M.V.O., D.D.). The lesson was read by the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell).

The Rector, in his address, gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and said he was pleased to see what splendid work the association was doing for the Church in having these meetings and services in the church.

An excellent tea was arranged at the Village Hall by Mrs. Hines. Miss Courtland and the Rector both visited the Hall to welcome the ringers, but regretted they were unable to stay to tea.

The business meeting was presided over by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders), supported by the Master of the association (Mr. E. P. Duffield).

Mr. F. Townes and Mr. S. Genery, of Colne Engaine, were elected ringing members, and Great Easton was selected for the next place of meeting on September 15th.

The District Master gave a hearty welcome to the new Master (Mr. Duffield), and proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and his excellent address; also to Mr. Pudney, who kindly presided at the organ; and the ladies who prepared the tea.—Mr. L. W. Wiffen associated himself with these remarks, and complimented Colne Engaine ringers on the great strides and success they had achieved.

Mr. Duffield, in reply, said he was very pleased to visit this division; he felt sure there was not quite that vitality and enthusiasm in any other division, and he was pleased to see such a happy gathering (applause).

Touques were then rung on handbells, and afterwards some returned to the tower, whilst others proceeded to Earls Colne, where the Vicar (the Rev. O. L. Martin) was pleased to allow them the use of the bells for the evening.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## STOCKPORT BRANCH VISIT BUXTON.

Glorious weather greeted members of the Stockport Branch and their friends, representing Denton, Disley, Fairfield, Hyde, Knutsford, Macclesfield, Marple, New Mills, Reddish and Taxal, at the quarterly meeting held at Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday last. Although the attendance was not so large as might have been expected, a rumour has reached us that there was a cricket match at Old Trafford, so mayhap some members followed the wrong crowd accidentally and arrived at the match in error.

The bells, which were set in motion promptly at three o'clock, were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Jack Barton, who had been leader of the local band for over 20 years, and had passed away during that week.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. Saunders Williams, conducted the service, and in his very interesting address used as his text 'Jesu be our speed,' which was the inscription on two of the bells at the old 'plague' village of Eyam, where he had been Vicar previously.

An excellent tea was served in the new Parish Hall.

The Vicar presided over a short business meeting, and said how pleased he was to be able to welcome the Guild to Buxton. After a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success, a return was made to the tower for further ringing.

Although there are only six bells at Fairfield at present, they are hung with room for eight, and it is hoped that the time is not far distant when the octave will be completed.

## A FAREWELL TO MANCHESTER.

## MR. DAVID VINCENT'S DEPARTURE.

On Sunday, July 8th, Mr. David Vincent bade farewell to Manchester ringers, preparatory to taking up residence at Haxby, York.

Mr. Vincent, who is well known in many associations both for his capabilities as ringer and his ever genial nature, went to Manchester about two years ago, since when he has endeared himself to all with whom he has come in contact, and his departure will be a loss to the branch and the association.

For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (the first quarter of Holt's Original) was rung at Flixton Parish Church (where Mr. Vincent has been a regular Sunday service ringer during his stay in Manchester), as a farewell touch, and also for the church anniversary: Miss E. Collier 1, D. Vincent (conductor) 2, L. Rickard 3, D. Brown (branch secretary) 4, G. Mason 5, J. H. Collier 6, J. Baguley 7, R. Thomas 8.

After service Mr. Vincent was the recipient of the good wishes of the Rector of the parish and the local ringers, and later of members of the branch at a ringers' gathering in the city.

In a few well-chosen words, Mr. Vincent thanked the ringers of Flixton and the branch for the warm welcome extended to him on his arrival in the city and for the many pleasant little events in connection with ringing, which he had stored in his memory, during his stay in Manchester. He was sorry to have to leave, but hoped he would some day meet them all again.

Farewells and handshakes were exchanged as 'the last bus left for home.'

## HILLINGDON RINGERS GO WEST.

The Hillingdon Branch of the 'Tower Snatchers' Union' held a most successful expedition on Saturday, July 7th. What a day it was—glorious weather, excellent food, and seven 'captures'!

A start was made soon after 7.30 a.m., and after picking up 'Corkie', the R.M., and some lads and lassies in Uxbridge, the Bath Road was quickly reached. A diversion was created by the radiator of the coach giving forth beautiful fountains of boiling water. No casualties, however.

Messrs. Curtis and Barber welcomed the party at Newbury, and the ringing was much enjoyed. Bishop's Cannings came next, the Vicar waiting for the visitors and expressing his pleasure at their visit. A first-class lunch was disposed of (should it be 'devoured'?) at the Elm Tree, Devizes, a place to be highly recommended. Mr. Hillier took the ringers to St. John's, where a half hour's ringing was enjoyed. Melksham, with a long draught of rope, proved a handful to some, but the 'secretary bloke' kindly saved their reputations by breaking a rope! At Calne, the high spot of the day's ringing was achieved when some 'spliced' Grandsire and Stedman was rung with the tenor ringing Bristol! The conductor's fault (of course!) and 'Corkie' was requested in the future to announce the method as well as 'Go!' Father Time robbed the party of some good ringing at Swindon, where the visit to the Parish Church was short and sweet. Tea was served in the cool shelter of the King's Arms, where the only complaint registered was that the drink was too hot!

Last on the list came Abingdon, where the ten were rung to three or four methods. A brief halt in Wycombe, to wet the proverbial whistles (and a good tune they played afterwards, too!), and home was reached soon after ten o'clock.

Through the medium of this paper, the sincere thanks of the visitors are extended to Messrs. West (Melksham), Weston (Calne), Bishop (Swindon), and Lock (Abingdon), as well as to those mentioned previously, for their valuable assistance in the arranging and completion of the day's programme.

## TRANSPPOSITION OF TREBLE BOB.

### WHY TRANSPOSED PEALS ARE TRUE.

A correspondent recently put to us the question, 'If I take the composition of a peal of Treble Bob—a method in which there can be internal falseness—and start the calling at some point other than that put down by the composer, thus producing different lead ends, will the variation necessarily be true?'—

Instead of dismissing the inquiry with a brief affirmative reply, we submitted the question to one of the greatest authorities on Treble Bob composition and intended to give the answer over his name. However, he prefers, as will be seen from the concluding 'dedication' of his article, to remain anonymous.

First, says our authority, imagine a circle, round the circumference of which, standing out like the spokes of a wheel from a hub, are the nine lead-heads of the familiar bobbed course of Treble Bob:—

A 2345678  
B 4263857  
C 6423857 —  
D 2684735  
8276543  
7826543 —  
2758364  
5237486  
3527486 —

A 2345678

On our circle, 2345678, of course, appears only once.

Now, from A (rounds) through B, C, etc., back to A, there is no repetition of rows.

Similarly from B (4263857) through C, D, etc., back to B, there is no repetition.

And so on.

If instead of Rounds at A you place there any other row that you choose—say, 18765432, and from it write out a touch with the same calling, then you have:—

at A 18765432  
at B 16847253  
at C 14687253 —  
at D 18426375, and so on.

The actual rows, all 288 of them, will be different; but the composition of the touch being the same there can be no repetition of rows from A round the circle to A again, or from B to B, etc.

**RULE.**—Whatever row you place at A, the same calling gives a true touch, which remains true, and the same if you make B or C or any other lead your starting point.

Now place at A the row 13527486, and write out the same touch from that row. At B, a plain lead, you get rounds; at C, with a bob, you get 14235678; at D, a plain lead, you get 3462857; and so on.

Obeys the rule above, make B your starting point, and the result, written out in the ordinary way, is:—

2345678  
4235678 —  
3462857  
6384725  
8634725 —  
3876542  
7358264  
5738264 —  
3527486

2345678

This is the original touch (or familiar bobbed course) begun at the second lead.

Similarly, you may put Rounds at C with 14537286 at A, which is the same touch begun at the third lead, as follows:—

2345678  
4263857  
8482735  
8642735 —  
4876523  
7458382  
5748382 —  
4537286  
3425678

2345678 —

We can now put the rule already reached into another form, thus:—

**RULE.**—In any true composition, Rounds may be placed at any point, and the result will remain true.

(Continued in next column.)

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### DEVIZES BRANCH VISIT WARMINSTER.

The quarterly meeting of Devizes Branch was held at Warminster on Saturday, July 7th. The bells at the Minster Church of St. Denys were set going at three o'clock. The hot weather seemed to have an effect upon the attendance, which was not so good as usual, about 26 being present.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Bellars (Vicar), with Mr. Siminon at the organ, after which all adjourned to the Magnet Cafe, where a good tea was provided.

A short business meeting followed. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman) presided, and extended a welcome to the visiting ringers.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Bratton on July 28th, at the invitation of the Vicar, for the opening of the restored peal of six bells and the September meeting at Upavon.

The Vicar having to leave early expressed his pleasure in having the meeting of the branch at Warminster, and assured members of a welcome at any time.

An apology was received from Rev. F. Li. Edwards (general secretary).

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks, proposed by the chairman, to the Vicar for taking the service and for use of the bells; also to the organist and the caterers.

The towers represented were Bratton, St. John's, Devizes, St. James', Southbroom, Trowbridge, Melksham, Rowde, Warminster, Westbury, Longbridge Deverell, and visitors from Mere, Kingston Magna, Buckland Newton, Radstock, Chewton Mendip and Bath. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Single Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Minor, and Grandsire Doubles. The bells at Sutton Veny and Horningsham were open in the evening and were visited by most of the ringers, both peals of six being in good order and the ringing on them enjoyed by all.

## LAVENHAM ANNIVERSARY.

An enjoyable gathering was held at Lavenham on Saturday, June 30th, two ringing events being combined, namely, the 123rd 'Ring-ing Day' at Lavenham, and a district meeting of the Suffolk Guild. Upwards of 40 ringers were present from Assington, Bildeston, Buxhall, Finborough, Groton, Long Melford, Little Walsingham, Monks Eleigh, Newton, Rattlesden, Sudbury, Shipley (Yorks), Thorington (Essex), and Trumpington (Cambs).

Tea was partaken of at the Old Ten Shop, followed by a short business meeting, the Rev. Preb. M. Fountain Page (Rector) presiding, supported by the district secretary (Mr. S. H. Symonds) and Mr. H. Herbert, secretary for the Sudbury district. The Rector was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Guild, and Mr. T. A. King, of Shipley, Yorks, was elected a life member.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding, and for the use of the bells.

In reply the Chairman said it gave him much pleasure to have the Guild at Lavenham, especially on the anniversary of Lavenham's augmented peal. He fully recognised the spirit of enthusiasm that existed amongst ringers, and also the great service they rendered to the church. He hoped the Guild would visit Lavenham many times.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Preston in July, to be followed by another at Monks Eleigh in September.

The Secretary asked for good support at these two meetings.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain, Double Norwich Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

(Continued from previous column.)

Or:—

**RULE.**—The truth of a composition is never affected by beginning the calling at a different place.

I cannot refrain from a short dissertation on 'the importance of rounds.' Of course, all practical change ringing in the tower begins and ends with rounds, as a matter of convenience to the ringers, and for the sake of musical effect. But it need not be so. The bells might be pulled off in 'Queen's' or 'Tittums,' and go off from 'Queen's' or 'Tittums' into changes, coming back to 'Queen's' or 'Tittums' at the end. Or even the bells might be so hung that when the ropes were pulled off in consecutive order the bells sounded in 'Queen's' or 'Tittums.' Then 'rounds' would occur somewhere in the middle of a peal of Triples, and would never occur at all in an ordinary composition of Major. But this would not affect the truth of what was rung. For the composer rounds is of no more importance than any other row—654321 or ZYXWVU will do just as well for him. He takes rounds as his starting point as a mere matter of convenience, like the ringer in the tower. But his block of changes, be it 720 or 5,040 or 7,777, is true if it contains no repetitions, and that though rounds occur in the middle, or even not at all. One consideration, however, does bind him. If he wishes his peals to be rung he must arrange his 'true and complete' 5,000's so that the practical ringer can go off into them from rounds and find himself ringing rounds again when his job is finished.

This little essay is dedicated to some stalwarts of the Central Council by

'MINOR RINGER No. 0.'

**RINGWOOD BELLS RESTORED.****ANOTHER MAGNIFICENT GIFT OF THE BARRON BELL TRUST.**

In the presence of a large congregation, including 30 to 40 visiting ringers, the restored ring of eight bells at Ringwood, Hants, was rededicated by the Vicar, the Very Rev. R. O. P. Taylor, on Sunday, July 1st. The service opened with the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England.'

Following the singing of the Magnificat, the service of dedication took place in the nave beneath the tower. Mr. F. Hopkins, senior trustee of the Barron Bell Trust, handed a bell rope (which was attached to the tenor bell) to the Vicar, saying: 'In the name of the Barron Bell Trust I convey this restored peal of bells and their appurtenances to the custody of the Vicar and churchwardens of Ringwood.' The prayers of dedication then followed, and as the last 'Amen' was uttered, the bells pealed out, rung by members of the local band.

In his address the Vicar spoke of the beauty of bells, and explained how, through the hearing of Shannon bells, a lady, Miss E. Barron, founded the trust to which Ringwood owed its thanks for the restoration of its bells.

At the conclusion of the service the bells took the place of the organ by ringing while the choir and clergy left the church, this being carried out by six officers of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and two officers of the Salisbury Guild, who rang a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples.

At the tea which followed, the Vicar expressed his gratitude to the Barron Bell trustees, and also spoke a word of welcome to the visiting ringers.

Mr. Hopkins said that he was glad to see that the gifts of the trust gave so much delight among ringers.

A move was afterwards made to the belfry, and the bells were rung by visiting ringers from Christchurch, Portsmouth, Fareham, North Stoneham, Crawley, Winchester, Bishopstoke, Southampton, Botley, Poole, Salisbury, Wareham, by members of the local band, and by Mr. Martin Stewart, Ferndown, and Mr. W. Shute, from somewhere in North Dorset, to methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

The bells, three of which, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, have been recast and the rest retuned, now make a very fine ring of eight. They have been rehung in new fittings and ball bearings on the existing frame, and everyone present agreed that Messrs. Taylor and Co. had again left their mark in the form of a first-class job.

W. E. C.

**SAFFRON WALDEN RINGERS' OUTING.**

Members of the Saffron Walden Society held their annual outing on Monday, July 2nd, the weather being ideal. Travelling by motor coach via Newmarket and Bury St. Edmunds, the first call was made at Stowmarket, where touches of Stedman Triples, London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were rung. The party then proceeded to Woodbridge, where hot lunch was served at the Sun Hotel. Afterwards the party went to the fine Parish Church, where they were met by Mr. J. Trotman. The bells were soon set going, the methods rung being Stedman Triples, London, Cambridge and Superlative. The journey was then continued to Felixstowe, where a few enjoyable hours were spent beside the sea.

On the return journey a call was made at Ipswich, where the party was met by Messrs. G. Symonds, C. J. Sedgely and several other ringing friends of the St. Mary-le-Tower band. Touches of Stedman Cinques and a course of Cambridge Maximus were rung on this fine peal.

The homeward journey was continued at 8.45, and Saffron Walden was reached at 11.30 p.m., after a most delightful outing.

The society would like to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells, the steeplekeepers for having everything ready, and also those members of the Ipswich band who so kindly met them and helped to make the ringing so enjoyable.

**CALL IT A DAY.**

On Saturday, June 30th, the Helmingham band held their annual outing. They left St. Mary's Church at 6.30 a.m. for a day among Essex towers. Witham was the first call, and then they went on to Brentwood, where they were joined by Mr. E. J. Butler, who kindly acted as guide for the day. At The Retreat, Chigwell Row, Mrs. Richardson had an excellent hot lunch prepared, and after this had been disposed of a move was made to the tower, where a few courses were rung before going on to Woodford, Romford and Hornchurch. Tea at the King's Head Hotel was greatly appreciated, after which a pleasant hour was spent in ringing St. Andrew's bells. On the return journey the guide was left at Romford, and home reached about midnight. The methods rung ranged from Bob Major to London and Bristol Surprise, and a course of an unnamed method at Hornchurch. The band wish to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all towerkeepers for having everything in readiness and the clergy for giving permission to ring, and, last but not least, Mr. E. J. Butler for his great help in arranging the route and making this one of the best outings the band has ever had.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting which was to have been held at Everleigh to-morrow, by the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild, has been postponed.

Mr. Maurice Smith, of Banbury, thanks all ringers for their kind inquiries and messages of sympathy in his illness. He is now discharged from St. George's Hospital.

The prize-winning numbers in the draw in connection with the Newington Church Tower Restoration Fund are 259, 545 and 614. Holders should forward their tickets with full postal address to Mr. T. Jull, 14, Station Road, Newington, Sittingbourne, Kent.

The Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild has no fewer than 78 honorary members, whose subscriptions last year amounted to £16 15s.—£6 14s. more than the contributions of the ringing members!

The Portsmouth District spent £5 and the Winchester District £4 4s. on assistance to towers.

At the opening of the bells at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on July 18th, 1798, the College Youths rang a peal of 5,184 Grandsire Cinques.

## THE MOST TRAVELLED BELL IN HISTORY.

### NOW IN INCHCAPE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

A bell with a history has been hung in the bell turret of the Inchcape Memorial Chapel, at the Royal Merchant Seaman's Orphanage, Bear-Wood, Wokingham, Berks.

The bell, dedicated by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Buckingham on Wednesday, July 4th, was formerly on the R.M.S. 'Britannic,' which steamed between 1874 and 1903 2,232,989 miles, and carried 416,124 passengers and troops. The bell will be used for all divine services.

There is also a magnificent organ installed in the chapel.

W. H. H.

## 'GREAT RINGING DAY' AT SAFFRON WALDEN.

### VICAR'S INSTRUCTIONS ON ANCIENT BELLS.

The 311th anniversary of Saffron Walden's 'Great Ringing Day' was, by the kind permission of the Vicar, held on Saturday, June 30th. Visitors came from all parts and included Mr. E. P. Duffield (Colchester), Master of the Essex Association, Mr. G. Dent, Master of North-Western District, Essex Association, Messrs. A. Pye, E. W. Pye (Leytontone), G. Lucas (Tottenham), T. Jordan (Stansted), J. Ward (Melbourn), T. Chinery (Cambridge), B. Buttress (Fulbourne), F. Hurry (Sawston), P. Webb (Icklestone), R. King (Royston), — Barnard (Braughing), and others.

The bells were kept going most of the morning till 12.30, when the usual festival service was held. The Vicar (Rev. L. Hughes, M.A., D.D.) conducted the service and preached a most interesting sermon on the life of St. Dunstan, the patron saint of bellringers.

Hot lunch was served at the King's Arms, the chair being taken by Mr. A. E. Pitstow (Master). In a short speech the Chairman welcomed the visitors and thanked the Vicar for his very interesting sermon.

In his reply the Vicar said he had received instructions that in future no ancient bell was to be recast, but instead was to be welded. If it was not welded it was to be preserved and a new one cast in its place.

In replying for the visitors, Mr. E. P. Duffield said how pleased he and all visitors were to be at Saffron Walden, and thought that the festival should have further advertisement and, in his opinion, a lot could be done at the annual meeting of the Essex Association. He was very impressed by the Vicar's sermon, and thought that a full report should be sent to 'The Ringing World,' as it would be of the greatest interest to every ringer in the country.

The toast of 'The Saffron Walden Society' was proposed by Mr. G. Dent, seconded by Mr. A. Pye.

The bells were afterwards kept going during the afternoon and evening until 8.30 p.m., when most of the company retired to the Cross Keys Hotel, where the day ended with a social gathering.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH MEETING.

Over thirty members and visitors turned up at Redenhall on Saturday on the occasion of the general meeting of the South Norfolk Branch. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross (Barnehurst) and representatives from Diss, Garboldisham, Pulham, Bungay, Winfarthing, Shelfanger, Loddon, Stoke Ash, Hethersett, Wymondham, St. Margaret's, Norwich, and the local band took part in ringing a variety of methods from Stedman Triples and Bob Major to Cambridge, Superlative, Norfolk and London Surprise.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. L. Duffield, the branch chairman, Mr. George H. Cross, was elected to the chair. The routine business was soon disposed of; the date of the next meeting fixed on September 29th—a joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild, if possible, at Thetford—and votes of thanks to Mr. Churchwarden Davey for his welcome, and the Rev. R. H. Tippon for the use of the bells.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSES DISTRICT FUNDS.

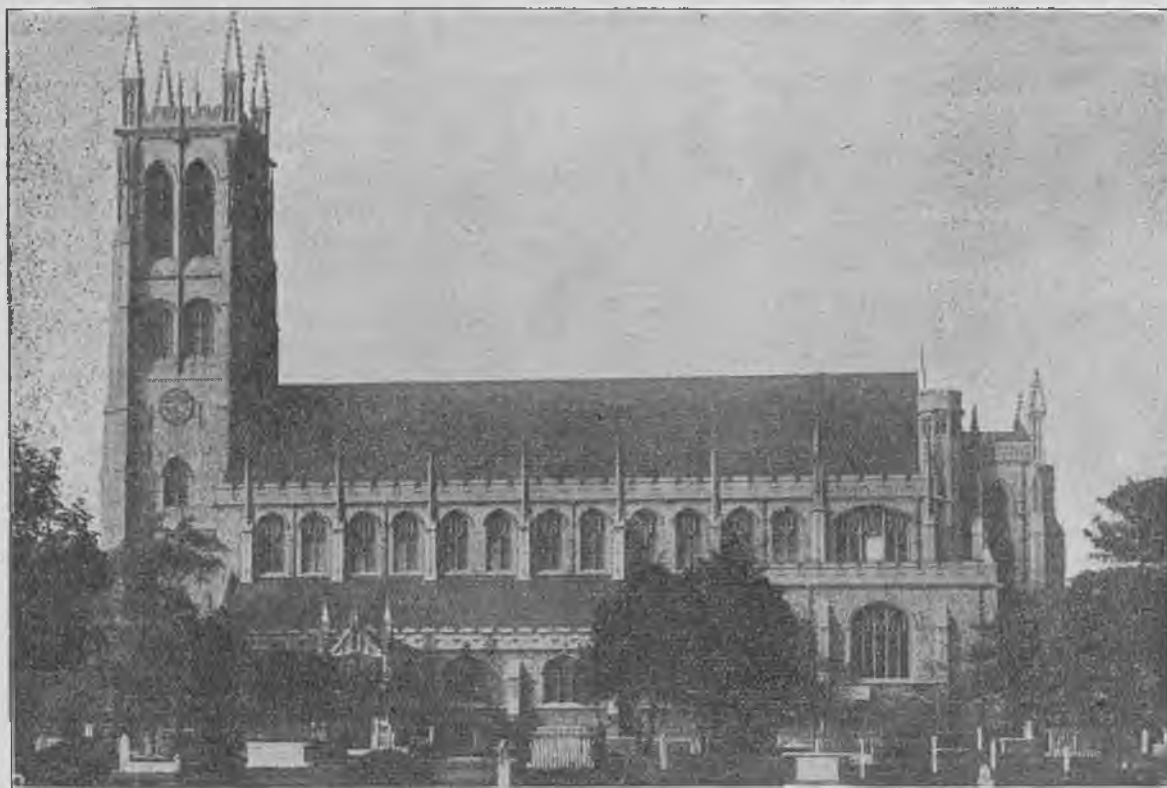
The annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Portsea, on Saturday. There was brilliant weather, which might have offered a strong inducement to visiting members to tarry by the sea, but they turned up in considerable numbers for the business meeting held in the afternoon in the Parish Institute. The Master (Mr. G. Williams) presided, supported by the hon. treasurer (Rev. Evan Jones) and the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers). Members were present from Bishop's Waltham, Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Dibden, Fareham, Godshill (Isle of Wight), Highclere, North Stoneham, Overton, Portsea, Portsmouth, Petersfield, Ryde and Sandown (Isle of Wight), Southampton, Swanmore, Titchfield, Twyford, Ventnor (Isle of Wight), and Wickham, with visitors from Brighton and Woking.

The meeting was to have been held at Petersfield, but the hon. secretary explained that the Vicar of Petersfield was sorry it was not

The hon. treasurer submitted the accounts, which had been printed. In the treasurer's account there was a balance of £59 15s. 9d. from 1932 and £72 12s. 9d. received from the eight districts; £30 10s. was transferred to the general purposes fund, £7 to the general secretary's account, and £31 16s. 5d. disbursed in the general expenses, leaving a balance of £62 2s. 9d. in the bank and 19s. 4d. in hand. The general purposes fund, which forms a deposit account, began the year with a balance of £35 4s. 10d. It had been added to by the transfer of £30 10s. from the general account and 7s. 3d. interest. £2 2s. had been given to a restoration scheme at Ryde and £2 2s. to Leckford, leaving £62 8s. 1d. in the bank. The hon. secretary's fund had a balance of £3 16s. 7½d. in hand.

Mr. G. Pullinger suggested they were not getting sufficient interest on their deposit account, and thought they should transfer some of the money to the Post Office Savings Bank, where they would get 2½ per cent. and the money would be on easy call if wanted.

The Treasurer said they might have less money at their disposal later on if the motion on the agenda was carried. It had also been suggested in committee that they might spend more in propaganda.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSEA.

Of cathedral-like proportions; externally it is faced with flints.

convenient to go there that day as he would be away on his holidays and the curate had left the parish. The alternate vote at the last meeting had been for Portsmouth, but the arrangements in connection with the Cathedral Pilgrimage had made it impossible to go there. The Vicar of St. Mary's, however, readily granted them permission to hold the meeting at Portsea. The secretary also mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from a number who were unable to attend.

### SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Master in his report said the Guild might well congratulate the district officers on the financial position. The 50 per cent. paid over to the hon. treasurer for the year must be a record one, viz., £72 12s. 9d. Although the number of active members was slightly down, this was made up for by additional life and honorary members. The increase in finance seemed to imply that the smaller districts worked more efficiently. Bell augmentation and restoration went on steadily. The addition of two trebles to the fine ring of eight at St. Mary's, Southampton (given by the Barron Bell Trust) had made a magnificent ring of ten, and other jobs were in progress. The Guild's thanks were again due to the trust for the kind consideration of the applications made to them. Thanks were also due to the various incumbents for readily placing their bells at the disposal of the Guild during a week's ringing tour in September last; to the whole of the officers for a successful year's work; and to the life and hon. members for their support.

It was decided to place £30 of the balance in the Post Office Savings Bank in the names of the Master and hon. treasurer of the Guild as trustees.

The whole of the officers were re-elected en bloc, Mr. Pullinger, who proposed this, remarking that they had a good lot, and it would be a mistake to change them.—Mr. Tucker seconded, and added the thanks of the Guild to the officers for their services.—The Master and hon. secretary briefly replied. The latter said he did not try to please everybody, but if he had displeased anyone he hoped he had not hurt them too much.

The executive officers are: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Rev. Evan Jones; recorder of peals, Mr. C. E. Bassett; auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

### DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE LESS.

Mr. Pullinger proposed that rule 8 be altered to reduced the contribution of the districts to the general fund from 50 per cent. to 40 per cent. of the contributions of honorary and ringing members. He said when the Guildford people broke away from the old Guild and formed a Guild of their own, and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild decided to form smaller districts, the 50 per cent. contribution to the general fund was looked upon as an experimental figure. He considered the time had now arrived when they could reduce the amount of that contribution and so keep more money in the districts, where it could be spent with advantage to the Guild, by enabling the districts to do more work. They would be able to do more in making

grants for restoration work and show those whom they were trying to interest that they were not out to take all the time, but that they were willing and ready to give. He did not think the reduction of ten per cent. would, in the long run, make much difference to the central fund, for he believed it would be made up by an increased membership. The money retained by the districts would be spent in the districts, and he thought the Guild as a whole would benefit by it.—Mr. Stone seconded.

Mr. W. T. Tucker said this proposal would make the rich districts richer, but would not do much to help the small districts. He would like to see their funds centralised, and in any case he did not think a district should retain a balance of more than £3 at the end of any year. The district balances ought to be paid over to the treasurer and invested.

Mr. W. Linter supported this view.

Mr. Pullinger said the districts used to pay over their balances under the old rule, but while some sent in 67 or 70 per cent. others spent far more and contributed much less to the central fund. Under the present rules they all contributed the same percentage, and that must be fair. It was up to every district to make itself solvent. He was against centralising the funds. They wanted 'home rule' for the districts, and if they centralised the money they took away the power of the districts, and the districts would lose interest.

The Hon. Treasurer thought they ought to give more instead of less power to the districts. He thought it would be a tremendous help. He believed the work of the Guild was greatly stimulated where they were able to make small grants for restoration work, and some districts could do a lot because they had a good deal of money. He thought those districts that had the money ought to spend more in advancing the work of the Guild, and he supported the resolution.

The Master said the executive committee at their meeting that morning unanimously supported the resolution.

The Treasurer thought their rules might be amended so that small districts in need of money might be able to get help from the general fund.

The motion was carried nem con.

Mr. L. Duda, St. Mary's, Portsea, and Mr. A. A. Walsgrove, North Stoneham, were elected members of the Guild.

Basingstoke was selected for the next annual meeting, with Southampton as the alternative place.

The Hon. Secretary read the letter received from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' with reference to the scheme for sending to Australia albums of photographs of the cathedrals and notable churches. He said the Guild would be honoured by having two of its members in the party who were going to Melbourne, the Rev. E. Bankes James and Mr. W. Linter, and the scheme should therefore specially appeal to the Guild. It had been discussed by the committee, who thought they ought to give it hearty support, but, in order that no unpleasantness should arise as to the towers selected, they suggested it should be restricted to the two cathedrals.

At the request of the hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith gave further details of the scheme, and on the motion of Mr. G. Pullinger the committee's recommendation to present photographs of Winchester and Portsmouth Cathedrals was agreed to.

#### A GIFT TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Master, as one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, briefly reported on the meeting at Warwick and, referring to the motion with regard to the falling-off in 'first peelers,' said Mr. Atkins, the mover, told a very doleful tale and seemed to have been canvassing the grumblers in his district. He (Mr. Williams) was able to tell the Council what was happening in their own Guild.

Mr. W. Barton, another representative, in a written report said to his mind the most useful feature of the Council's work was the opportunities which the meetings afforded of informal discussions between representatives of the different guilds and associations upon matters affecting the Exercise as a whole, and upon methods relative to the organisation and management of ringing bodies both diocesan and parochial. He did not think the time spent in discussing Mr. Atkins' motion was wasted. It brought out many interesting expressions of opinions, and Mr. Williams' remarks at the meeting adequately expressed the point of view of their own Guild.

Mr. G. Pullinger, who also attended the meeting, called attention to the fact that the Council desired to collect the county bell histories for the library. He thought it would be nice if that Guild would present to the Council a copy of the history of the bells of Hampshire, written by the late Rev. W. E. Colchester. It was not complete, but it was the only book there was.—Major Stilwell seconded, and this was agreed to.

Mr. W. Noice (secretary of the Winchester District) wrote pointing out that it was proposed to erect a memorial in the Cathedral to Canon Madge, who was one of the founders of the Winchester Guild, and suggesting that the Guild should give a donation. It was resolved that a sum of one guinea be contributed.

The Master said it would be open to the Guild to do something independently. He would like to see some memorial to Canon Madge worthy of the Guild in the tower.

Mr. B. J. Snow (hon. secretary, Isle of Wight District) proposed that a grant of five guineas be given to the bell restoration at Godshill, Isle of Wight. They had there a very keen band of twelve ringers, and it was hoped that while the old six bells were being re-

stored two additional pits would be provided in the new iron frame, so that trebles could be added in the future.

The Master said the committee recommended this grant, and the meeting agreed to it.

A recommendation was carried that first peals, first peals in a new method, etc., should be shown by conductors when sending reports of peals to the ringing Press.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' was welcomed by the Master, and he was thanked for his attendance, on the motion of Mr. W. J. Tucker, who took the opportunity of urging all ringers to become subscribers to the paper.

#### BISHOP'S ADDRESS TO RINGERS.

This terminated the business, and the members then attended service in St. Mary's Church, the Guild Office being conducted by the Vicar (Canon G. C. L. Lunt).

The preacher was the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth (Dr. E. N. Lovett), who, speaking from the floor of the church, said he was very pleased to see such a large gathering in view of the other events taking place in the adjoining diocese. He was quite certain, he said, that the work the ringers were doing for God's glory on earth was part of the glory in which they would stand over yonder.

Basing his address on the words, 'A bell and a pomegranate' (Deut. xxxviii, 24), he pointed out that this text was evidence that the bell had been used in connection with worship from the days of the children of Israel, and from the third century of the Christian era bells had been used to call people to worship and to mark Sunday. It had been the custom in many parishes for hundreds of years to ring the bells at eight o'clock on Sunday morning, whether there was a celebration of Holy Communion or not, to tell the people that it was Sunday. The tongues of the bells were intended to proclaim holy things, said the Bishop, but they could not do so without the help of the ringers. God worked through them. There were probably several answers to the question why they liked ringing. They enjoyed it, and they might do much worse things for enjoyment than that. They might also say it was an art. An art was something which came out of their life, and those who listened were appealed to in proportion to the skill which the ringers put into it. All art was precious to mankind, because art came from what was best in the mind of man. But ringing was not only a pleasure and an art, it was also a privilege. God had given them the art and skill, and it was a privilege to be one of those who summoned the Christian Church to worship. There were some people who grumbled about bells, but all the same, if an attempt was made to silence the bells of England, they would get an enormous majority who would say, 'By no means. We should be sorry indeed to be without our bells and without our ringers.' They played a part in English life and did it for the glory of God. While churchpeople were exceedingly grateful to those who rang the bells, the ringers ought to be grateful that there was something so definite and clear that they could do to witness to the importance of church worship. He did not think ringers would differ from him when he said they should live up to their high office. He had had splendid teams of ringers at four different churches, where there had been peals of bells, and he always liked to think of ringers as men against whom nobody in the parish had anything to say. Ringers should bear in mind that they were witnesses of God, and had to try to live up to a high standard. They should go on ringing, he said, as much as they could—it was worth it in the very perplexed world in which they lived. They had the art; they had the opportunity; they had trained themselves in skill; it was real good work for a good purpose. It was also something to help them to remember that men's lives must be like a bell all the time—they had to be hung level and had to swing level, and if they did this all through life they would be doing the will of God.

At the close of the service, the Bishop shook hands with all the ringers as they left the church, and enquired where they came from.

Tea was served on the lawn of the Vicarage, the company being joined by Canon Lunt, to whom a vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. Evan Jones.

During the evening there was ringing on the bells of St. Mary's Church, which last year were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at the expense of the Barron Bell Trust.

#### MARTOCK RINGERS' EXCURSION.

For their annual outing the Martock, Somerset, ringers, with their friends, made a journey into Dorset and Hampshire on Saturday, June 30th. Making an early start, Wimborne was reached at 9 a.m. After a brief halt the journey was resumed to Lyndhurst for the first ringing of the day, but the 'go' of the peal of six here was not all that could be desired. Stops were also made for ringing at Brockenhurst, Lymington and Milford-on-Sea. The last ringing of the day took place at Christchurch. On arrival the visitors found Mr. G. Preston waiting, and the majority of the band had their first experience of 12-bell ringing on this fine peal.

Before the return a couple of hours were spent at Bournemouth. The band are indebted to all the incumbents who so willingly opened their towers to the, and also those who met them with such friendly welcome. They are especially grateful to Mr. Martin Stewart and Mr. G. Preston for their help in making arrangements.

## TWO LONDON RINGERS DEAD.

Mr. Walter Prime Dies After Ringing.

FATALITY TO MR. GEORGE R. FARDON.

London ringing circles lost two well known figures under tragically sudden circumstances last week-end.

On Friday, after ringing at the Imperial Institute in celebration of the wedding anniversary of their Majesties the King and Queen, Mr. Walter Prime, one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, collapsed and died in the ringing chamber.

On Saturday, while motor-cycling to a meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Banbury, Mr. George R. Fardon, also a member of the College Youths, met with an accident at Stoke Mandeville. He was taken to hospital and succumbed to his injuries on Sunday.

Mr. Walter Prime had been associated with ringing in London for between fifty and sixty years, and in the circle of his intimate friends he was dearly loved for his sterling qualities. Retiring in disposition, Mr. Prime was one of the quiet workers behind the scenes. While he was able to ring the standard methods inside, his great forte was ringing the tenor behind. In this task he probably had no superior, and for years he could be found twice every Sunday 'on the box' at St. Paul's Cathedral covering the customary three courses of Stedman Cinques, which always form the service touch.



THE LATE MR. PRIME.

Most, if not all, of his peal ringing was done on the tenor, and he has shared in some notable performances. His first peal was rung on the tenor at St. Peter's, Walworth, on February 2nd, 1882, a peal of Grand-sire Triples, conducted by F. E. Dawe. On December 8th, 1883, he rang the tenor at All Saints', Fulham, to the then record length of 11,111 Stedman Cateters in 7 hrs. 12 mins., conducted by the late James Pettit. A little later Mr. Prime was on the tenor at Cornhill when an attempt was made to set up a new Stedman Cinques record. The length intended was 10,032, but it came to

grief after 7 hrs. 35 mins., with only two bobs to call in the homing course.

Mr. Prime was the first man to ring Bow tenor single-handed to a peal of Stedman Cinques, and in 1894, with Mr. W. T. Cockerill, he rang St. Paul's Cathedral tenor to the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus on the bells. He also rang the tenor to the first peal on the bells at the Imperial Institute on August 9th, 1902, in honour of the coronation of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra. Mr. Prime's last peal was with the veterans at Hart Street, City, when a new peal ringing age record was set up. It was a remarkable performance, the eight ringers being between 70 and 82 years of age, and their average 76½ years. What made the achievement the more notable was that the peal, which occupied 2 hrs. 59 mins., was rung after an abortive attempt which lasted 1 hr. 21 mins., and came to grief through a broken rope. In this peal Mr. Prime, as usual, rang the tenor.

Throughout his long connection with London ringing Mr. Prime was actively identified with the Ancient Society of College Youths and, after serving in various offices, became Master for one year in 1897. At the time of his death he was one of the trustees—the other being his very old friend, Mr. C. F. Winney—an office he had discharged for many years.

Mr. Prime was 79 years of age.

Mr. Prime's sudden death in their midst was naturally a great shock to his colleagues. He had just rung the tenor to a touch of Stedman Cateters, and was sitting on one of the belfry seats, when he collapsed. There are nearly 250 steps up to the ringing chamber at the Imperial Institute, and it took some few minutes to summon medical aid. A doctor was found on the premises, but all he could do, when he reached the belfry, was to pronounce life extinct. It was not until the next day that the body could be removed from the chamber.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the first part of the service being at St. Michael's, London Fields, and the interment at Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington.

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## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S MINOR DECISION EMBODIED IN RULES.

An ideal spot, situated amid gorgeous scenery, beautiful summer weather, two rings of eight bells, and a party of some 40 odd ringers! Can anything further be said than to add that a very successful meeting was held at Matlock and Darley Dale on Saturday afternoon, June 30th?

The committee met in the schools at 3.30 p.m., and carried out their routine and other duties. Among the latter, the new rules passed at the annual meeting, which were held over pending the Central Council's decision on the Bankes James' Minor peal, were authorised to be printed, inserting under the clause of what constitutes a peal the Central Council minute on the above Minor composition.

Further it was decided to contribute to the cost of photos about to be taken to Australia in the forthcoming tour. These are to include the Cathedrals of Derby, Leicester and Southwell; Leicester (St. Margaret's), Tideswell, Chesterfield, Loughborough (All Saints') and Burton (St. Paul's) churches.

Tea was served in the Duke William Hotel, and some 40 members and friends (including a number of ladies) enjoyed the good fare. The meeting followed, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the president, being in the chair, supported by Mr. Wm. E. White (hon. treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (secretary). The president gave a resume of the past quarter's work, the peals rung, etc.

The Vicar of Matlock came in and gave the visitors a hearty welcome in a brief but witty speech.

New members proposed since the previous meeting, viz., one life, two rejoins, 14 ringing, were duly elected.

Messrs. W. E. White, J. H. Swinfield and E. C. Gobey, the association's representatives on the Central Council, each spoke at some length on the meeting of that body at Warwick at Whitsuntide.

Hearty votes of thanks to the local society for the excellent arrangements made concluded the meeting. Further ringing, both at Matlock and Darley Dale, terminated an enjoyable gathering.

The next meeting will be held at the end of September at Duffield, when it is hoped to have a joint gathering with the Ladies' Guild.

## CAMBRIDGE VISITED.

Leaving Kettering by motor coach on Saturday afternoon, June 30th, a party of ringers from Kettering and Thrapston districts set out for Cambridge. Eaton Socon was the first stop, where the party was met by Mr. H. Fields, of St. Neots, and St. Neots bells not being available owing to funerals, time allowed for extra ringing on this new peal installed in the rebuilt church, the original ring having been destroyed in the fire which reduced the whole building to a ruin. Some good ringing was enjoyed, touches of Stedman and Double Norwich, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major being brought round. Tea was served at St. Neots, after which the journey was continued to Cambridge, where the Catholic Church was first visited, and the ringers were met by Mr. R. Lathbury and Miss V. Shorter, who had the bells 'up' in readiness. Some well-struck touches of Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich were brought round on this magnificent peal. St. Benedict's was the last call, and the bells were soon going to Cambridge Surprise, Minor and Stedman Doubles, and it was found that they are badly in need of a spanner round them. Home was reached about eleven o'clock, after a most enjoyable outing. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' thanks are expressed to the clergy for the use of the bells, to Mr. Fields and Mr. Lathbury for having everything in readiness, and, last but not least, to Mr. Frank Warrington and Miss Kitty Willers for their assistance.

(Continued from previous column.)

The memorial 'whole pull and stand' will be rung at St. Paul's Cathedral this evening.

The accident which cost Mr. George Fardon his life happened while he was motor-cycling to Banbury.

Mr. Fardon was a Gloucestershire man, having been born at Bourton-on-the-Hill on September 30th, 1873, and was thus 60 years of age. He was only eight years old when he first learned to ring a bell at the church in his native village, and he rang with the local ringers for the jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. In the following year he came to London as an apprentice in electrical engineering, and did nothing in the belfry until 1905, when he once more took up ringing and joined St. Luke's Society, Chelsea. Here he learned the greater part of his change ringing. He was Master of the society in 1897 and 1898, and in the former year formed the then St. James' Society, of which he was Master in 1907 and 1908. He was one of the younger spirits who turned the St. James' Society into the London County Association, to give it greater scope, and he became Master in 1911, and represented the association on the Central Council. He was a member of numerous other ringing organisations, among them the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which he was elected Master in 1921 and served for one year.

In recent years Mr. Fardon had not done as much ringing as formerly, but he regularly attended the meetings of the College Youths, and both he and the late Mr. Prime were present at the fortnightly meeting at headquarters the week before last.

**SWINDON RINGERS VISIT HAMPSHIRE.**

**ROMSEY ABBEY AND CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY INCLUDED IN LONG TOUR.**

Swindon Parish Church ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, June 23rd, and were favoured with fine though rather dull weather. A start was made at 8 a.m. with Romsey as the objective. On arrival at the Abbey, Mr. Paskins was found in attendance, and the excellent peal of eight was fully employed for the time allowed. The next port of call was North Stoneham, where that genial veteran, Mr. George Williams, welcomed the party. Ringing on this bright little ten was much enjoyed, the proceedings terminating with a course of Cambridge Royal. Mr. Williams was appointed pilot, and successfully steered the party to Christchurch, where lunch was taken at the King's Arms Hotel. After an excellent repast some difficulty was experienced in negotiating the 100 steps to the Priory Church ringing chamber, a general shortness of breath being noticeable. Despite his 79 years Mr. Alfred Lawrence, Swindon's veteran ringer, made the long climb with ease. Mr. George Preston had made the arrangements at the church, and the ringing ranged from 'rounds' to Stedman Cinques. Downton was the next stop, where the local men had kindly raised the heavy peal of six. A halt was made at Salisbury for tea, and here Mr. Williams left the party. The last call was Amesbury, where the Vicar and Mr. Miles met the visitors. The six bells were up in readiness, and were fully employed for half an hour, after which the chariot was headed for home, Swindon being reached at 9.45 p.m. Very nice timing!

Thanks are extended to all who contributed towards the success of the outing.

**WINCHESTER GUILD'S YOUNGEST CONDUCTOR ?**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reference to the youngest ringer to conduct a peal for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, I should like to point out that Mr. Leonard Stone, of Christchurch, who was at that time a member of the Priory band, called Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Ringwood on January 29th, 1921, for the Winchester Diocesan Guild. He was then 16 years of age, and the peal was my first.

WM. E. CHEATER.

Ringwood.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, June 17th, at Bishop Ryders Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. E. Norman 1, H. H. Fearn 2, G. E. Fearn 3, W. Dowling 4, J. Neale 5, F. Haynes 6, D. T. Matkin (conductor) 7, J. George 8.

**WOODFORD, ESSEX.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 3rd, in honour of the 69th birthday of His Majesty King George V., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the local band: B. Weaver 1, A. Bass 2, R. G. Cousins 3, S. Webb 4, J. G. Prior 5, C. R. Morris 6, J. A. Waugh (conductor) 7, W. Morley 8. This was also a compliment to Mr. C. Morris, son of the popular Woodford Ringing Master, Mr. C. R. Morris, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Ruby Powell. Other ringing on this date was shared by Messrs. F. and H. Corney, N. Masterson and B. W. Brighty.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Murrell (first quarter-peal) 1, W. A. Kitchen 2, H. Hammond 3, L. Mitchell (first quarter-peal) 4, A. Lewry 5, F. Hammond 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 26th, St. Andrew's on the 19th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Shield contest will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 14th. Draw 2.45. For tea please notify Mr. W. A. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, near Sheffield. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane, near Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available all day. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on July 14th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 4.45, 9d. each, to all sending names to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at Dibden on July 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Eling and Fawley bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock in the Institute. A good attendance is requested. A few subscriptions are still outstanding, and should be paid at this meeting.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer Festival at Farnham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock (preacher, the Lord Bishop of Guildford). Tea, 6 p.m., 1s. each, at Rogers' Restaurant. Castle Grounds open to ringers and friends after tea. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Rector.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All members and friends welcome. A pleasant afternoon's outing.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bromley on July 14th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow in Church Room. Kindly let me know if you want tea.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Brecon, Saturday, July 14th. 12 noon to 2.45 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church open for ringing (eight bells). 3 p.m. service at Brecon Cathedral (preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon). 4 p.m., tea at Tower Cottage. 4.30 p.m., business meeting.—L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester and Bramley on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Silchester Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Orwell on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Barrington bells (6) may be rung in the evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Mortimer on July 14th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall, free to all members of the Guild.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at East Markham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (8) ready for 2.30 p.m. All are welcome.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, July 14th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Bottesford on Saturday, July 14th, at 2.30. Tea can be had at cafe. Visitors welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Buxted on Saturday, July 14th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting is to be held to-morrow (July 14th) at St. Mary's, Woodford, from 3 p.m. Tea, etc., will be at 5.30 p.m.—James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77a, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting at Everleigh on the 14th has had to be postponed until a later date.—A. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence's, Reading. Dedication of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn memorial in cloisters immediately after service, followed by business meeting in Chapter house. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. to non-members. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, to reach general secretary by Wednesday, July 18th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at service for Guild restoration fund. Cheap railway tickets from all stations in diocese, G.W.R. and L.M.S. All college and city towers open as in past years.—Richard T. Hibbert, sec., 69, York Rd, Reading.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (recently augmented to a ring of ten) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 1s. per head to those, and only to those, who notify me not later than Monday, July 16th. Half fares up to two shillings will be paid to members attending this meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Tenterden, in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meetings after. Half travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Marindin Institute. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Secretary, 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton (eight bells) on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Polstead (6 bells) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 21st. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5.45. Please send card if you require tea. Ringing at Stoke after tea.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Contest for Society's Silver Cup will take place at Clowne (6 bells) on Saturday, July 21st. Draw at 2.30 p.m. For tea let me know by the 16th certain.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseale on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 17th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Dis. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 21st. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21st, at Kingstone, near Ilminster. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, weather permitting, on the Rectory lawn at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, but those requiring tea please inform D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, July 21st. 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.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Petherton on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Come in crowds. Create interest. Numbers not later than Tuesday next. — C. Evans, Hon. Sec., Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hope on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. Daniels, 8, Shepherd's Row, Redbourn, by July 19th.—W. Ayre, Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea must please notify Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs., by Wednesday previous. All welcome. — C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, in Church Hall, at 5.30. The Rectory garden will be available to the visitors. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Black Dog. Business meeting to follow.

—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Annual meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Langport on Saturday, July 21st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Huish Episcopi bells available.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, July 21st. Arrangements as usual.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to Mr. S. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, by July 19th. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bicker on Saturday, July 21st. 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 16th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint practice of the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. — C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, July 21st. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Visitors welcome.—F. D. Rickards, Hon. Sec., 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Som.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarter meeting will be held at Titchfield on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by July 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, July 21st, on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board recording a peal rung to commemorate the 1,050th anniversary of the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. A. Brown, 7, Finchale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, as soon as possible.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A practice meeting will be held at North Cadbury in the afternoon, and Castle Cary in the evening, on Saturday, July 21st.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**LONDON, E.11.**—At Christ Church, Wanstead, the Bishop of Chelmsford will dedicate, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 21st, the new ring of 6 bells, installed by Messrs. John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—The ring of 6 (tenor 11 cwt.), restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, July 22nd, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—The new peal of 12 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringing after the service will be limited. Will ringers intending to be present please advise at once, so that bands can be made up. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing from 10.30 a.m. Those requiring tea, at moderate charge, must advise by July 26th, as catering arrangements are awkward. All ringers welcome. Please advise early.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynham Road, Trowbridge.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A summer meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, near Halifax, on Saturday, July 28th, when the eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 4.30 p.m. in the National Schools, for all who notify Mr. E. Lawson, 5, North Royd, Hipperholme, near Halifax, by Thursday, July 26th. No business meeting. The church is three minutes' walk from Lightcliffe L.M.S. Station, and is passed by the Yorkshire buses from Leeds, Cleckheaton and Halifax. The Cliffe Hill Nurseries of Mr. H. White will be open for all who care to look round, and the Memorial Stray is a picture at this time of the year. Therefore make an effort to attend this meeting, and bring your friends.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (12) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the President (Dr. J. B. Williamson), will be served at 5 p.m. in The Clarendon Hotel to those ringers who notify me before the 25th inst. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION, North-Western District, and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Leatherhead District.**—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Rannmore Common on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. H. Smith, Tudor Cottage, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey, by Wednesday, July 25th.—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN JUBILEE.**—Ringers' rally at the Minster on Saturday, August 11th. Book date. Full particulars later.

**ST. THOMAS', PENDLETON.**—Owing to repairs to the tower ringing is stopped until further notice.—W. H. Shuker.

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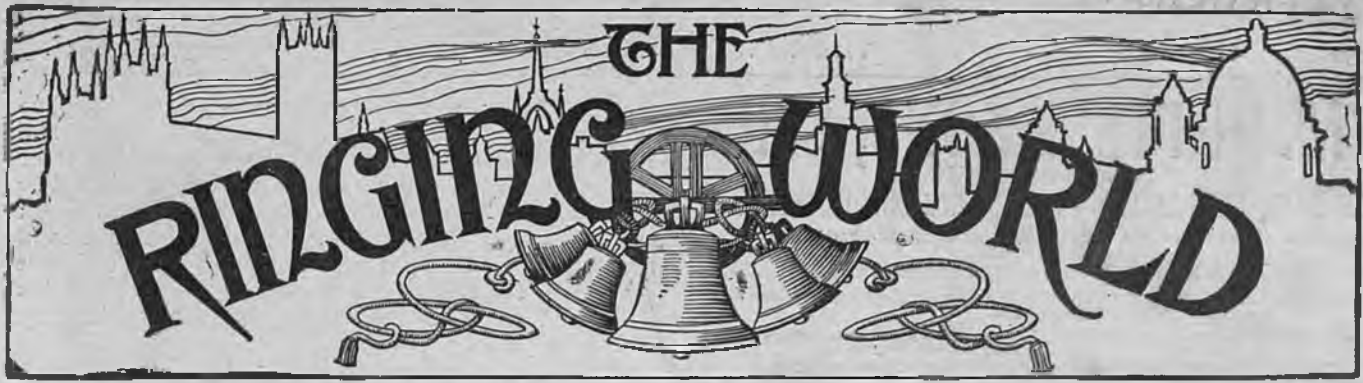
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Team work was in substance the subject of the address given by the Bishop of Guildford to the members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at their summer festival on Saturday. It was a thoughtful discourse, which applied to all walks of life where co-operation is essential, and it is peculiarly fitting in regard to the efforts of bell ringers. There is possibly no pursuit in which men engage for pleasure requiring greater team work than ringing. On the cricket and football field every man must play for his side if success is to be assured; in rowing, as the Bishop pointed out, the subservience of self is essential; but failure is probably more certain in ringing than in either of these pastimes unless the ringers are imbued with the real team spirit. Not only can peals be lost through carelessness which, after all, is only one form of breach of team work, but selfishness and indifference can break up a band. The man who is consistently late for service ringing; the man who attends practice only when it suits him; the man who will not trouble to learn a method at home and thus keeps the whole of the rest of the band back, shows a sad lack of appreciation of the team spirit, and is guilty of disloyalty to his colleagues and bad manners.

Team spirit is not only necessary when touch or peal is being rung—failure of the individual means failure for the whole band in such cases. It is necessary to make a successful company in other respects, and a great deal in this direction depends upon the leader. His tact and encouragement will make all the difference between success and failure. The maintaining of a full company depends upon how he handles his crew, and, while he leads, he need not necessarily monopolise all that is going in the shape of conducting. He will not remain for ever, and while providing for future emergencies, it is as well he should bear in mind that getting others to carry some of the responsibilities is one way of making sure of capable successors by increasing their knowledge and interest. The best leader is the man who gets the best out of his team and builds them up not only numerically but also in enthusiasm and all round ability. In doing this he shows the true team spirit.

On the other hand, there is no place in a successful band for the man who is not prepared to pull his full weight. There are many companies who would quickly rise to high efficiency as ringers but for, perhaps, one or two men who cannot be depended upon for punctuality or regularity; who may like ringing but never seem able to find time for study of the art outside the belfry, with resulting reaction on general progress. Nor should there be room for men

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On Tuesday, July 10, 1934, in Three Hours,

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Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED PYE ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 5
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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Albert W. Coles and Miss Rose L. Balbiani, which took place at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, on Sunday, July 8th.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

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HERBERT FULCHER ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5
ALFRED SMITH ... .. 2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 6
CHARLES LOOME ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

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EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... .. 5
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LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

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On Saturday, July 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JAMES TAYLOR (age 14) ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. 6
GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 3	F. DONALD BORRHAM ... .. 7
†HORACE H. HILLYER ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT

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Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK S. PALMER ... Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 5
J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... 2	WILFRED G. WILSON ... 6
*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
JAMES H. HUNNIBETT ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. The composition is an irregular four-part based on the 11-course blocks from Annable's manuscript.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRED MATTHEWS ... Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 6
EDWARD BARKER ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7
WALLACE COUSINS ... 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

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Conducted by A. G. BASON.

First peal as conductor.

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On Saturday, July 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR NEWTON ... Treble	HARRY WINGROVE ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2	JESSE HARRISON ... 6
ROLAND BIGGS ... 3	PERCY NEWTON ... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	REV. C. E. WIGG ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal of Major and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th.

BASFORD, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leo Degarius,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM DICKINSON ... Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 5
SAM PINDER ... 2	TOM CLARKE ... 6
WILLIAM THORNEY, JUN. ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
WILLIAM THORNEY ... 4	FREDERICK SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by F. SALTER.

Arranged and rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Dickinson, who entertained the band after the peal. Mr. Dickinson's 100th peal.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGAN.

On Saturday, July 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 27 cwt.

*G. PAGE ... Treble	†W. CROSS ... 5
J. LOVETT ... 2	E. STITCH ... 6
†W. PALMER ... 3	W. PAGE ... 7
H. DAVIES ... 4	H. CRABB ... Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal with bob peal in the method.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, April 29th, at All Saints' Church, for the chapel dedication service by the Bishop of St. Albans, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): M. Pulman 1, G. Freestone 2, C. Rush 3, G. Gray 4, H. J. Gray 5, W. Greenaway 6, G. W. Debenham 7, S. A. Carter (conductor) 8, J. Ladley 9, G. H. Ditton 10.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

HARRY LEWIS ... Treble	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	JAMES MORGAN ... 6
JOHN HAYES ... 3	SAMUEL JONES ... 7
GEORGE R. JONES ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

This peal was rung for the anniversary of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob at Over, on July 21st, 1923, in which the ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 7 took part.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ALBERT CATTERWALL ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	FRANK CLAYDON ... 6
*BERNARD W. PRITTY ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
ERNEST W. PYE ... 4	HARRY W. CATTERWALL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

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

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

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On Monday, June 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert, Stella.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being blocks of 2,160 and 1,440, and two 720's, all called differently  
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

THOMAS DODD ... Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 4
JACK A. BROWN ... 2	WILLIAM G. DAVIDSON ... 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by K. W. CHEESEMAN.

TANFIELD.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN THOMPSON ... Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 4
JACK BROWN ... 2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. K. Tyson, wife of an officer of this association. The funeral took place during the afternoon.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising an extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4
ERIC A. STEVENSON ... 2	Cecil V. EBBERSON ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Minor. First seven-method peal on the bells.

BEDDINGTON.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evensong, 1,237 Stedman Caters: Miss I. R. Kippin (first in the method) 1, D. Wright 2, F. W. Housden 3, Mrs. C. H. Kippin 4, A. J. Clayton 5, T. Metcalfe 6, F. Jennings 7, A. J. Trappitt 8, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 9, E. G. Talbot 10. Arranged for Mr. T. Metcalfe, on a visit from Middlesbrough.

### BENFIELDSDALE, CO. DURHAM. THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 13, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 1 Treble	*EDWARD HALL ... ... 4
*JOHN H. ELLIOTT ... ... 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... ... 5
*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3	THOMAS W. DODD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Ringers of 2, 3 4 and tenor are ringers at the above church.

### BEEDON, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jul. 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

RUBY HAZELL ... .. Treble	TOM CURTIS ... .. 4
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 2	HENRY T. E. CURTIS ... 5
SIBELLA DAVIS ... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

### HANDBELL PEAL.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT 3, BELL STREET,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5-5
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3-4	WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT MASTER'S MARRIAGE.

The attendance at the Stanmore meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on Saturday was undoubtedly affected by other attractions, but the three dozen members who were present had a very enjoyable time. Soon after three o'clock the bells were raised and were kept going in rounds and various methods until service time.

The service, which was taken by the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett), was brightened by some solos, well rendered by Miss K. Betts, and accompanied by the organist, Mr. Springett.

After tea, the usual business meeting was held. The vice-president being on holiday, the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) took the chair.

Before the minutes of the last meeting the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) moved a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. William B. Manning, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow. Mr. Coles said that he had known Mr. Manning for over 25 years, and had always found him kindly and courteous to others. He had never heard him speak an unkind word to or about anybody. He was most considerate in his dealings with his fellow-ringers, and always anxious to help. He had been a member of the Middlesex Association since its formation.—The vote of sympathy was carried by members standing in silence for a few moments.

Barnet was chosen for the next meeting, if possible, on August 18th.

Mr. Goodship proposed a vote of congratulation to their Master on the occasion of his recent marriage. 'Much mystery was attached to this event,' said Mr. Goodship, and he did not know if the lady's name really was Kate. However, they all wished Mr. Coles every happiness.—Mr. J. Bennett, in seconding, said that he thought it should be a vote of censure. On Leap Year Day of 1932 eight bachelors had rung a peal to celebrate their freedom, and made a vow that on Leap Year Day in 1936 they would meet again to ring another peal. There had been rumours for some time past that one of the band was going to 'let the others down.' This was so hard to believe that another of the band had actually lost money on it! However, said Mr. Bennett, he was pleased to second the vote of congratulation, which was carried amidst laughter and applause.

Mr. A. W. Coles, in returning thanks, reminded members that 'Kate' was always after the only handsome bachelor of the band, so that there was a good chance of Mr. Bennett being next.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his very nice address; to the vocalist (Miss Betts) for the solos which they had so much enjoyed; to the organist; the ladies who had prepared tea; and to Mr. Hughes for arranging the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. G. E. Pye and carried, and Mr. Hughes suitably replied.

The Rectory grounds were afterwards open for the use of members, whilst others paid another visit to the belfry for further ringing, with methods to suit everybody.

### A LANCASHIRE MEETING.

#### PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT HALSALL.

As one rambles around the well-trodden lanes of old historical Ormskirk, across the meadows comes stealing the beautiful music of the bells, urging the keen ringer on to the lovely old Church of St. Cuthbert, Halsall. A lovely ring of six, east by Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry, hang in this tower. It was in such beautiful surroundings that the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association held their July meeting, and a good muster of members from the different towers in the branch helped to make the meeting a huge success.

Methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise were indulged in. Tea was served in the school, and the thanks of the branch were accorded the Rector (Rev. E. L. Mather) for his never-failing generosity in this respect.

At the business meeting it was arranged to hold a joint meeting with the Liverpool Branch on Saturday, August 18th. The ordinary monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Rainford on Saturday, September 1st.

After the meeting a move was made to the tower for the unveiling of the peal board, which records the fact that 'Six Youths of this Parish did on the 23rd day of January, 1934, ring a complete peal in seven methods, in 2 hours 25 minutes. The names of the ringers who took part are here appended: Treble James Longton, 2 Thomas Prescott, 3 Henry Fyles, 4 Wilfred Core, 5 Henry Serjeant, Tenor Arthur Mawdsley, conductor.'

The Rector read the dedication prayers, and the ringers were then addressed by Mr. James Marsh, of Aughton. The meeting closed at 8 p.m., when another happy day, which left one with very pleasant memories of things well done, came to an end.

#### PRESTON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday. The bells, a handy ring of eight, were raised about three o'clock and kept going until about 8.30 in methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

The meeting, held in the Church Institute, was presided over by the curate (the Rev. C. A. Parkinson).

The Secretary gave a report of the year's work, and said that branch meetings had been held at eight towers as well as a joint meeting with other branches at Penwortham. The attendance had, on the whole, been very good. Combined Surprise practices had been tried during the year, but had hardly been the success anticipated. Only two branch peals had been rung, one being a peal of Kent Treble Bob by a band of Oddfellows at Whittle-le-Woods, and the other a peal of Plain Bob at Hoghton, although seven peals had been rung at towers in the branch. Nineteen members rang in one or more peals, but only three rang their first peal, while four rang their first in a method.

Mr. W. Sharples gave a report of the committee meeting held at Ormskirk in June, and after some discussion on it Mr. Sharples was thanked for it.

The branch secretary was re-elected for two years and thanked for his report and services.

Mr. W. Taylor, speaking in a discussion on the Bankes James peal of Minor, said that, while he had no objection to it, it might lead to further things, and the danger lay in how much latitude would be allowed.

The Rev. C. A. Parkinson was thanked for presiding at the meeting, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to those responsible for the use of the room.—The Rev. C. A. Parkinson, replying, said that he was afraid he could not tell a Bob Minor from a Morris Minor, but at the same time he was glad to have been with them, and what he had noticed most was the spirit of friendship that was shown among ringers.

### 'MAN POWER.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am writing you to say how much I admire your article in 'The Ringing World' on the 'Problem of Man Power.' My opinion, formed after over thirty years' experience of helping learners, is that the second paragraph sums up the position exactly. In too many cases young bands can only be formed after the old members are gone, and they should be recruited from the choir and Sunday School when possible.

Norwich.

W. L. DUFFIELD.

### ANOTHER RING OF TWELVE.

We learn that four new trebles are to be added to the present peal of eight bells at the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Kidderminster, and that the work is to be commenced almost at once. The only peal of 12 in Worcestershire at present is at Worcester Cathedral.

### REV. C. W. O. JENKYN MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund will be closed on July 21st, and any amounts received after that date will be handed over to the Oxford Diocesan Guild Restoration Fund. The memorial fund now amounts to £124.

**LEICESTER CATHEDRAL RINGERS AT LINCOLN.****A ROADSIDE SURPRISE ITEM.**

On Saturday, July 7th, the ringers of Leicester Cathedral and friends held their annual outing, and on this occasion the venue was Lincoln. A call was made on the outward journey at Southwell, and a ring on the Minster bells was enjoyed by those who took part. The 'head-up and eyes front' gesture by some of the band was very noticeable whilst they were ringing. It was obvious they were not of the steeplejack breed, and a 'single bob' over the balcony, with the long drop to the floor below, might have had distressing effects or even fatal results.

On leaving Southwell a look-out was placed on the running board, as it was said by one famous 'Fred' that another famous 'Fred' might be seen in action. However, there was nothing to be seen of the famous Mill (nor) Fred of that country, and it had to be admitted by the instigator that the farm in question was nowhere near the route.

The first item on the programme upon arrival at Lincoln was tea, and an excellent repast was thoroughly enjoyed at the Hotel Central. The party was here joined by Mr. Harold Marcon, and later by Mr. J. Freeman and Mr. J. Waldron, of the local ringers. After tea a visit was made to the famous Cathedral belfry, which was reached with a fair amount of puffing and panting, and touches of Stedman Cinques and courses of Cambridge Surprise Royal and London Surprise Major were rung on the very excellent peal of bells. A return was paid, after the ringing, to the Hotel Central, where a convivial evening was spent. The items included tunes and change ringing on handbells, and, last but not least, songs by the 'Wee Bonnie lassie fra' Aberdeen,' to the accompaniment of the handbells.

The end came all too soon, and then began the homeward journey. The surprise item of the day was the roadside concert on the return journey, which included the inimitable rendering of the 'Holy Friar' by Mr. Alfred Martin, one of the old originals of the Cathedral band.

The Cathedral ringers desire to thank all those who helped in any way to make this outing such an enjoyable and successful day.

**THROUGH THREE COUNTIES.****ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, RINGERS' OUTING.**

The annual outing of the ringers at St. Margaret's, Westminster, was resumed this year after a break of three summers. The counties selected were Surrey, Kent and Sussex. A start was made from Kennington Church at 8.30 on Saturday, July 7th, in ideal weather. A very comfortable coach was soon speeding the party of 14, including four ladies, through the busy thoroughfare of Streatham, Croydon, Purley, etc., to the first call, the Church of St. Nicholas, Godstone. Here, upon a fine, handy little eight, the programme for the day was opened with an almost perfect course of Superlative, followed by a course of Cambridge, finishing with a touch of Grandsire Triples by special request. A short ride along beautiful lanes and Edenbridge was reached, where the visitors were welcomed by Mr. J. Steddy. The tower possesses an excellent octave upon which it is a real delight to ring. A touch of Stedman, a course of Bristol and a touch of Double Norwich were the methods rung here, and after a few words of welcome by the Vicar the company adjourned to the King and Queen for dinner. Afterwards, the journey was resumed with a delightful run to Coleman's Hatch. In spite of the long and serious drought the country looked beautiful, especially in this neighbourhood, which is still undisturbed by the vandal hand of the bricks and mortar merchants. The company were most fortunate in all the towers selected, nice and good going peals being at their disposal. A touch of Spliced Surprise Major opened the proceedings at Coleman's Hatch, followed by a course of Yorkshire and an extra fine touch of Stedman Triples under the vocal guidance of C. W. R. The next place of call was Southover, Lewes, where Mr. Bob Dawe met the company. After an abortive attempt for Superlative Royal, a 'ripping' course of Cambridge Royal was successful to the satisfaction of all. A most interesting touch of Stedman Caters was next rung with Mr. Dawe standing in, after which he joined the visitors at tea in the hostelry close by, well known to many visiting ringers. After taking farewell of Lewes, the last call of the day from the ringing point of view was made at Burgess Hill. A couple of very old friends of the party were here to meet them in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, who now have their home amidst the soothing sylvan scenery of Sussex. A course of London Surprise, the first of the day, began the ringing, then another touch of Spliced Surprise, and the last and final touch of the day's ringing, Stedman Triples, which completed a most interesting and varied list of methods rung. Upon descending, one member was found hunting for what he described as a postcard shop, but some time later he was successful in purchasing what he required at an establishment which had outside the sign of the Watermill. A splendid ride home via Keymer, Turners Hill, etc., and Kennington was reached about 10.30, after a most happy and delightful outing. The best thanks of all are tendered to the incumbents of the churches and the towerkeepers, and all those who made the outing the huge success it undoubtedly was; and, last but not least, Mr. W. H. Hewett, whose assiduous labour was primarily responsible for the success of the day. It is hoped the Osterleyites arrived home sooner than the Ruislipians, which was just upon midnight.

G. M. K.

**SEVENTY-THREE YEARS A BELLRINGER.****DEATH OF A HORWICH VETERAN.**

On Tuesday, July 10th, there passed away one of the oldest ringers in Lancashire. Daniel Brownlow was 85 years of age, and had been interested in ringing from early youth, so that his ringing career extended over something like 73 years. His father before him was an old ringer who rang the curfew at Horwich, and, when so doing, taught his son to ring. Moving from Horwich to Leyland when he was 12, and a vacancy having occurred at Moss Side Church, Leyland, he accepted a bell at that church, where he remained for eight years before going back to Horwich.

At Horwich he again took up ringing, and had been a regular ringer at the Parish Church up to about five weeks ago, when illness put an end to his activities in the belfry. Mr. Brownlow never rang a peal of 5,000, but took part in many 720's when there were only six bells in the tower. He was largely instrumental in getting the ring augmented to eight about 1911. He rang the treble to touches of Grandsire and Bob Major at a meeting held there in May this year.

The funeral took place at the church he loved. He was buried by the Vicar, Rev. T. Backhouse, M.A., assisted by the president of the Lancashire Association, Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean. The bearers were members of the local branch and local company. Ringers also attended from Bolton Parish, the Saviour's, St. George's and All Souls' Churches. The bells were rung with muffled clappers as a parting tribute to his memory.

**RINGING MACHINES INTEREST PRESTON RINGERS.**

On Saturday, July 7th, the Preston Parish Church Society had their annual outing. The party of 26 ringers and wives journeyed to Lancaster, where Mr. Jennings, of Kendal, was picked up and kindly acted as pilot. The route lay along the beautiful Lune Valley, and a halt was made at Melling (six bells). Here Plain and Treble Bob Minor were rung. Hornby bells were not available, so the next stop was at Sedburgh for tea. After tea Mr. Woodhouse met the party and took them to his house to demonstrate his ringing machines. Everyone was deeply interested, even the non-ringers. A course of Double Norwich and Double Oxford, followed by a course of Stedman, were performed on the machine, while the skeleton course was accurately printed. The latter was promptly seized as a souvenir. A few leads of Superlative were tapped on the newest machine, but the bells are not yet fitted to this model. No doubt the Exercise will hear more of these machines and their creator. A visit to his workshop cannot fail to impress as to the master mind behind the making and working of these highly complicated instruments.

After returning thanks to Mr. Woodhouse, a move was made to Sedburgh Church, where Grandsire Triples and Cambridge were rung. Grandsire and Bob Minor on the handbells in the churchyard finished the ringing here before a pleasant run to Kendal, where the fine old ten were up ready, thanks to the foresight of Mr. Jennings. A course of Grandsire Caters, followed by a touch of Stedman Caters, ended the ringing for the day. Preston was reached by 11 p.m., everyone having fully enjoyed the delightful scenery en route, and being well satisfied with the excellence of the bells at Sedburgh and Kendal.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.****BEGINNERS GET FIRST EXPERIENCE ON EIGHT BELLS.**

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Dibden on Saturday, when a good number turned up from the following towers: Bishopstoke, Dibden, Eling, Lockerley, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Ringwood, Southampton and Winchester.

Service was held in Dibden Church, and tea followed at the Old School House.

At the business meeting the Rev. G. T. Tritton presided, supported by Comdr. Hamilton, R.N. Several new members were elected, and it was announced that the next meeting would be held at Netley on October 13th, 1934.

Mr. G. Williams (Master) was unable to be present as he was indisposed.

After tea, the bells at Fawley and Eling were also available, and various bands made good use of them. Grandsire and Plain Bob were the methods concentrated upon in order to give the big number of learners present as much practice as possible. Several had their first experience of ringing upon eight bells.

**TEN-BELL TOWER TRIP.**

On Tuesday, July 10th, in glorious weather, Banbury ringers had their annual outing, the following towers being visited and short touches rung at each, viz., Swindon, Newbury, Abingdon and Appleton. Their thanks are due to those who made them so welcome at each place. The party consisted of 29, including friends of ringers. Lunch was provided at the George and Dragon, Newbury, with a meat tea at the Thatched Tavern, Appleton. On the journey home, Mr. Pearson expressed the thanks of the ringers to those officers who organised the outing, and also to the Parochial Church Council for their grant towards expenses. Banbury was reached at 9.45 p.m., after a most enjoyable, if hot, day.

## PHOTOGRAPHS FOR AUSTRALIA.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad if those Secretaries of Associations and Guilds, who have not yet replied to his circular letter with regard to contributing photographs to the Albums which are to be sent to Australia, will kindly do so at once.

The party who are going on the visit to the Commonwealth will leave on September 14th, so that there is no time to be lost in completing the albums which they are to take with them as gifts from the ringers of Great Britain.

## THE LATE MR. WALTER PRIME.

### FUNERAL OF VETERAN COLLEGE YOUTH.

The funeral of the late Mr. Walter Prime, the veteran member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who, as recorded in our last issue, suddenly expired in the ringing room of the Imperial Institute, took place at Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington, on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Prime had been a member of the society since the year 1881, and for a long period was one of the St. Paul's Cathedral band. He was one of the very few ringers who have rung the 62 cwt. tenor at the Cathedral to a peal single-handed.

The first part of the funeral service took place at St. Michael's Church, London Fields, and when the cemetery was reached the cortege was met by many of the deceased's ringing friends. The service both in church and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. E. W. Wildbore (Vicar of St. Michael's). The family mourners were Mr. E. Prime (son), Mrs. Girling (daughter), Mrs. E. Prime (daughter-in-law), Mr. Smith (brother-in-law), Mr. G. Prime (nephew), Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Jordan. Among the ringers present were Messrs. E. A. Young (Master of the College Youths), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), C. F. Winney (trustee), E. P. Duffield (senior steward and Master of the Essex Association, which he also represented), T. Benney, F. J. Butler, J. W. Rowbotham, F. E. Dawe, C. S. Burden, H. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore, H. Hoskins and J. S. Goldsmith. Among other old friends of the deceased who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Marsham, Messrs. Hammerton, L. Solomon, C. Daiber and E. T. Stanton.

After the committal the handbells were rung over the open grave in slow time. Three whole pulls in rounds were rung three times, with an interval between, and then a course of Stedman Triples, the ringers being: H. Langdon 1-2, C. F. Winney 3-4, H. R. Pasmore 5-6, W. T. Cockerill 7-8. There were a large number of floral tributes.

By the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday to the memory of Messrs. Walter Prime and George R. Fardon by: C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, F. M. Butler 2, C. W. Horton 3, W. Roughton 4, H. R. Pasmore 5, C. W. Roberts 6, W. T. Cockerill 7, W. Rushton 8, C. S. Burden 9, T. H. Taffender 10, H. Langdon 11, W. H. Pasmore and T. Langdon 12, followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques conducted by H. Langdon.

At the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association the members stood in silence as a token of respect to the late Mr. Prime.

## GLORIOUS DENHAM.

The recent joint gathering of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild and the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, although not exactly a new idea, was an experiment in some ways. The weather was extremely warm, and some of those who had visited the tower on a certain Boxing Day had some misgivings. However, quite a crowd turned up, 'In, Out and Home,' by various mechanical contraptions, and although one could not describe any of them as ringing machines, they were the means thereto. One of the brightest of the 'B.Y.P.' was missing, and in answer to kindly inquiries we may say she is slowly recovering.

A composition by the secretary got slightly transposed in the calling (why will ringers not bear in mind that a departure from the truth is often the result?); what would have been an excellent sermon by the Rev. G. C. Battiscombe was cut down to a short but interesting five minutes, whilst the hymn, 'Ring forth, Holy Bells,' was pitched up (instead of down). So it proved, in more ways than one, that 'a little child shall lead them.'

A real good tea followed, the two (thinner than ever) secretaries just being able to fit in.

After a few words of welcome, replies, and a few notices, the party returned to the tower, the numbers at one time being over 50, but owing to the fact that good friend Childs had to return to his visitors the bells became rather obstinate, until, 'as lumpy as a lump of lead,' went the tenor and the seven, and an attempt for a course of Bristol went west. But Cambridge was rung before the service.

The evening closed with a 'run down,' some of the ringers calling on the invalid on the way home.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. E. BARNETT.

### FUND TO PROVIDE BELL ROPES AT CRAYFORD.

It is proposed that the memorial to the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, at Crayford, shall consist of a tablet in the belfry of the Church of St. Paulinus, with which he was so long and intimately associated, and a fund to provide bell ropes in perpetuity.



The Late Mr. E. Barnett.

The sub-committee of the Kent County Association, appointed to deal with the memorial, recently met the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Andrews, M.A.) and Mr. P. C. Russell (Rector's warden) to decide what form it should take. It had been hoped that the memorial fund would have been sufficient for the erection of an oak screen to replace the curtains which at present screen the belfry from the church.

As the scheme could not be carried out in its entirety, a suggestion was made to screen the belfry arch, but as this did not find acceptance as a worthy memorial, it was ultimately agreed that a portion of the fund be invested to produce £1 per annum, to be used to provide ropes for Crayford bells for ever, and to erect a small tablet in the belfry with the balance to record what had been done.

This proposal of the sub-committee met with unanimous approval, and it was felt that there could be no better scheme to perpetuate Mr. Barnett's name and his long association with the bells at Crayford Parish Church.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

### GIFT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MASTER.

A quarterly meeting of this society was held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th, and was well attended. The tower of the Parish Church was opened at 3 p.m., and a good muster was waiting to begin ringing. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and also Cambridge Surprise. A ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Thornhill), who extended a very hearty welcome to all.

The hymns included the well-known ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' and the Vicar gave a very interesting address. He spoke of his first impressions of going into a belfry, and said that what puzzled him was how they knew his name was Bob.

The curate kindly presided at the organ and the singing was very hearty.

After the service a move was made to the new Parish Hall, where a bountiful tea was partaken of, kindly provided by the Church Council, churchwardens and Vicar. About 40 sat down, including the Vicar, curate and churchwardens. The churchwardens extended a welcome to the visitors, and said how very pleased they were to meet so large a company. They hoped the members would enjoy their visit.

Although they were not ringers, one of the churchwardens had learned to ring a bell.

Mr. Hardy replied and thanked the churchwardens for their great welcome.

As the Vicar had another engagement to preside over, the curate (the Rev. Martin) was voted to the chair for the business meeting.

The secretary (Mr. G. A. Card) gave a resume of the West Ham meeting held in April. He also announced that the new peal book was now ready, and that Mrs. Matthews, widow of the late Master, had promised a most generous donation towards this as a means of perpetuating the memory and work of her husband, who had done so much to bring the society up to its present level.

Two new members were elected.

The Secretary announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Staines on Saturday, October 13th, due notice of which would appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The visitors inspected with interest the new parish hall, with its up-to-date accommodation, and then went back to the Parish Church for further ringing, which included Grandsire, Stedman and a course of Bristol Surprise. A move was then made to Christ Church for more ringing. The ringers received a warm welcome from the Vicar and a pressing invitation to hold a meeting there at any suitable time, which no doubt will be accepted later on. The bells here were kept going in Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, Double Norwich and London, until about 9 p.m. Thus ended a most successful and cordial meeting, everyone being satisfied with the results.

The thanks of the officers and members are extended to Mr. F. J. Cullum, who worked hard to make the meeting so successful.

**GRAMOPHONE AS SUBSTITUTE FOR BELLS.**

'A dream of thirty years,' says the 'Morecambe Guardian,' materialised on Thursday of last week, when the Bishop of Blackburn consecrated the new Church of St. Christopher at Bare, Morecambe, which has been built to replace the corrugated iron structure which has served as a church there for more than three decades. The tower of the new church is small and will never house a ring of bells, but the sound of a peal came from the building when the consecration took place and greatly mystified the hearers. The explanation was that amplifiers had been installed and connected to a gramophone on which bell records were played. Bow bells and those of St. Margaret's, Westminster, are among those which will be heard.

Until the dedication, St. Christopher's was under the mother church of Morecambe, and on the eve of the ceremony a 720 of Double Bob was rung by the local men at the Parish Church, assisted by Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal: P. Rogerson 1, S. Clifford 2, W. Pickles 3, E. Swain 4, E. Jennings (conductor) 5, H. Palmer 6. This was the first 720 by all the band.

**DISS RINGERS' HUNDRED MILES TRIP.**

The St. Mary's company of ringers set out from Diss shortly after 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 14th, for a day among Suffolk towers. At Stoke Ash three well-known Suffolk ringers joined the party—Messrs. E. F. Poppy, A. J. Berry and Harry Moss ('the comedian'). Debenham, the first call, was reached at 7.55 a.m., and the fine new peal of bells were heard to advantage in Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise. The party then went on to Framdsen, Helmingham and Woodbridge, and after ringing on the fine peal at the last-named place lunch was served at the Angel Hotel, followed by Grandsire Caters on handbells. The next move was to Henley, where the Rev. Wm. Pearson welcomed the ringers, and then to the grand old peal at Hadleigh, and to Sudbury, where tea was served at the West Suffolk tea rooms. At St. Gregory's Church more ringing was done before going on to Long Melford, and, finally, to Lavenham, which was reached at 7.35 p.m. This fine peal was much enjoyed by all. A puncture was found in the back tyre of the coach on arrival at Stowmarket on the return journey, but luckily closing time is not until 10.30 p.m. in this part of Suffolk, so the party kept quite cheery with 'George' from Diss and his concertina. Home was finally reached at 11.35 p.m. after 105 miles' journey and a visit to nine towers. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' thanks are expressed to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the ringers who had everything ready at the various churches.

A. G. H.

**5,600 BOB ROYAL.**

BY G. W. DEBENHAM.

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35246	—	—	—	423	—	—	—	—
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342658790	—	—	—					

\* 7th's, 5th's, S 4th's, SH. † 7th's, 5th's, S 4th's, M.H.

First rung at All Saints', Hertford, on June 2nd, 1934, conducted by the composer. Contains ten courses in the Tittums and ten in the home position, also three in-course courses each of '658790 and '463079. By this means the bells can be brought from the Tittums to the home position without either six bobs 'before' or a '908 course end.

**A SUFFOLK TOUR.**

The ringers of St. Nicolas' Church Witham, Essex, accompanied by some friends, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 7th, and made a tour into Suffolk. During the morning they rang at St. Peter's Church, Sudbury, Long Melford and Lavenham, where the Church of SS. Peter and Paul and its bells were very much admired. While ringing was taking place here, the younger of the band made their way to the top of the tower, which is 140 feet high. The party then left for Bury St. Edmunds, where dinner was partaken of and the Norman tower was visited, where several of the band had an opportunity of ringing on ten bells for the first time. A visit to Stowmarket and St. Margaret's, Ipswich, concluded the day's programme. Home was reached about 10.45, after spending a most enjoyable day. The band would like to thank through 'The Ringing World' all those who helped to make the day such an enjoyable one.

During the day touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Seventeen years ago, on the 10th of this month, Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Stedman Triples was rung 'silent' on handbells by four members of the College Youths. By a coincidence the same four ringers were called upon to ring a course of Stedman Triples over the grave of their old friend, Walter Prime, on the day following the anniversary of the peal.

Mr. Stephen H. Wood, of Bristol, is the proud father of a son and heir, born on Sunday.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, is, unhappily, on the sick list. He is suffering from a rather severe attack of shingles in the face. His many friends all over the country will wish this veteran a speedy recovery. Only on Saturday week Mr. Williams presided at the annual meeting of the Guild at Portsea.

The meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild is to be held at Woodford to-morrow. The wrong date appeared in the notice printed last week, and the hon. secretary hopes that no ringers were inconvenienced thereby.

## CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Lewis' communication published in your issue of July 6th seems to require a reply from me. If Mr. Lewis would condescend to read my letter he would see that at no place is the fact that the long-flighted clapper requires more energy from the bell denied, but the point I endeavoured to make was that the short-flighted clapper would have a greater velocity throughout its swing than the long-flighted clapper. Then, as the amount of sound produced is dependent upon the loss of kinetic energy upon the impact of the clapper and the bell (and not upon the total energy of the clapper), the short-flighted clapper will give up a larger proportion of its total energy and this may be a larger amount of energy than that of the long-flighted clapper.

The relative velocity of the clapper and bell at the time of impact involves the solution of a simultaneous equation involving two incomplete elliptic integrals, so I think I am correct in referring to it as a complex calculation which is certainly more than anyone can call the first part of the problem.

I shall be only too pleased to attempt the solution in the special case quoted by Mr. Lewis if he will furnish me with the following values which are necessary for a complete solution, and without which Mr. Lewis' calculation cannot be checked:—

(1) The moments of inertia of the bell and of the two clappers about their centres of gravity.

(2) The distance of the centre of gravity of the long-flighted clapper from the clapper pin.

(3) The angle made by the lines joining the centre of gravity of the clapper to the clapper when held touching one side of the bell and when it is hanging free (bell down).

The last paragraph of my letter of June 22nd, which Mr. Lewis says he cannot understand, is the result of an investigation of the equation given by Mr. Lewis for the work to be done to overcome friction, and also of a statement appearing in a report of a lecture given by him, in which he is stated to have said that the maximum vertical force exerted by a bell is equal to four times its weight. On investigating these statements it soon appeared that the equation for the frictional loss was in agreement with the second statement, but that this second statement was incorrect as a general case, and that the maximum vertical force could vary from one to almost five times the weight of the bell and fittings according to how it was hung, with a corresponding variation in the frictional loss.

Another point which arises out of the report of the Central Council meeting is the statement that those who preferred plain bearings because of the slight frictional drag at the end of the stroke had no theoretical justification will also not stand detailed examination.

Examination of curves relating the coefficient of friction and the rubbing speed of lubricated bearings by Heiman (*Zeitschrift des Vereines Deutscher Ingenieure*, Bd. 49, p. 1,161), Stribeck (*Ibid.* September 6th, 1902), Goodman (*Proc. Inst. C. Eng.*, vol. clxxxix.), Wilson and Barnard (*J. Ind. and Eng. Chem.*, 14, 682-3, 1922), etc., reveals the fact that at low velocities fluid friction breaks down and solid friction takes its place with a corresponding increase in the resisting force.

This is due to the fact that for fairly high velocities the bearing and shaft are separated by a thin layer of oil which the speed of rotation helps to renew (Osborne Reynolds, *Phil. Mag.*, 1886; Beauchamp Towers, *Proc. Inst. Mech. Eng.*, 1885). When, however, the velocity is low the weight on the shaft causes it to come into contact with the bearing, and this film of oil is broken and the resistance increased as metal rubs on metal. With ball bearings, however, this does not take place; indeed, if anything the friction tends to decrease with the velocity, and is also less when not lubricated. (Lubrication is, however, essential in a ball bearing, but only to prevent rusting of the balls and races.)

I might add that the calculations on the stresses due to the motion of the bell and on the frictional forces brought into play were performed immediately after Mr. Lewis' communication and checked at that time by Mr. E. Stead, B.Sc., at my request.

Leds University.

G. WILFRED SLACK.

### HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. FORTHCOMING JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

The Hertford County Association, founded at St. Albans on October 29th, 1884, will celebrate its jubilee at St. Albans on Saturday, November 3rd next. The jubilee committee are now able to report the main outline of the proceedings. Members are asked to attend the four o'clock choral evensong at the Cathedral, when the Dean of St. Albans, who is taking a great interest in the celebration, has consented to preach. He has also given permission for a touch of Stedman Cinques to be rung upon the handbells as a concluding voluntary. This is being organised by Mr. H. G. Cashmore.

The towers of the city will be open during the day for ringing, and the Cathedral and St. Peter's bells will be again available immediately after the service until 8 p.m. At 6.15 members and friends will assemble at the County Hall, St. Peter's Street, for dinner and a social evening. Ringers' wives are also invited, and it is hoped many will avail themselves of the opportunity of being present. Dinner tickets, which will be 5s. 6d. each, can be obtained from the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.

The president (Mr. E. P. Debenham) will preside, supported by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, the Dean of St. Albans, and other county officials representative of the Church and the bellringers of England. A musical programme and toast list is being arranged, which will include, it is hoped, some community singing.

As there are many ringers who joined the association in the early days of its existence, and played their part in stabilising its objects, but who have now ceased to be actively engaged in ringing, the committee want to extend to them a hearty invitation to be present. They also trust that non-resident members will be amply represented. Members are asked to purchase tickets early, to talk about it, and generally to look forward to having a good time of real fellowship with past and present members. The committee look to members to make the jubilee a success in every way, and the occasion a good fillip to the association. There is an excellent rail and bus service to and from St. Albans, radiating to all points of the compass. The early purchase of tickets will be of great assistance to the committee, and any inquiry will be gladly answered by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

### C. W. PLAYER MEMORIAL FUND. SECOND SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

	£	s.	d.
Total of first list	59	3	5
Collection at Maidstone District meeting at Leeds	7	0	
Hythe Church bellringers	1	0	0
Lydd Church bellringers	10	0	
Aldington Church bellringers	13	0	
Mr. Alfred Johnson (Appledore)	2	6	
Mr. Nevard	2	6	
Mrs. Fred Burt's box (second collection)	8	7	
Mr. C. Sharpe (Stone-in-Oxney)	5	0	
Mrs. Langton (Rolvenden)	10	0	
Rye Church bellringers	10	6	
Rev. W. E. Watson (Wittersham)	5	0	
Mother's Union (Stone-in-Oxney)	7	0	
Dr. F. W. Cook (Appledore)	10	0	
Ashford Church bellringers	10	0	
Kennington Church bellringers	5	0	
Mr. C. Slingsby (Sturry)	10	0	
Mr. H. J. Lloyd (Ashford)	10	0	
Mr. T. W. Player (Stone-in-Oxney)	5	0	
Mr. and Mrs. A. Kay (Ashford)	10	0	
Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker (Frittenden)	5	0	
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Batten (Tunbridge Wells)	5	0	
Proceeds from fete held at Stone-in-Oxney on June 4th	24	15	2
Wye Church bellringers	10	0	
Tenterden Church bellringers	1	0	0
Sandhurst Church bellringers	5	6	
Mr. A. Relf (Lamberhurst)	2	6	

Total to July 10th £93 13s. 2d.  
This fund will definitely close on July 31st, 1934.

### THE 'DANGER' OF NOISE.

#### EMINENT DOCTOR'S MISTAKEN IMPRESSION.

At the Anti-Noise League Conference, at Oxford on Sunday, Dr. D. McKenzie said sound might be definitely dangerous to life. It was said, he is reported to have remarked, that it was impossible to enter the bell chamber of St. Paul's Cathedral during the ringing of peals.

There are hundreds of ringers still alive who have entered St. Paul's bell chamber while ringing is in progress, and we have never heard of anyone suffering any ill-effects. Admittedly the volume of sound, when the twelve bells are going, is enormous, but no one has yet succumbed to it.

Dr. McKenzie must have been reading 'The Nine Tailors.'

### ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

#### PRESENTATION TO THE HON. LAY SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 7th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were at the disposal of the members and were made use of in a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening. A very nice tea was laid in St. Mary's Parish Hall, and was followed by the general meeting, the Right Rev. Hugh Bright (Archdeacon) presiding.

The report and balance sheet were read, and the chairman congratulated the members upon the society being, as he considered, in a very satisfactory position. The report was ordered to be printed.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of the Ringing Master, Mr. Bert Horton (retired), who is succeeded by Mr. Cyril Winwood, of Tipton.

When the routine business had been disposed of, a pleasing little ceremony took place. Mr. Herbert Knight was presented with a gold bell-shaped pendant, together with a cheque, to mark the completion of 26 years' service as hon. lay secretary to the society.

The chairman, in making the presentation, made some very kind remarks as to the service Mr. Knight had rendered, as did also the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (hon. clerical secretary and treasurer to the society) and several other members.

Mr. Knight (who was taken completely by surprise) thanked all the speakers for their kind remarks and the subscribers for the handsome gift. He said he hoped he might be spared many more years to do what he could to push forward the art of change ringing in the archdeaconry.

The Rev. C. H. Barker moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. H. Cresswell and the Rev. P. Howard for the use of the bells at their respective churches; to Mrs. Cresswell and her willing band of helpers for arranging and serving tea. This was received with applause. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

After referring to the meetings held during the year and to the society's jubilee, the report stated that the William Rock Small collection of books had been placed in St. Peter's belfry, Wolverhampton, and may be had on loan.

The peals rung during the year comprised Doubles (two methods) 1, Doubles (three methods) 1, Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 7, Stedman Triples 4, Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Cinques 3, Little Bob Major 1, Bob Major 3, Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, London Surprise Major 1; total 28. Although the number was five less than last year, at least three of the peals were worthy of note, viz., one of Cambridge Surprise Major at Tetterhall, rung by past and present officers of the society to commemorate the jubilee, one of Little Bob Major at Tipton, the first in the method rung for the society, also one of Stedman Triples at Tipton rung by the local band. It was with regret that the following deaths were recorded: Arthur Bennett, of the Tetterhall company; Richard Grove, of Kidderminster; Alfred Hackett, of Halesowen; Herbert P. Harman, of Bromley, Kent; and A. Moore, of Hanbury.

At the invitation of the chairman, many paid a visit to his beautiful garden, while others returned to the belfries.

### SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Saturday last the rendezvous of the Sherwood Youths was Bottesford, in the lovely vale of Belvoir. The beautiful Church of St. Mary, so full of the history and romance of Rutland, is always an attraction, and the fine ring of eight bells add greatly to the charm for ringers. Visitors from Burton-on-Trent, Hinckley and even Ireland were welcomed, and did much to further the pleasure of the meeting.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent, Little Bob, Cambridge, etc., were rung.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. F. Walford) for the use of the bells, also to Mr. A. Ward and the local ringers for their kindly welcome.



MR. HERBERT KNIGHT.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### SUMMER FESTIVAL.

The Bishop of Guildford, probably on the last occasion as president, preached to the members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at their annual summer festival held on Saturday at Farnham. On the very day of this event it was announced in the Press that the Bishop had resigned his office on account of ill-health and, while there was no note of farewell in his address, the members present felt they might be listening to their first president for the last time as head of the Guild.

Farnham is always an attractive place to the members of the Guild. There is always a warm welcome, and, while the absence of the Vicar (Canon Girling), who is keenly interested in the work of the Guild and in his own band, which musters nearly twenty members, was much regretted, the customary cordial welcome was there, and was extended both by the curate (Rev. A. J. Dance) and the Farnham ringers.

The festival service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Dance, and the singing led by the choirboys.

The Bishop of Guildford in his address considered why people were so keen on a particular pastime or work that it became very important in their lives. When he heard the church bells ringing, knowing the amount of care and zeal and discipline and thought and obedience involved in ringing the bells as they should be rung, and as he was glad to say they nearly always were rung, he sometimes wondered whether they had grasped why thoughtful men and thoughtful women gave up their time to bellringing. One of the greatest traits in human character was the desire to be one of a fellowship. That was one of the greatest attractions of rowing in one's college eight; it required very sharp discipline—the individual must sink his will into the wills of others with whom he was associated; it required great self-sacrifice, a close study of the brethren with whom they were cast, and that they should grasp their part, locking on the figures as a whole so that the comparative insignificance of what we do becomes clearly seen while the glory of our united effort becomes also clearly revealed.

### GREAT MORAL QUALITIES.

The united care and personal effort and skill which were involved in bellringing, continued the Bishop, was a grand thing, because these things developed great moral qualities and taught lessons which uplifted our characters, and increased our dignity and insisted on our accommodating ourselves to the brethren in their needs and to their wills. Then there was the beauty of the bells. There were few more beautiful things in the world than a good bell rightly touched and rightly moved to be eloquent. There were, of course, a great number of musical instruments of all kinds, string, wood and brass, but there was no instrument of music which could produce tones so powerful and yet so sweet, so full of something which appealed to our hearts, and yet was so dignified. If they wanted to get what he might call the acme of sound in itself, in its beauty of sonority and wonderful appeal, he should say, 'Give me a bell.' And that was a great thing, that sense of the beauty of sound rightly used; that counted for a great deal, did it not?

You can, the Bishop said, for practical purposes, for the deepening of your own satisfaction, and to assure yourselves that you have got the mastery of your art, isolate the sound your particular bell is making, and you know what your contribution to the great whole is, how without co-operation those cadences would be spoilt, and the beauty of the whole would be let down. It is when you realise what failure means that you begin to see what greatness means, and how important it is not to fail.

That brings us to the depths of Christian morals. We give our best, why? Because we don't want to upset the team to which we belong. He who learns to do that in one sphere finds it much more easy to do it in other spheres. It is difficult to imagine that a man who rings in a great peal and is really keen over and understands the work he has in hand would be a disturbing influence in the life of the family to which he belongs, or would sacrifice the friends and colleagues with whom he has served in other matters. Bellringing makes for that combination of the greatness of our possibility of improvement, and our subordinating ourselves to the good work and the right conduct and high standard of others.

### HANDBELLS IN CHURCH MUSIC.

So it comes when you think it out that without the ethics and without the different beauty of bellringing there comes to us understanding of how in the Church of God that music is to be valued and used in every part of the Christian world. Not only in England, but everywhere in all the various places where the Church of God exists, the bells play their part very wonderfully, often with a different ideal of beauty we in England have, but it is there. Sometimes I think it might be good if we used the bells in our services, not the great bells of the belfry but the beautiful handbells which in the eastern branch of the Christian Church play such a part in the music. There they have no organ, no instrument except the bell, which is used sparingly from time to time to emphasise the beauty or dignity or the solemnity of this or that passage in the unaccompanied music, as if, when you come to the climax of thought which you are going to express in music, you want not only the human

voice with its transcendently beautiful sound but the more beautiful sound of the bells.

So this is not an unimportant matter, this bellringing in the Church of God. It wants to be developed, perhaps, a little more understandingly. Our instinct is right when we set ourselves to work in the belfry and do our part, but we want something more than instinct; we want to serve God and honour Him with understanding.

I am sure if we were to consider the spiritual aspects of bellringing to see the part of the bells in the life of the Church of God, the dignity, the sense of something more sublime than one's voice or any human instrument can achieve, a spiritual interpretation of life, we shall regard ourselves as bellringers as being indeed workers together with God—workers whose minds are being influenced by the mind of Christ. Then our bellringing becomes a great means of grace.

### BELLS A PRELUDE TO SERVICE.

The Bishop recalled that when he was Archdeacon of a large rural archdeaconry which covered nearly the whole of two great counties he used very often, when paying visits, to ask how many of those who rang the bells remained to take part in the service. He found—he was talking of some years ago—that it was quite common for the men in the belfry, when they had done their ringing, to come down by their little staircase and go out, having nothing whatever to do with the worship to which they had called the congregation. He thought that was a rare proceeding now, but he did not think it was altogether extinct. Then, with bellringing as with other things, it was easy to do the external physical part, to enjoy the mere rhythm of bellringing and the cadences of music and to miss the Voice of God and the echo of the heavenly voice which our bells were meant to remind us of. He should like to ask them to make it a matter of prayer that they might ring their bells for the greater glory of God, to be a prelude to the services which were to come to put men's minds in the right frame to think of things beautiful, things holy, things pure as a prelude to praising God in the beauty and purity of worship. If the bells rang out not as mere vibration of the air but with the prayer and the spiritual support of the bellringers they would become an even greater means of grace than he believed them to be at present.

The Bishop said he thanked the bellringers of the diocese for their work; he acknowledged its importance, and he wanted them to realise in turn that God had called them to serve Him in this way. He hoped that, as they called others to prayer, they would themselves be worshippers, and that their handling of the bells would be a sacrifice of joy and thanksgiving to Almighty God. Then indeed it would be a noble and helpful piece of work for God and His Kingdom, full of power and uplift, and infinitely well worth doing with their best and their highest effort.

After the service a company of 83 ringers and friends sat down to tea at Rogers' Cafe. The Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) presided, supported by the Rev. A. J. Dance, Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. R. Hasted (Ringing Master of Farnham District), Mr. C. W. Denyer (hon. secretary, Farnham District), Mr. W. R. Melville (Ringing Master, Guildford District), Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary, Guildford District), and Mr. A. Harman (Ringing Master, Leatherhead District). Among those present were Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. T. Greenwood and Mr. F. S. Bayley (Portsmouth), Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), and ringers from Alton, Aldershot, Ashted, Bagshot, Banstead, Chiddingfold, Cobham, Farnham, Ewell, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Grayshot, Haslemere, Leatherhead, Scale, West Clondan, Worplesdon, etc.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop for giving the address, remarking that they were specially indebted to his lordship in view of the fact that he was unwell. They had regretted to hear that day that he had resigned the Sec. and hoped that he would be restored to health. The Bishop's address contained many points for them to think over. Major Hesse also thanked the Rector of Farnham for allowing the Guild the use of the bells and the church for the festival, the Rev. A. J. Dance for conducting the service, the organist for his help, and Mr. Hasted and the local ringers.

Replying, the Rev. A. J. Dance said the Bishop had given them some little 'knocks.' Even in the parish magazine they sometimes gave their ringers a gentle knock. They always liked to say something nice about the ringers, even though two of the eight bells were sometimes silent (laughter). He did not know whether the cap fitted; if it did it was not his fault (laughter). The Farnham clergy appreciated the efforts of the ringers, especially the efforts of the captain. Their bells were not often silent, but there was some excuse on a Sunday like the previous Sunday, when they remembered the ringers had something like 70 steps to climb before they began to ring. He believed that in Farnham those who lived far enough away were always pleased to hear the bells rung, but some of those who lived in the vicinity of the Rectory were not so pleased always (laughter).

During the afternoon and evening the ringers enjoyed ringing on the bells of the Parish Church, and a large party were specially privileged to visit the Castle and grounds, handbell ringing taking place on the top of the historic 'keep.'

It was one of the most successful festivals which the Guild has held.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. DIMINUTION IN RECEIPTS FROM BRANCHES.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Taunton on Saturday, July 7th. Prior to a short service at St. Mary's Church touches of Stedman Caters and Stedman Triples were rung.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. E. G. Sweetman) conducted the service, at which a brief address was given by the Rev. Edwin Ogden, Vicar of St. James'. It was a great credit to the bellringers of England, said Mr. Ogden, that they kept the church bells ringing. To-day fashions and customs were changing, but, thank God, there were a set of men who had courage enough to keep the church bells ringing. Some of them could remember the time when the ringing of church bells was the only thing that disturbed the quiet of the Sabbath. Now one heard on Sundays the blast of motor horns and the ringing of ice-cream vendors' bells. What this age wanted more than anything else were the spiritual issues of life and the realisation that man did not live by bread alone.

The business meeting followed at St. James' Schools, presided over by the Master, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, Rural Dean and Vicar of West Pennard, near Glastonbury, who was supported by the Rev. E. Ogden and Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, Bath, hon. secretary and treasurer.

#### MEMBERSHIP INCREASED.

The report of the Master stated that it was pleasing to record that the membership of the association had increased by 15, and the number of affiliated towers by three. This was an improvement upon last year, when a loss in membership was returned, though the number of affiliated towers was the same as the year before. The particulars of towers and membership were as follows: Towers 154, members honorary life 7, honorary 54, performing 1,276, life 238, non-resident 8, unattached 52; total 1,635.

The number of peals rung during the year was less than last year; 42 this year against 55 last year. It appeared that throughout the country fewer peals had been rung during the past year. In their case, though the number of peals rung was less, the quality of the peals was better. This was all to the good, and showed a desire to make progress in the art, and not to be content with ringing the same peal over and over again.

The accounts of the association were satisfactory, though the balance in the belfry repair fund had decreased. There was a diminution in receipts from the branches, and the affiliation fees did not bring in the revenue it was hoped they would.

#### MEMORIAL TO LATE PRESIDENT.

The action of the committee was endorsed with regard to a grant of £3 3s. towards the memorial to the late Preb. C. C. Parker, Rector of Corston, near Bristol, and a former Master of the association for 19 years. A grant of £2 2s. to the Martock tower was also confirmed.

Further it was resolved that the association participate in the gifts of tower photographs in connection with the forthcoming ringers' visit to Australia.

Mr. J. Hunt gave an account of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Warwick, and pleaded for greater support for 'The Ringing World.'

The Master, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, was again re-elected to that office and heartily thanked for his valued services. Mr. J. T. Dyke was reappointed hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. D. G. Taylor hon. auditor.

The Bishop of Taunton was elected a vice-president, and the names of Mr. H. W. Brown, of Bath, and Mr. J. Burge, of St. Mary's, Taunton, were added to the list of honorary life members.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the clergy and ringers who had endeavoured to make the meeting a success. Further ringing at St. Mary's, St. James' and Wilton then took place. Among the methods rung were London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

#### THAT VISIT TO BRIGHTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to hear that Mr. Baker's memory is playing him tricks. If he will refer to the files of 'The Ringing World,' just previous to the date of my visit (May 3rd, 1922) he will find his first invitation in print. It was after further private correspondence that I arranged to go down to Brighton. Then Mr. Rickman fixed up a peal for me, which was rung in the afternoon after my visit to Mr. Baker.

E. BANKES JAMES.

Seaford Park.

### RINGING CONTEST AT KIRKBURTON.

#### MELTHAM RINGERS WIN HALIFAX ASSOCIATION CUP.

A change ringing contest was held at Kirkburton on Saturday, July 7th, in connection with the Halifax and District Association. Six teams had entered for the contest, which consisted of 600 changes, any method. The draw was made as follows: 1 Liversedge (Oxford Treble Bob), 2 Shelley No. 1 (Oxford), 3 Shelley No. 2 (Oxford), 4 Holmfirth (Violet), 5 Friezland (Oxford), 6 Meltham (Oxford).

Good ringing was heard during the afternoon under very trying conditions.

The annual meeting followed the contest. The president, treasurer and secretary were re-elected for another year.

The balance sheet was adopted unanimously.

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. F. Townend (Kirkburton), gave the result of ringing as follows:—

No. 1.—131 faults, 20 penalty, 151 total.

No. 2.—166 faults, 20 penalty, 186 total.

No. 3.—193 faults, 30 penalty, 223 total.

No. 4.—136 faults, 40 penalty, rung out.

No. 5.—145 faults, 30 penalty, 175 total.

No. 6.—106 faults, 30 penalty, 136 total.

No. 6, Meltham, won the cup and first prizes; No. 1, Liversedge, second prizes, which were presented by Mr. G. R. Geissler, churchwarden. He said he always had a great love for bellringing. In his view, as an amateur, he thought a better tone came from the bells rope-pulled than by the mechanised method. He knew the hours of drudgery that were spent in the tower to make efficient ringers. He could not ring himself, but appreciated all the ringers did in their church work. They were always ready to ring, either for a message of joy or as a token of respect to someone who had left this world.

### FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. G. R. FARDON.

Following the tragic death at Aylesbury on Sunday week of Mr. G. R. Fardon (a short notice of which appeared in our last issue), an inquest was held there on the following Tuesday, and the funeral took place on Friday last in Aylesbury Cemetery.

The inquest was held by Mr. Stanley E. Wilkins (District Coroner), and the jury returned a verdict of 'Death by misadventure.' The evidence, as reported, seemed to show that the accident was due to the deceased making a sudden swerve to the offside of the road in order to avoid one car which was turning into a nearside road, and so coming into violent contact with another directly approaching him. Mr. Fardon was thrown some 40 feet, and on his removal to the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, it was found that he had a fractured skull and other injuries. He succumbed on Sunday afternoon, but despite his injuries was conscious at times and able to talk to his wife and children who had hastened to his bedside.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon. It was attended by the widow, children and two brothers of the deceased and by many friends associated with him in his activities and work, amongst others, Mr. W. Hollier and Mr. W. Sharman (fellow-demonstrator of the Carter Ringing Machine), some colleagues from the Office of Works, and several other ringing and masonic friends. After a simple and impressive rendering of the service, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. E. Alexr. Young 1-2, W. Roughton 3-4, C. F. Winney 5-6, Rev. C. E. Wigg 7-8. There were many floral tributes, one a large bell in blue, and amongst the wreaths one from the Rev. and Mrs. Pennington Bickford and the 'St. Clement's Youths,' and another from the Royal Arch Chapter of the Warrant Officers' Lodge, in which latter the deceased had held the highest offices possible and won, as in ringing, universal esteem.

On Friday evening the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The deceased leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

Mr. George Fardon, as outlined last week, had been an enthusiastic ringer for a great many years, and had held several important official positions. He was one of those few who are not reluctant to express their opinions, but he was always impartial. He always championed the cause of good striking. 'Quality before all else,' he used to say. He was, however, not an ardent peal ringer, having rung about 130, of which he had conducted a goodly number in all parts of the country, and for many associations.

Mr. Fardon was a man with varied interests, and of these the one that claimed his especial attention in recent years was Freemasonry. In this he reached the limits of achievement in both his Lodge and Chapter.

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### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. PROGRESS OF THE JENKYN MEMORIAL FUND.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Banbury on Saturday week in glorious weather. The following towers of the branch were represented: Great Tew, Cropredy, Adderbury, South Newington, Sandford-St. Martin, Rousham, Heyford, Deddington, Swacliffe and the local ringers. Visitors were present from Abingdon, Oxford, Standlake, London, Beaconsfield, Reading and Coventry.

Short touches were rung on the bells of the Parish Church in the afternoon. Service was held at four o'clock, and Rev. A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of Banbury and vice-chairman of the branch, preached. Some 60 ringers sat down to tea, and at the business meeting which followed Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley was in the chair, supported by Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. A. J. Wright. Rev. Ward Jackson, Vicar of Rousham, Mrs. Cholmondeley and Mrs. Wright, of Banbury, were also present.

Among the apologies for absence was one from the Master of the Guild (Canon G. F. Coleridge).

The report and balance sheet were adopted. The latter showed a balance of £19 in hand, while the former showed the progress in the quality of the ringing, and the efforts which had been made to secure young ringers.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley; vice-chairman, Rev. A. L. E. Williams; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. Pearson; auditor, Mr. T. Miller; representatives on general committee, Mr. H. Impey, Mr. L. J. Malings and Mr. F. Pritchett, the last-named taking the place of Rev. A. Foreman Cox, who had left the district.

Two new ringing members were elected.

Rev. C. E. Wigg, Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. A. J. Wright all congratulated the branch, and Mr. Wright mentioned that nearly £100 was in hand for the Jenkyn Memorial Fund.

Wardington was chosen as the place of the next meeting, the date being left to the secretary.

Mr. Ward Jackson proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks, to which Mr. Williams replied.

More ringing on the peal of ten at Banbury followed the meeting, while others, who dared to face such a heated encounter, tackled the fine eight at Adderbury. One wishes there were more ventilation in this tower. Deddington (six) was also visited by a homing car load. Earlier in the afternoon the recently rehung peal of six at Rousham had been visited for inspection by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, supported by a few more 'hardy annuals,' and all was pronounced in line order.

Some of the visitors thus had the chance of 'grabbing' four towers, an opportunity which they took despite the heat. Methods rung during the day included Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, Cambridge Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and rounds for beginners.

### HOT WEATHER MEETING AT STREATLEY.

LEARNERS HAVE GOOD TIME AT OXFORD GUILD MEETING.

Fine, perhaps rather too warm, weather was experienced at Streatley on July 7th, when the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held the summer meeting. What a day the learners had, and many thanks to the experienced ringers present! Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D., assisted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Hughes), who gave a very interesting address.

Tea was provided in the Parish Hall, where nearly 30 members and visitors sat down. The towers represented were Aldermaston, Banham, Bradfield, Bramley (Hants), Cholsey, Englefield, Goring, Newbury, Reading (St. Laurence's), Streatley, Swindon, Sulham and Theale. Handbells are always very much appreciated by members of the branch, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by: Miss P. Holloway 1-2, W. P. Kynaston 3-4, C. Gardener 5-6, J. Berry 7-8.

Rev. H. C. Wilder, chairman of the branch, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for entertaining the branch at Streatley and for his interesting address. A vote of thanks was also proposed for Mrs. Hughes, who so kindly played the organ for the service.

After tea ringing took place at Streatley and Goring towers, where several good touches were brought round. The next meeting is arranged to take place at Burghfield on Saturday, October 13th. Further notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

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### NOTICES.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence's, Reading. Dedication of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn memorial in cloisters immediately after service, followed by business meeting in Chapter house. 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 service for Guild restoration fund. Cheap railway tickets from all stations in diocese, G.W.R., and L.M.S. All college and city towers open as in past years.—Richard T. Hibbert, sec., 69, York Rd, Reading.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (recently augmented to a ring of ten) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to two shillings will be paid to members attending this meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Tenterden, in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meetings after. Half travelling expenses will be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Marindin Institute. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow.—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton (eight bells) on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hope on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Polstead (6 bells) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 21st. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5.45. Please send card if you require tea. Ringing at Stoke after tea.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Langport on Saturday, July 21st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Huish Episcopi bells available.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Contest for Society's Silver Cup will take place at Clowne (6 bells) on Saturday, July 21st. Draw at 2.30 p.m.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseale on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Dis. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 21st. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21st, at Kingstone, near Ilminster. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, weather permitting, on the Rectory lawn at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, but those requiring tea please inform D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, July 21st. 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.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Petherton on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Come in crowds. Create interest.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—W. Ayre, Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Black Dog. Business meeting to follow.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Annual meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bicker on Saturday, July 21st. 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.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, July 21st. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Visitors welcome.—F. D. Rickards, Hon. Sec., 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Som.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarter meeting will be held at Titchfield on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, in Church Hall, at 5.30. The Rectory garden will be available to the visitors. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, July 21st, on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board recording a peal rung to commemorate the 1,050th anniversary of the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. A. Brown, 7, Finchale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, as soon as possible.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting is to be held to-morrow (July 21st) at St. Mary's, Woodford, from 3 p.m. Tea, etc., at 5.30 p.m. It is regretted if inconvenience was caused to any ringer through last Saturday's date appearing in error in the notice last week.—James G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77a, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A practice meeting will be held at North Cadbury in the afternoon, and Castle Cary in the evening, on Saturday, July 21st.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**LONDON, E.11.**—At Christ Church, Wanstead, the Bishop of Chelmsford will dedicate, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 21st, the new ring of 6 bells, installed by Messrs. John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—The ring of 6 (tenor 11 cwts.), restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, July 22nd, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Bengoe on Wednesday, July 25th. Bells from 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant, Fore Street, Hertford. St. Andrew's bells from 6 to 7.30 p.m. All Saints' bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.**—The new peal of 12 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringing after the service will be limited. Will ringers intending to be present please advise at once, so that bands can be made up. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing from 10.30 a.m. Those requiring tea, at moderate charge, must advise by July 26th, as catering arrangements are awkward. All ringers welcome. Please advise early.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynham Road, Trowbridge.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford-Peverell on Thursday, July 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Frampton bells also available, and St. Peter's, Dorchester (8), from 7.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 26th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A summer meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, near Halifax, on Saturday, July 28th, when the eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 4.30 p.m. in the National Schools, for all who notify Mr. E. Lawson, 5, North Royd, Hipperholme, near Halifax, by Thursday, July 26th. No business meeting. The church is three minutes' walk from Lightcliffe L.M.S. Station, and is passed by the Yorkshire buses from Leeds, Cleckheaton and Halifax. The Cliffe Hill Nurseries of Mr. H. White will be open for all who care to look round, and the Memorial Stray is a picture at this time of the year. Therefore make an effort to attend this meeting, and bring your friends.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (12) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the President (Dr. J. B. Williamson), will be served at 5 p.m. in The Clarendon Hotel to those ringers who notify me before the 25th inst. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, July 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. The Rectory grounds will be open to members.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Fishlake on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 9d. per head will be supplied to those who notify me by the 25th.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**, North-Western District, and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**, Leatherhead District.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. H. Smith, Tudor Cottage, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey, by Wednesday, July 25th.—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Special meeting will be held at Kissingbury on July 28th. Usual arrangements; names for tea to sec. by July 24th.—J. Dean, Branch Sec., 10, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harford on July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5. No service.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Bratton, on Saturday, July 28th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells which have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. Service at 3.30 p.m., the address will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon of Dorset. Tea at 5, with short meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Semington Road, Melksham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea (about 1/-) 5 p.m., close to church. It is hoped to see a good muster of both old and new friends.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Newmarket.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service (if any) 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than Wednesday, 25th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Rothley (recently augmented to six) on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, notification for same to me by Thursday previous. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fitzhead (6 bells), on Saturday, July 28th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting after. Those wanting tea please advise by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodchurch (6 bells), on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 in the Rectory garden, 9d. each. Service at 6.30 (evensong). Will visitors please let me know not later than Wednesday, 25th inst?—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Hitcham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head for those who notify me not later than July 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION (St. Albans Dis.) & MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. Dis.)**—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Sat., July 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea immediately after. Trains for Brookman's Park leave Finsbury Park at 2.17, King's Cross 2.30, 3.16. Return fare 1/6 and 1/10. Buses leave St. Albans at quarter past each hour and pass by the church. Also Green Line service on the Barnet by-pass. A visit to this old church is worth while. To facilitate tea arrangements a post card to W. Nash by July 26th would be appreciated.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, District Secretaries.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Teversal, Notts, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please send numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, July 25th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, July 28th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service. Tea and meeting as usual. All ringing friends heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, District Sec., Little Munden.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, July 28th. The bells of St. Ignatius' Church will be available at 3. Service, with address by the Rector of Sunderland, 4.30. Tea in the Girls' Institute at 5, after which the bells of Holy Trinity will also be available. Members intending to be present please notify me before July 26th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. The Rector is anxious to know for how many to prepare tea, so do, please, drop me a card. All very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Bedford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4th, at Blackburn Cathedral. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Business: election of officers.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held on Monday, August 6th, at Frodsham. Service in Church 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the schools 12 noon. Dinner in the schools 1 p.m. Tickets (2s. for non-members, 1s. 6d. for members) may be had from the Branch Secretaries or from the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, August 7th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**ST. THOMAS', PENDLETON.**—Owing to repairs to the tower ringing is stopped until further notice.—W. H. Shuker.

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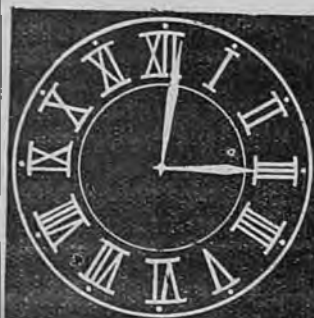
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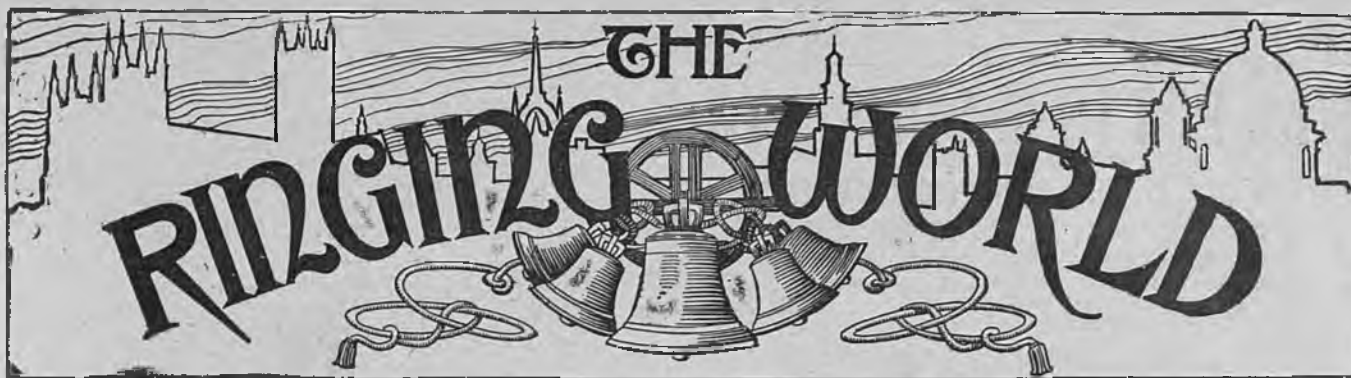
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This determination is the most practical demonstration of appreciation of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's labours that could be given by the members and the best memorial to him would be to maintain this spirit of high endeavour. The Guild, however, has provided a tangible memorial to the late Master in a tablet erected in what may be regarded as a 'ringers' corner' in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral. Mr. Jenkyn's services and the Guild's appreciation of them are recorded for all time upon a simple memorial stone, which for the future will keep company with similar memorials to the first Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) and to the members who gave their lives for King and country in the Great War. And it is fitting that Mr. Jenkyn's memorial should stand in close propinquity to both of these, for in his office of Guild-Master he succeeded the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and his death was the penalty he paid for his service with those other departed heroes who wore the King's uniform from 1914 to 1918. He did not fall on the battlefield, but his bravery there earned him the Military Cross, and his death was the direct outcome of being gassed in Flanders.

Cyril Jenkyn has gone, but the work he cherished and gave so much to forward goes on, and nothing, we imagine, would be more after his own heart, than the decision taken on Saturday to devote a considerable portion of the surplus funds of the Guild to the work of bell

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## TEN BELL PEAL.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 6
JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 2	WILLIAM DICKENSON ... .. 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	J. ALFRED BARRETT ... .. 8
†WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. 4	COLIN RYDER ... .. 9
SAM PINDER ... .. 5	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Royal on an 'inside' bell.  
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dickenson.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*FREDERICK BLOWEN ... Treble	THOMAS WITTS ... .. 5
*PERCY PONTING ... .. 2	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 6
BASIL LATHAM ... .. 3	*WILLIAM DEAN ... .. 7
GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 4	*CECIL CANEON ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Triples.

LONDON.

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On Monday, July 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 5
JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY Treble	D. C. WILLIAMS, Mus. Bac. 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 2	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 3	GEORGE PRESTON ... .. 7
WALTER LINTER ... .. 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

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#### A PEAL OF DEBEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

A peal in this method (Lindoff's No. 19) is now rung for the first time. It was rung at the first attempt.

### CRAYFORD, KENT.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

#### A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	*RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 5
*ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
*ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of New Cambridge.

### NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

#### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 20, 1934, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat,

*ERNEST DODD ... .. Treble	*STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 5
†HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 2	†KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... .. 6
†JOHN A. BROWN ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 7
KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... .. 4	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

### BRAUGHING, HERTS.

#### THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. BYSOUTH ... Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	*ROBERT G. KING ... .. 6
FRANCIS GLEAVES ... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCE ... .. 7
*ROBERT HOWARD ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCE.

Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

\* First peal of Superlative.

### COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

#### THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	H. ERNEST COX ... .. 5
ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 3	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 7
W. GLYN SHAW ... .. 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

### HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. N. CAWTHORNE ... Treble	*JOHN COAD ... .. 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 3	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 7
MISS DORICE TURNER ... .. 4	FRED WATKINSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

\* First peal in the method.

### OXHEY, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew,

#### A PEAL OF OXHEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 8½ cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ... Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method, and was rung without previous practice. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Kirk.

### RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

#### THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

GORDON A. BACON ... Treble	HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 5
FRANK B. LUFFIN ... .. 2	STANLEY W. BAYBUT ... .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7
ALFRED PYE ... .. 4	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY T. WILSON.

### FEERING, ESSEX.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

PERCY GREEN ... Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 5
CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6
REGINALD GRAINGER ... .. 3	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. 7
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 4	*FREDERICK FLUDDER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method. The monthly peal for the division.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

### GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*FRED RIX ... Treble	*JOHN H. PITCHER ... .. 4
CLAUD COUSINS ... .. 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5
*EDWARD GREENACRE ... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

\* First in six methods.

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One extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... Treble	FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 4
†LESLIE D. J. WHITEHEAD ... 2	GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 3	*GEORGE DOBBS ... .. Tenor

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At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*DONALD COCKINGS ... .. Treble	PERCY AMOS ... .. 3
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 4
JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ... .. Tenor	
Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.	

\* First attempt for a peal. Fiftieth peal by P. Amos; these peals have been rung in 46 towers in eight counties and for six associations.

## GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

V. JAMES CARLESS ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 5
BERNARD H. DAVIES ... .. 2	*LESLIE G. PHILLIPS ... .. 6
DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 3	THOMAS VAUGHAN ... .. 7
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4	*FREDERICK G. JONES... .. Tenor
Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.	

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy with Lord Hereford in the recent loss of his son and heir. Rung with 7.6.8. covering.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Friday, July 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At Frodingham, Edgeley Road, Clapham,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKBRILL ... .. 7-3

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire—George Wilmot Debenham.

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The first peal in this method was rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Norbury (Hazelgrove) on June 7th, 1934, conducted by John Worth.

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## FIRST VISIT TO A TWELVE-BELL TOWER.

## BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN NORFOLK.

On Tuesday, July 17th, St. Leonard's Guild, Stagsden, Beds, held an outing to Great Yarmouth. An early start was made, and the party, numbering 10, including the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Limbrick, F.R.Hist.S.) left Stagsden behind at 6 a.m. in two comfortable cars. Passing through Cambridge, Newmarket was reached, and the party were interested in budding winners being put through their paces. Between Newmarket and Thetford a short stop was made for a welcome cup of tea at a wayside cafe. Continuing the journey, Thetford and Norwich were passed through, and Acle, the first scheduled stop, was reached at 9.40. Here the party found the genial Rector (Rev. J. E. N. Williams) in the church. He gave the visitors a most cordial welcome, and explained the various architectural and historical features of his church, which proved most interesting and were greatly appreciated by the ringers. The musical ring of six bells were raised and some enjoyable touches of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Minor were well struck. The bells are hung in rather a unique way. Owing to the round tower not being of sufficient strength to carry a ringing peal, a steel structure was erected inside the tower, and this carries the bells in a two-tiered frame quite independently of the outside walls. The bells 'go' delightfully, having only been rehung last year by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who tuned the old peal of five and added a new treble, making a new musical ring. The only drawback is the noise in the ringing room, apparently caused by the steel structure acting as a kind of slute when the bells are ringing, and making the bells themselves rather difficult to hear.

After bidding farewell and thanking the Rev. Williams and his son, who also met the party, the Stagsden men were soon speeding on towards Yarmouth, which was reached just before 11 a.m. The various attractions of the seaside were all sampled during the day. At noon an excellent lunch was served at the Jetty Restaurant, and the Guild were guests of their Vicar. The party then broke up, some enjoying bathing, others took a trip to Gorleston on the steamer, and, of course, the Amusement Park came in for a full share of patronage. The ringers met again for tea at the Jetty Restaurant, and Yarmouth was left behind at 6.45, with Wroxham Parish Church as the next place of call. Here Mr. George Bailey and other members of the band were waiting and had the bells ready for them. Some well-struck touches of Plain Bob and a course of Oxford Treble Bob were rung. It was a great pleasure to ring on this excellent peal, the 'go' of which is all that could be desired. Mr. Bailey intimated to the party that the St. Peter Mancroft ringers had kindly postponed a peal attempt and were expecting the visitors to call there. Mr. Bailey and his fellow-ringers were therefore squeezed into the cars and piloted the party to St. Peter Mancroft, where the local ringers, including Mr. Nolan Golden, who had so very kindly helped with the ringing arrangements, were waiting. The twelve bells were already raised, and it was the first time that any of the ringers had ever entered a twelve-bell tower. However, they were kindly given the opportunity to ring 'rounds,' and this was more or less successfully accomplished with the help of the Norwich ringers on the heavy end. After this a course of Bob Major was rung on the back eight, in which three of the visitors took part. After hurried farewells and thanks had been said, Norwich was left behind at 9.15, an uneventful journey home bringing the party to Stagsden at midnight after a glorious run, a delightfully sunny day and good ringing.

The best thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. Nolan Golden for his great kindness in helping with the arrangements, the Rev. J. E. N. Williams, and the incumbent at Wroxham, together with Mr. George Bailey and his companion, all of whom were most kind and helpful, and, lastly, to the Rev. W. A. Limbrick, for his hospitality at lunch and tea.

## BURNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The members of the St. Mary's Guild, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, held their outing on Wednesday, July 18th, in splendid weather. Travelling by motor coach, the first stop was made at Danbury Church, where the ringers soon had the bells going. After looking round the building and admiring the beautiful carvings on the pews, the party proceeded to Shenfield Church with its peculiar tower but good-going bells. Another short but very pleasant run then brought them to South Weald, where touches were rung on the heavy and deep-toned peal of bells. After lunch the party proceeded to the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, where the bells were soon running to London Surprise. After a stay, which seemed all too short, the ringers made tracks for their last tower of the day, St. Mary's, Leyton, where they rang on the light peal of eight. They then went on to London for tea, and the evening was spent at the Palace Theatre. The party were met at all the churches by ringers or church officials, who took great pains to show them everything of interest. The ringers arrived home at 2.20 a.m., and all agreed that the outing had been a huge success. They would like, through the kindness of 'The Ringing World,' to tender their heartiest thanks to the incumbents of the churches for the use of the bells, and to the ringers and church officials who met them, and so contributed to the pleasures of the day.

## OUR CHURCH BELLS AND THEIR HISTORIANS.

The Central Council, at their last meeting, decided to acquire for the library, by gift or otherwise, as and when opportunity occurs, copies of the various county bell histories. In the following article Mr. H. B. Walters, the well-known antiquarian, describes what has been done, up to the present, to compile details of the ancient bells to be found in the church towers of England.

Before the middle of the nineteenth century the antiquarian interest of our church bells and their founders was almost entirely ignored. The most that had been done was a praiseworthy attempt by some of the early county historians, such as Lipscombe of Bucks, Hutchins of Dorset, and Brydges of Northants, to record the inscriptions on the more interesting bells they came across in their investigations. Dr. Prattinton of Bewdley, who made an exhaustive survey of the Worcestershire churches at the beginning of the 19th century, gives in his manuscript collections a remarkably complete and accurate record of the contents of their belfries at that time, which has preserved some interesting notes of bells now recast.

But it was not until the year 1854, when the Rev. W. C. Lukis, Rector of Collingbourne Ducis, Wilts, and an enthusiastic antiquary, read a paper before the local archæological society, afterwards published in their *Magazine*, that the study of the subject was seriously taken up. Lukis not only attempted to give a complete survey of the inscriptions on Wiltshire bells and the founders who produced them, but also did much to champion the cause of the many neglected belfries in the county. There are still places where his censures would be justified at the present day, but fortunately very few. He afterwards published his paper in the form of a book *On Church Bells* (1857), in which he gives the inscriptions on about half the bells in Wiltshire and many in other counties. Though the standard of accuracy is not high, he deserves every credit for a very difficult piece of pioneering work, and the amount of information he collected about the various foundries is remarkable.

A few years later, Mr. J. R. Daniel Tyssen, of Brighton, conceived the project of making rubbings of church bells all over England, and to this end employed a Mr. Wilson, a well-known ringer of the time, and other competent persons to perform the somewhat ambitious feat. They appear to have explored most of the home counties and others further afield, and the information they collected has been invaluable to later investigators. The results are now preserved in a number of volumes presented by his son, Dr. A. D. Tyssen, to the Society of Antiquaries.

The latter gentleman, when an Oxford undergraduate, was also fired by his father's ambition, and at the early age of twenty produced an admirable book on *The Church Bells of Sussex* (1864), a model of accuracy and indefatigable research. Dr. Tyssen never lost his enthusiasm for the subject, and was always most ready to place at the disposal of other workers the immense amount of material collected by his father and himself. Not only so, but in 1914 he actually produced a jubilee edition of his Sussex book, bringing it up to date as far as possible, with an introduction which has probably settled finally many vexed questions about the work of the mediæval London bell-founders. He died in 1930, at the age of eighty-six, and preserved his interest in the subject to the end, his last

appearance in print being a paper in 1925 on the history of the Whitechapel Foundry.

But the 'grand old man' of campanology was of course the Rev. Canon H. T. Ellacombe, who was born in 1790, Vicar of Bitton, in Gloucestershire, 1835-1850, and died in 1885, being Vicar of Clyst St. George, near Exeter, for many years before his death. He was not only an antiquary, but a keen bellringer, and as long ago as 1850 published an admirable pamphlet *On Belfries and Ringers*, which went through several editions. He is also well known as the inventor of the Ellacombe chiming apparatus, which has been a godsend to so many village churches, where ringers have been hard to find. In 1867 he brought out his great work on *The Church Bells of Devonshire*, in the preface to which he tells us he visited every belfry in the county except two where the discourtesy of the authorities was too much for him.

To this he appended a supplement, *The Bells of the Church*, a miscellany treating of bells in every conceivable aspect, both historical and practical. In his later years he attempted to do for the neighbouring counties of Somerset and Gloucester what he had done for Devon, but as old age necessitated his doing all the work by correspondence, these two books show a sad falling-off in accuracy. Yet as the work of a man of over eighty they are really a wonderful performance. Ellacombe was indeed one of the most remarkable men the last century produced, and in addition to his other gifts, he was a truly Christian man, always at the service of others.

Another remarkable combination of priest of the Church and antiquary was Canon J. J. Raven, who did for East Anglia what Ellacombe did for Western England. In his undergraduate days at Cambridge (about the early fifties) he took up 'bell hunting,' aided by his friend, L. B. (afterwards Mr. Justice) Clarence, with great vigour, and as he says, 'perhaps with excessive zeal.' His excuse was that 'the very discomforts, hardships, and dangers of the work proved its strong attraction; once taken up, a man could not drop it.' Certainly, before even the bicycle had been invented, the exploration of a county, mostly on foot, must have been a great undertaking. Raven brought out *The Church Bells of Cambridgeshire* in 1869, and a new and improved edition in 1881, and subsequently in 1890 *The Church Bells of Suffolk*, which, as he tells us, had taken forty years to complete. Two achievements of his latter years were *The Bells of England* (1906), a delightfully-written though rather superficial production, and *The Church Bells of Dorset* (issued in parts, 1902-1906). Raven was a charming personality, and his letters were always a joy to the present writer, but though a man of wide reading and many interests, his work is marred by frequent inaccuracies. He was an excellent judge of the tone of a bell, but so far as I am aware did not do much in the way of ringing.

A fourth notable writer of the latter half of the 19th century was Thomas North, of Leicester, a man of indefatigable industry, much interfered with by ill-health. Though incapable of personally visiting belfries, he produced a series of volumes on the counties of Leicester, Northants, Lincoln, Rutland, and Bedford between 1876 and 1882, with the aid of competent and energetic explorers; a remarkable record when one considers, for instance, the size of Lincolnshire. Each book is a model of its kind, and surprisingly accurate. He also wrote a useful little monograph on *English Bells and Bell-Lore*, and at his

death in 1884 left much material for Hertfordshire and other counties for his successors to work on.

I must now mention a group of men who were perhaps not primarily campanologists, but who nevertheless did much to advance the study of the subject. In 1874 Mr. L'Estrange, of Hunstanton, produced an excellent and accurate book on *The Church Bells of Norfolk*, and he was followed by Mr. E. H. W. Dunkin, a well-known antiquary in his day, who in 1878 did the same for Cornwall. Another well-known antiquary and engraver, Llewellyn Jewitt, of Derby, published in the *Reliquary* an almost complete description of Derbyshire church bells in the 'eighties. The Rev. H. Whitehead published some valuable articles on Cumberland bells between 1883 and 1892, unfortunately brought to a close by his death in the latter year; and Mr. Robert Blair performed a similar service for Northumberland and Durham in the pages of the *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle* (1883-1890). It is a pity that none of these undertakings have ever been completed.

J. C. L. Stahlschmidt, a member of the London Founders' Company, in 1884 inherited North's collections, and completed his work on Hertfordshire. At the same time he brought out independently a most important work on *Surrey Bells*, which included a valuable record of the early London bell-founders and their work. In 1887 he produced *The Church Bells of Kent*, but his ambition of following up that with a book on Essex was frustrated by a break-down in health, resulting in his death in 1889. A man of exceptional gifts and great charm, he was an irreparable loss to friends and fellow-workers. After various vicissitudes the Essex book was finally brought out in 1909 by the Rev. Cecil Deedes and the present writer.

Since Stahlschmidt's day the study of the subject has somewhat hung fire, but a notable exception was A. H. Cocks' *Church Bells of Buckinghamshire*, produced in 1897, and certainly the best book of the kind that has ever appeared. Cocks (who died in 1928) was not only a most painstaking and accurate writer on the history of bells, but was also an enthusiastic ringer at his parish church of Great Marlow, and had a thorough knowledge of the technical side of the subject. Nor must we omit to mention Lynam's *Staffordshire* (1889), a book rendered somewhat unwieldy by the size which the elaborate reproduction of the inscriptions necessitated, and the Rev. T. M. N. Owen's excellent monograph on *Huntingdonshire* (1899).

Two indefatigable workers of this period, though they have left little or no printed record of their activities, were the Rev. T. A. Turner, of Ickford, Bucks, a somewhat eccentric personality, who claimed to have ascended more towers than any man of his day, and the Rev. H. T. Tilley, of Birmingham. The latter's work in Warwickshire was completed (after his death in 1905) by the present writer in 1910, but Turner's achievements were practically limited to forming a vast collection of bell-rubbings, now at the Society of Antiquaries. He had a curious dislike of sharing his results with others; but he was a most industrious and careful bell-hunter, and would often spend a whole day in a belfry, noting down every possible matter of interest both in the bells and in the church itself. It is fortunate that his work has been rescued from oblivion; it covers the period from 1870 to his death in 1905.

I now come to the work that has been done during the present century, which in bulk, if not in quality, contrasts sadly with that of the previous fifty years. But it must be remembered that the completing of each county meant so much less for future explorers to accomplish. Mr. J. E. Poppleton, in the early years of the century, explored the vast area of the West Riding of Yorkshire; his work was continued in the North Riding by Dr. Pauli, of Middleham, but was cut short by the premature death of the latter. Mr. F. C. Eeles broke new ground in Scotland, and produced excellent monographs on the counties of Kincardine and Linlithgow.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester, of Winchester, a keen ringer, brought out a preliminary account of Hampshire Bells in 1920, but his death in 1924 put a stop to a really complete publication of this important county. The only other county to be achieved up to 1929 was Lancashire, a somewhat heroic performance by Mr. F. H. Cheetham, considering the lack of interest in its bells from an antiquarian point of view. Shropshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire have now been completed by the present writer, and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson is occupied with the exploration and publication of Notts. I may also add that Mr. Arthur Wright has investigated nearly the whole of Monmouth and Glamorgan; that well-known ringer, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, whose great book on *Change Ringing* one cannot praise too highly, has collected material for a new edition of Leicestershire Bells, if circumstances ever admit of its publication; and another enthusiastic ringer, Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton, has produced an excellent little monograph on the Deanery of Bicester in Oxfordshire.

The writer would like to add to those already mentioned one name which has been in the past very familiar in the ringing world. J. R. Jerram, who died at his home in Salisbury in 1932 at an advanced age, was at all events exempt from any criticism that bell-ringing and archæology have been too much dissociated. He was one of the best known ringers of his day, and had an intimate knowledge of technical detail; in fact for a time he was associated with the working of a bell foundry in Salisbury. But his knowledge of the antiquarian side of the subject was also very wide, and he had collected almost enough information about Wiltshire bells to write their history himself. He was a skilful draughtsman, and never tired of making beautiful drawings of lettering and ornaments on bells. In his old age, with his flowing white beard, he was a striking personality, who must have been much missed in Salisbury since the regrettable accident which eventually brought about his lamented death.

This is for the most part a dry record of facts and dates, but it seemed to the present writer worthy of committing to paper, if for no other reason, because it has never been attempted before in any detail. It brings to light one rather curious fact, at which I have already hinted, that very few of the writers mentioned seem to have been practical ringers; but after all, church bells have an importance, not only as musical instruments, but also as a field for antiquarian study. It must, therefore, be a matter for some satisfaction that published records now exist for nearly three-quarters of the English counties, and that if either the clergy or the ringing fraternity have any desire to acquaint themselves with the history of the bells with which they are concerned, the information is

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****HISTORIC EVENT COMMEMORATED AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.**

'From Duresme (Durham) came over Framigate Bridge to Chester-in-the-Street. Or I came to Chester. I saw scant half-mile of it. Lomeley Castle having praty woode about it. The Church Collegiate hath a Deane and 7 Prebendaries. In the body of the Church is a tombe with the image of a byshop in token that St. Cuthbertus was buried in his feretre (portable bier) there.'

The above is an extract from Leland's 'The laboryeuse Journey and serche for England's Antiquities,' written in 1540, and it was at this ancient Collegiate Church that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on December 2nd last year to celebrate the 1,050th anniversary of the dedication of the church and the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

The ringers were C. L. Routledge (conductor), W. J. Davidson and J. E. R. Keen, of Newcastle Cathedral, J. A. Brown and F. Sheraton, of the local band, W. Sheraton, Houghton-le-Spring, S. Thompson, of Whickham, and R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland.

A handsome board to record this historic peal has been provided for the belfry, and was unveiled on Saturday last in the presence of a large company by Mr. John Anderson, the president of the association, and dedicated by the Rector (Rev. Canon F. H. Jackson).

The Rector in the course of his remarks, referred to the wonderful bond of fellowship between ringers as evidenced in the various associations and in other ways, and said he often wished that the members of his choir had something of the same kind to draw them together and encourage them in their work. He also thanked the older members for their valuable services in training young men in the art of ringing.

The peal band was then photographed at the door of the church, and an excellent tea and good ringing in various methods combined to make it one of the happiest meetings the association has held for a long time.

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easily available. If, however, there is not the same enthusiasm among the younger generation for 'bell-hunting' which obtained in the last century, it is perhaps due to this very cause, that the pursuit of the unknown, with the chance of discovering an exceptional prize, has become a more or less remote possibility.

H. B. WALTERS.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.****MEETING AT SUTTON COLDFIELD.**

A very pleasant quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, July 14th, in the ancient and royal borough of Sutton Coldfield. Situated in lovely country about eight miles from the centre of the city, and easily accessible by bus or train, its great natural park is a popular resort of the city dweller and the rendezvous of many Sunday School outings during the summer months.

The Parish Church of the Holy Trinity is also very interesting, dating back to the 13th century. It contains several fine stained-glass windows, an excellent specimen of Norman Font, carved oak screen, and the Vesey Chapel, in which is the tomb of Bishop Vesey.

The massive tower contains a peal of eight bells, and these were kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise Major during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in the Church House, and this was followed by a short business meeting. Owing to the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the chair was occupied by Mr. Vice-President James George. An apology was also read from Mr. Paddon Smith, who was unable to attend.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure of the meeting at seeing Mr. Morris J. Morris amongst them again after his accident, and hoped he would soon make a complete recovery. He also referred to the accident sustained by the towerkeeper at St. Martin's, Mr. Frank Banks, and was pleased to report he was making good progress.—Mr. Morris expressed thanks, and said he was now feeling quite strong again. Reference was also made to the loss the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Exercise in general had sustained by the sudden death of two such well-known ringers as Walter Prime and George R. Fardon, and it was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the society.

The Secretary referred to the proposed Australian tour and to a request received from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for photos in duplicate of St. Martin's Church and St. Philip's Cathedral for inclusion in the albums to be sent out as gifts from the ringers of Great Britain. It was decided to support the scheme.—The Chairman said he should be pleased to defray the cost, and this was agreed to.

Mr. John Linden, of Bishop Ryders tower, was made a member of the Guild.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, October 6th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Church House, and to Mr. B. Leedham for making the local arrangements, concluded the meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The collection for the Oxford Diocesan Guild's Restoration Fund, at the festival service on Saturday, amounted to £3 7s. 9d.

New Surprise methods continue to be rung. This week two are recorded, Deben and Oxhey. When are we going to read of some of the Plain Major methods being rung for the first time? There are many interesting ones in the Central Council's collection.

If towers were promoted to twelve-bell rank on the merit of their past record, Kidderminster, which we announced last week is now to have four trebles added, has not come into the distinction before its turn was due.

Kidderminster ringers, thirty-five or forty years ago, helped to lay the foundations of the present popularity of Surprise ringing by the achievements of its band of those days, when peals were really peals and the Surprise ringer had to work for his reward.

July 29th is an anniversary of some significance in the history of ringing, for it was on that day in 1785 that William Shipway arrived in London from Bath to seek his fortune and expand his knowledge of ringing. It was while he was in London that he wrote his famous treatise on the art.

## CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

Mr. G. Wilfred Slack asks us to say that the last of the three values for which he asked Mr. Lewis in his letter last week should have read: 'The angle . . . of the clapper to the clapper pin when held . . . , etc.'

## NEW PEAL DEDICATED AT WANSTEAD.

### STEEL BELLS CONSIGNED TO THE SCRAP HEAP.

In 1867 a ring of six cast-steel bells was installed in the tower of Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex, by Vickers, of Sheffield, but about two years ago the 'go' became unsatisfactory, and, as it was felt that money spent on repairs to such displeasing bells would be wasted, an effort was made to replace them by a more worthy peal.

Last Saturday saw the conclusion of that effort, when a musical ring of six, the best product of the Loughborough Foundry, was dedicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford, and all who had heard the old peal would endorse his Lordship's remarks when, in the course of his sermon, he said that they need have no regrets at parting with their old bells.

The service on Saturday held a note of brightness, and there was a large and enthusiastic congregation, while, despite other attractions and the lateness of the service (eight o'clock), many visiting ringers attended.

The customary dedicatory rounds were rung by the local band, and at the end of the service visitors had a chance to try the new peal, while the congregation listened to the bells under unusual but nevertheless pleasing conditions, namely, partaking of a fresco refreshments under the trees, with the aid of arc lamps.

The bellfounders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were represented by Mr. R. H. Dove, and among the visitors were the Master of the Essex Association (Mr. E. P. Duffield), the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association (Mr. C. T. Coles), and ringers from Chelmsford, Witham, Woodford, Maldon, Leytonstone, etc.

The new bells hang in the old bell frame (which, owing to the limited span of the tower, had to be constructed in three tiers with the tenor above), and the fittings are of the latest pattern, including iron headstocks and ball bearings, which, with the installation of a new ceiling for the ringing chamber and improvements in the rope circle, have added greatly to the comfort of the ringers.

The old bells have reached their rightful home—the scrap heap.

## REV. C. W. O. JENKYN MEMORIAL FUND

### FOURTH LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Amount already received £68 4s. 9d., Chalfont St. Peter 4s., J. O. Truss 2s. 6d., Farnham Royal 2s. 6d., Shiplake tower 12s., R. White (Appleton) 10s., Oxford City and District £2 2s., North Bucks Branch 25 5s., Milton Keynes 8s. 6d., Rev. S. H. Rendall 10s., Sonning Deanery £2 2s., Easthampstead 7s. 6d., Arborfield 5s., Wallham St. Lawrence 10s., Harwell tower 10s., Ardington tower 3s., E. Denison Taylor £1 1s., St. Laurence's (Reading) £1 1s., Reading Branch £3 3s., Central Council of Church Bellringers £10 10s., Bicester Deanery Branch £3 3s., Central Bucks Branch £2 2s., Waddlesdon tower 10s., Quainton tower 10s., Winslow tower 10s., Nether Winchenden tower 5s., Vale of White Horse Branch £2 2s., Rev. H. A. Keates £1, Rev. A. J. De Denne 2s. 6d., Rev. C. Seymour Milford 2s., J. T. Dyke 2s. 6d., A. Leon 2s., R. Gilling 5s., Farringdon tower 5s., Churchill tower 5s., Rev. C. E. Wigg 10s. 6d., South Oxon and Mid Bucks £1, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Curtis 2s., Mr. and Mrs. T. H. G. Curtis 2s., A. Townsend 1s., Mrs. C. D. P. Davies 10s., Matthews (Bucklebury) 15s., Soden (Burford), 5s., North Berks Branch 25 5s., Rev. C. B. Longford 7s. 6d., East Hendred 5s. 6d., Childrey 11s. 6d., Steventon 6s., Hagbourne 10s., Blewbury 8s. 6d., Abingdon 10s., H. J. Balcambe 1s. 6d., Witney and Woodstock £4 0s. 6d.; total £124 9s. 3d.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S FESTIVAL

### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MASTER.

The dedication of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's memorial to the late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was the central feature in the gathering of the members at Oxford on Saturday for their annual festival. The memorial has been erected in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, in a niche which has become a hallowed spot for diocesan ringers, for the tablet which has now been placed there keeps company with the memorial erected by the Guild to those colleagues of the belfry who fell in the war, and with the tablet commemorating the first Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The festival brought together ringers from all the branches of the Guild, which covers the counties of Oxford, Berks and Bucks, and they first gathered in the Cathedral for a service. This was conducted by the Master (Rev. Canon Coleridge), and began with the



THE LATE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

To whose memory a tablet was unveiled in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday.

hymn, 'Unchanging God,' followed by the 84th Psalm. The singing of these and the other hymns, 'Angel voices ever singing' and 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was a stirring feature of the service.

The preacher was the Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, of St. Laurence's, Reading, who took for a text the words, 'Be ye thankful' (Col. iii. 15). Thankfulness, he said, was a feeling of the heart, and thanksgiving was the outward expression thereof, which should occupy a foremost place amongst the duties and privileges of a Christian people. They who were members of that Guild had every reason to thank God for their association in that specialised part of the Church's work. They had an organisation which was one of the first in this country with regard to members and efficiency. Thankfulness would allow no spirit of discontent to remain, but would afford inspiration to go from strength to strength in loyalty to their local branch, to the Guild as a whole and, most of all, to the Church they served, and would liberate the necessary power in the individual to do all those good works which God provided for them to do.

Their thankfulness, continued the preacher, must also take a more particular form of gratitude to God for the life and example of the late Master of the Guild, the Rev. Cyril Walford Oswald Jenkyn, priest. In God's good way and by His Will, and not by chance, he held the position of chaplain of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, to enable him to give more time and energy to the ringers of that diocese than he could have done had he been incumbent of a parish in town or country. For 23 years he faithfully served the Guild

and was universally loved and respected in that diocese, and not only there, but outside; whether in Newcastle or Durham, in Kent, or in connection with the College Youths in London, he always received heartfelt welcome and was on terms of real friendship while showing active good will with all with whom he came in contact. He was just as ready to go on a journey of 20 or 30 miles to help a young band as to take part in a peal. His presence at the branch meetings and in the various towers up and down the country always brought intelligent and real help and fostered loyalty to the Church and the highest aims of Christian life. At times he would speak in no uncertain tones of things to be set right. He was a sincere priest first of all, and he had every confidence in the Guild's branch of Church activity. He (the preacher) was thankful to think that Mr. Jenkyn at Easter last year rang in a touch that was most pleasing to him at St. Laurence's Church, and afterwards entered into the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. In the evening he rang at Caversham. The next day was one of greatest happiness to him, spent with his nearest and dearest in the surroundings connected with his early days. And then, in the full light of Eastertide, he was called to higher service, doing his duty and in the sound of the bells. Let them therefore thank God not only with their lips but in their lives for his life, working in their own tower and branch and in perfect loyalty to the Guild to gain and retain for all time the first place in every way possible. That they would do if, and only if, they were churchmen first and ringers second, seeking first God's kingdom and his righteousness. Surely thankfulness and the expression thereof was the true note for their festival for the past work of the Guild and for the life, work and example of him in whose memory a cloister memorial would shortly be dedicated.

The service concluded with the Te Deum and Blessing, and then, led by the clergy, the ringers filed out to the cloister, where they assembled round the memorial, among those also present being Mrs. Jenkyn and Miss Mason.

### THE MEMORIAL.

Canon Coleridge, who was visibly touched by the occasion, began the brief ceremony by saying: We are here assembled to-day to dedicate this memorial in grateful remembrance of Cyril Walford Oswald Jenkyn, for 23 years the beloved Master of our Guild, whose name holds an abiding place in our affections. Taught by his example we have learned that it is better to give than to receive, better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward, better to minister than to be ministered to. With this thought in our mind I bid you join with me in dedicating this memorial with prayer and thanksgiving.

Canon Coleridge then unveiled the tablet and dedicated it with suitable prayers.

The memorial is of Derbyshire stone and is surmounted by two carved bells. It bears the inscription:—

A.M.D.G. and in memory of  
the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C.,  
Master of the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers,  
1910-1933.

This tablet is placed by his fellow-members,  
A.D. 1934.

The memorial, which is bordered by various carved decorations so that in design it is similar to that of the first Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson) above it, has been beautifully executed by Mr. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, a member of the Guild.

The Chapter House was filled to seating capacity for the annual meeting which was next held. Canon Coleridge presided, supported by Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary), Rev. C. Elliott Wigg (Deputy Master).

Among those who sent apologies for absence were Bishop Shaw, Ald. J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Canon and Miss Norris and Mr. H. W. Curtis (Newbury).

The reports of the Master, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were taken as read and adopted.

### THE GUILD'S DETERMINATION.

The Master, in his report, said that, following the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, he undertook the office, well knowing his limitations, as it was obviously the wish of the members of the Guild. Since then, in the early new year, he had met with a serious accident which was likely to prevent him from ever ringing a peal again and from climbing towers for bell and frame inspections for the rest of his life. His report covered less than six months, but during that time he was asked to examine and give advice in the case of four towers—three of these had called in the services of a qualified bell hanger with, he understood, thoroughly satisfactory results. The remaining case was simply a matter of sound from the louvres—the mitigating of a great nuisance. He was only able to attend two meetings, viz., at Waltham St. Lawrence and Newbury annual meeting, at both of which he was privileged to speak. He regretted that circumstances prevented him from attending other branch meetings to which he was invited. On one point only would he lay stress, and that with no ordinary satisfaction. It was to be found in the determination of the Guild, its branches and its individual members, to hold together and to do their utmost in keeping up and improving the ringing in the diocese, though deprived of the frequent visits of a Master who was able to devote much time in visiting and attending meetings where his genial presence was ever eagerly welcomed.

The Secretary, in his report, said that notwithstanding the great blow which they, as a diocesan guild, had by the death of their Master early in the year 1933, his influence and example seemed to permeate the whole diocese and to make all members realise that the greatest tribute to his beloved memory would be to keep things up to his high ideals of what a Church organisation should be. Therefore, one found at all branch annual meetings the same keen sense and wish for progress as in the past.

As appointed by the Guild, he had made inspections of finished restoration work at Brill, Bucks; Swadcliffe, Oxon; and St. Nicholas, Abingdon, Drayton, and Shriveham, Berks. In each case the work of the various firms had been well carried out. The peals rung in 1933 were fewer in number, the record being 121, but this was well countered by the recording of several new Surprise Major methods, and among other interesting items a peal of Stedman Cinques at High Wycombe and a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Reading, both by their own Sunday service ringers.

Membership increased gradually. They unfortunately had lost three towers but had gained sixteen new ones. The hon. members had increased by 20. These two facts proved that the branches were being looked after by officers worthy of all honour.

Taking the year as a whole, they might well be thankful for their position among ringing guilds, and by keen and brotherly co-operation he could see nothing to be afraid of in the future.

#### INCREASING BALANCE.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the statement of accounts showed a balance of £134 11s. 7d. as compared with £132 18s. 3d. the previous year. The amount received from the branches was £93 1s. 10d., an increase of 5s. 6d. There was a considerable increase in the number of applications for grants towards restorations, six as compared with three last year. The amount given was £18 18s. This left a balance of £13 13s. 5d. Included in this amount were donations from the Banbury Branch and Newport Pagnell. It was hoped that other branches having large balances in hand might do likewise. The number of annual reports sold was 114, and it would appear that there is very little demand as the number decreases each year.

In thanking all the branch secretaries for all the work they had done during the past years, the Treasurer said he felt sure that there was not another ringing society which had a more efficient band of workers than that Guild.

The total of the Guild's funds was £240 1s. 4d.

#### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. A. J. Wright proposed the re-election of Canon Coleridge as Master. Last year, he said, Canon Coleridge came to their rescue at a critical time. He had performed all the duties he could in the best possible way and to the satisfaction of the Guild. They could think of having no one else in the chair while Canon Coleridge would take it (applause).—Mr. W. J. Paice seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Canon Coleridge, who was received with applause, said he warned them last time that he could not get about the diocese as he would like to to their meetings, owing to the fact that all his Saturdays were taken up with other business. But he had always tried to do his best by the Guild, of which he had been a member for 53 years. Although he was getting oldish, his enthusiasm and desire to do what he could for the Guild was still with him as strong as ever. His accident had handicapped him, but he was glad to say he was making progress, and although he was warned that he might never walk again without artificial support, he could now walk a hundred yards on the level without aid and, with only one stick, for nearly two miles (applause). Canon Coleridge then went on to propose the re-election of the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg as Deputy Master, and said he was very grateful to him for all the assistance he had given.—The motion having been seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker and carried, the Rev. C. E. Wigg said he would try to do all he could to help on the work of the Guild and get about as much as he could to the various branches during the year.

Mr. Wright, who was re-elected hon. treasurer on the motion of Mr. A. D. Cullum, seconded by Mr. W. Evetts, said fortunately for him he was shortly retiring from his ordinary work, and hoped then to be able to devote more time to the Guild and attend more of the meetings of the branches, which he found so very pleasant (applause).

Mr. R. T. Hibbert was re-elected secretary on the motion of the Master, seconded by Mr. T. Fowler, who said the Guild were satisfied with the excellent work he did. They could not have a more conscientious worker. He was not only an expert ringer, but when he inspected the work carried out in a tower he did it as an expert. Mr. Hibbert, too, had now more time on his hands, and he would find in these belfry inspections a job after his own heart.

Mr. Hibbert said he would continue to do his best, but sometimes he knew it was a poor best; but he did not worry much about that, because the members would have a chance to elect someone else a year from now (laughter). It was funny they could not always agree. Mr. Wright had said that fortunately shortly he would not have anything to do. Three months ago, unfortunately, he (Mr. Hibbert) was told that he was too old to be anything else but secretary of that Guild. If you want my company, concluded Mr. Hibbert, I shall be pleased to go anywhere in the three counties and do the best I can for you (applause).

The Secretary then proposed the re-election of the twelve elected members of the committee, and that they be asked to do their work in a proper manner (laughter).—The motion was agreed to, the following being re-elected: Miss V. Robinson, Miss S. Davis, Messrs. J. Evans, G. Cauldwell, G. Holfield, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins and W. F. Judge.

Mr. W. Evetts, jun., was elected a trustee, in the place of the late Sir George Dashwood, and the election of 193 new members since the last annual meeting was confirmed. In asking the meeting to agree to this latter proposition, the Secretary said he had never been able to explain why, when they elected 190 members in a year, they had not got 190 members more at the end of the year. They were making members, but they did not hold them all. He thought the only thing to do was to tie them up when once they had got them (laughter).

#### THE NEXT MEETING—OPPOSITION TO OXFORD.

The committee recommended that the next festival be held in Oxford. The President, in putting this forward, said Oxford was the most central place, and there was nowhere else where they could get the accommodation afforded to them at Christ Church. He did not know a single Guild which had such delightful quarters to go to—the Cathedral to worship in, the Chapter House to meet in, and the finest hall in England to eat in.

Rev. St. G. Edwards said he thought there was a certain amount of feeling in the eastern part of the diocese that the Guild did not go to that area sometimes for their annual meeting. He suggested they might consider the possibility of holding a Guild meeting there occasionally; if not the annual meeting, then a united meeting perhaps, in the winter.

Mr. A. D. Barker proposed that the next annual meeting be held at Reading. He asked the members to consider whether in voting for Oxford every year they were voting in the larger interests of the whole Guild. Their personal opinion should not count for everything when they voted on a subject of this kind. They were supposed to be there for the good of the Guild as a whole, and he thought it would be in the interests of the Guild sometimes to visit other places. They might not get so large a meeting, but it was possible they might get even a larger one.

Mr. F. D. Boreham, who seconded, said if they only went to the eastern part of the diocese once in three or four years it would give the members of that end, who could not afford to come to Oxford, the opportunity of attending an annual meeting. He believed that would be for the good of the Guild as a whole.

On being put to the vote, Oxford was selected for the 1935 meeting by a large majority.

#### THE RESTORATION FUND.

A recommendation of the committee stood on the agenda in the following terms: That the Subscription account £65 0s. 3d. be merged with and made 'The Restoration Fund.' The Hon. Treasurer, in moving its adoption, asked to amend the amount to £15, as the other £50 was invested in War Stock, and was entirely in the hands of the trustees. Mr. Wright said they now had £32 in the Restoration Fund, and with this addition of £15 he thought they would be able to meet all the grants this year. Next year they would have to go into the question of increasing the income of the Restoration Fund. Some of the branches had sent him donations towards the fund, and he commended this action to those other branches which had large sums of money they did not know what to do with. He assured them that any donations would be thankfully received and faithfully applied. When the time came he did not think he would appeal in vain for support (hear, hear). They did not want to see the fund go down; it had done a tremendous lot of good work.

Replying to questions, Mr. Wright said the 'Subscription Fund' was opened some years ago at the P.O. Savings Bank for the purpose of paying in postal orders received for subscriptions, which at one time came in in this form in large numbers, and the ordinary bank did not care to take them. In recent years the number of subscriptions paid by postal order had dwindled, and the account, which had accumulated to £65 0s. 3d., might very well be closed.

A good deal of discussion followed upon the question of the disposal of the balance, now invested in the names of the trustees, and eventually it was agreed that the subscription account be closed and the whole amount transferred to the Restoration Fund.

On the recommendation of the committee grants of five guineas were voted for bell restoration at Little Horwood (a ring of five bells being restored), Milton Keynes (five bells being rehung and provision made for a sixth), and Rousham (bells rehung).

An application from Yarnton, received since the committee meeting, was also favourably considered and a grant of £5 5s. voted.

Mr. A. D. Cullum, while not objecting to the grant, urged that all these applications should be sent in in time for consideration by the committee.

#### GOOD WISHES TO AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS.

The president briefly reported on the meeting of the Central Council at Warwick, which was attended by all the four representatives of the Guild. The full report of the proceedings, he said, had been given in the column of 'The Ringing World,' and should have been read by every ringer. Unless ringers read 'The Ringing World' it was impossible for them to keep up to date with knowledge of ringing matters—the paper was of inestimable value to all ringers.

The President mentioned the proposed Australian tour and the collections of photographs of cathedrals and notable churches which were to be taken out to Melbourne and Hobart as gifts from the ringers of England.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, who is organising the tour, said it arose from a simple thing, a friendly letter from the secretary of the Melbourne Cathedral company and the Precentor of the Cathedral. The thing had grown and a party of nine ringers would sail from London on September 14th. Mr. Savage, who was secretary of the Melbourne society, was, he understood, an old Berkshire man, who was at Reading 20 years ago, and rang his first peal of Stedman Triples at Sonning. In addition to Melbourne, it was proposed to visit Tasmania, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, and, afterwards, Sydney. He was sorry Canon Coleridge could not go with them, and he was more than sorry to come there and not see a face they all knew and loved so well—their late Master. He believed that, had he been alive, Mr. Jenkyn would have arranged to be spared from his other duties and to go with them as chaplain. Unfortunately, he had taken another voyage, much to their loss. In addition to the photographic albums, they were taking out other gifts and literature which he was sure would be welcomed by the Australian ringers.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith also spoke on the tour and the photographic albums which it is proposed to send out.

The Secretary said as two of the old members of the Guild, Mr. Fussell and Mr. George Martin, were going out on this trip, he would like to be empowered to put on the minutes of the meeting that they wished them 'God-speed and a safe return' (applause). Personally he wished them a very happy time in the Antipodes (applause).

The motion was at once agreed to.

#### £126 FOR JENKYN MEMORIAL FUND.

The Hon. Treasurer announced that the sum of £126 0s. 6d. had been received for the Jenkyn Memorial Fund. The cost of the memorial opened that day would be £31, leaving £95 to hand over to the fund for enlarging the chapel at Queen Anne's School, Caversham, which was to be carried out by the school governors as a memorial to Mr. Jenkyn.

A member suggested that the committee should consider the regular contribution of Guild news to the public Press. The 'Oxford Times' was prepared to give them a quarter of a column each week, and he had no doubt similar arrangements could be made with papers in other parts of the diocese.

There was some criticism of the late appearance of the annual report, but it was pointed out that the delay was in part due to the sudden illness of one of the district secretaries. Part of the delay was also attributed to the auditors, a firm of accountants, who have done the work gratuitously for many years, and Mr. A. D. Barker proposed that in future the audit be carried out by two members of the Guild.

This, however, found no seconder, and eventually the matter dropped.

At the conclusion of the business meeting about 140 sat down to lunch in the magnificent dining hall of Christ Church.

The toast of 'Church and King' was honoured on the call of the president.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith submitted 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild,' congratulating the Guild upon its continued success and particularly upon the valuable work it was doing by giving practical encouragement to bell restoration throughout the diocese.

The President replied and then thanked the Chapter of Christ Church for the use of the Cathedral and Chapter House. Unfortunately they had to lament the death of the Dean, who had always been ready to assist the Guild and do anything he could to promote its interests. Canon Coleridge welcomed Bishop Shaw, who had been able to join them at luncheon, and asked him to convey the thanks of the Guild to the governors of Christ Church for the use of the hall. He also thanked the organist, the steward (Sir Harold Percival) and those incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the members.

Bishop Shaw replied, remarking that he hoped they would have the pleasure of welcoming the Guild at Oxford for their annual meeting for many years to come.

Afterwards the members dispersed to the many city towers for ringing.

#### MR. BAKER'S REPLY TO MR. JAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I accept Mr. James' statement (that he called on me previous to ringing a peal at St. Peter's, Brighton, on May 3rd, 1922, but the fact remains that the late Mr. A. Craven started the controversy by publishing a lead of 'Bristol Royal' in 'The Ringing World' on March 3rd, 1922.

It was after that date that I began canvassing the opinion of the well-known composers (including Mr. James) as to whether a certain plain method was one and the same from Minor to Maximus.

I have carefully scanned the columns of 'The Ringing World' between March 3rd, 1922, and May 3rd, 1922, the date of the peal at Brighton, and I have failed to trace any invitation in print from myself to Mr. James, nor have I any recollection of issuing such an invitation in any shape or form.

GEORGE BAKER.

#### SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD WELCOME TO NEW BISHOP.

The eleventh annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at Brecon on Saturday, July 14th. The attendance did not come up to the usual number. The festival service was held at the Cathedral, the Rev. J. C. Hill officiating, and Mr. J. Humphrey Carden presided at the organ. The address was given by the Lord Bishop.

After service, tea was partaken of on the lawns of Ely Tower by kind invitation of the Bishop.

Before the business of the meeting, the Secretary referred to the lamented death of the late Bishop, whose name would for many years be associated with the diocese by reason of the great work he did in the formation of it and the beautifying of the Cathedral Church, and none the less in the minds of the ringers who had for some years been privileged to gather at Ely Tower as his guests.

The meeting rose to pay a silent tribute to the memory of the late Bishop Bevan.

Mr. Havard also asked the Guild to join with him in offering a very warm welcome to Bishop Morgan. The new Bishop had come from the other end of the principality, having served the Church in the north as a faithful parish priest, and one of the qualities ascribed to him on his appointment was his keen interest in music and church bells. Mr. Havard expressed the hope that the new Bishop would be long with them to guide the destiny of the diocese and to foster the interests of the belringers of the Guild.—The Lord Bishop thanked the ringers for their warm welcome.

The accounts were presented and passed. The Lord Bishop was elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. The following officers were also re-elected: Master of the Guild, Mr. S. T. Rackham; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Powell; hon. secretary, Mr. L. T. Havard; hon. auditor, Mr. E. I. Rowlands; Central Council representative, Mr. Gwynne Lewis.

It was decided to leave the arrangements for the 1935 festival in the hands of the Lord Bishop and the hon. secretary. With regard to the ringing competition, Mr. I. Reed, on behalf of the Cefn Coed band, extended a hearty invitation to the Guild to hold the next competition at Cefn.—Mr. Reed's invitation was gratefully accepted.

Mr. Gwynne Lewis (Cadoston) presented his report on the Central Council meeting held at Warwick. He said he had been requested to make an earnest appeal to all the ringers of the Guild to subscribe to 'The Ringing World,' which was the only paper devoted to the art.—Mr. Lewis was supported in his appeal by Mr. J. P. Hyett and Mr. D. J. Lewis.

#### SCHEME FOR MEMORIAL BELLS WITHDRAWN.

The next item on the agenda was to consider the following recommendation of the Northern District: 'That as our beloved late Bishop was very kindly disposed to the placing of a peal of bells in the Brecon Cathedral, we feel it would be a lasting monument to his memory to issue an appeal for the carrying out of this project, and to pledge ourselves to support and obtain all financial assistance in our power.'

Arising from this the Lord Bishop stated he wished to congratulate the ringers on the fine thought which had prompted such a proposal, but wished to draw their attention to the fact that the Memorial Committee set up by the Diocesan Conference had considered the question of a peal of bells for the Cathedral together with several other suggestions, and they had decided upon the improvement of the east of the Cathedral, knowing that the late Bishop was about to issue an appeal to carry out this work. His Lordship said he was afraid that the suggested appeal would cut across the main memorial appeal.—It was then decided to withdraw the proposal.

It was unanimously decided to place the name of Mr. W. R. Howells (Swansea) upon the list of honorary life members of the Guild in recognition of his services as secretary from 1923-32.

Canon John Simon proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for his kindness and hospitality, the proposition being carried with acclamation.

#### DEATH OF A SHEFFIELD RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Goodwin, who passed away at his residence, 126, High Storrs Road, Sheffield, on Sunday, July 15th, at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Goodwin was a member of the company at St. John-the-Evangelist's, Ranmoor, for many years. He was not a great peal ringer, having only rung three with the late Mr. Sam Thomas. When the two trebles were added to the existing eight as a memorial to Mr. Thomas, he contributed to them very generously.

He joined the Ranmoor company in 1888, and was also a life member of the Yorkshire Association.

He leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn their loss.

On Tuesday evening, July 17th, the following ten members of the Sheffield District Society rang a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grand-sire Caters (1,260 changes) as a mark of respect and as an acknowledgment of the good work he had done: W. H. Thomas (Bristol) 1, M. E. Wilson (Sheffield) 2, J. Osgathorpe (Ranmoor) 3, W. Bugar (Ranmoor) 4, H. Naylor (Sheffield) 5, G. Haynes (Ranmoor) 6, R. Long (Sheffield) 7, J. Thorpe, conductor (Sheffield) 8, F. Moya (Ranmoor) 9, H. Hurst (Ranmoor) 10.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

### STRONG CRITICISM OF MEMBERS' INDIFFERENCE.

There was some outspoken criticism in the report for the year 1933-34 presented by the hon. secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher) to the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild, held at Surfleet on Saturday, July 14th. The meeting was one of the largest and most successful held by the Guild, 30 members being present.

Ringling commenced at 12 o'clock, and continued at intervals throughout the day. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar. About 90 ringers and friends sat down to tea in Mr. Richardson's spacious hulk shed, and before the business meeting Miss E. Steel, president of the Guild, expressed the sincere thanks of the members and friends to the Vicar for allowing the Guild to hold the meeting at Surfleet and conducting the service, and to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, who had made such excellent arrangements and extended such a cordial welcome.

At the business meeting, with the president in the chair, four new ringing members and two life members were elected.

The accounts showed a total income of £10 3s. 4d., and an excess of income over expenditure of 3s. 8d. The total funds in hand amount to £17 6s. 8d.

### 'ALL IS NOT WELL WITH THE GUILD.'

The Hon. Secretary, in her report, said: In the last report we were able to show an increased membership, and this has been maintained. In every district in the past year quarterly meetings have been held, and while two secretaries report fairly successful meetings the others are rather disappointed at the lack of interest. It would seem that all is not well with the Guild. There is room for improvement, and we will endeavour to show in what ways.

In the first place, the members of the Guild fall in several classes.

The first class consists of the members who, often at personal inconvenience, make a habit of attending all the district meetings possible, and give their wholehearted support to the district secretaries. These are termed the 'faithful few,' and are the backbone of the Guild. They also pay their subscriptions regularly, and never have to be reminded. This class also includes the other bit of the backbone, the members who live off the beaten track and cannot get to meetings, but still interest themselves in the Guild's work and regularly forward their subscriptions.

The second class consists of members who promise to come to a meeting and then at the last minute stay away because they are attempting a peal. Probably the date has been fixed partly for their convenience. In this class is the member who would not attend a meeting in her district unless she could be assured that she could have some Cambridge Surprise. She was not going to waste her time ringing rounds and Grandsire Triples.

The third class consists of members who only attend when a meeting is held at their own tower. On that occasion they are full of enthusiasm, but it lasts no longer than the meeting. Nothing is seen or heard of them after, and repeated reminders of subscriptions owing fail to wake them. After an interval of two or three years the Guild again pays a visit to their tower, and they cheerfully tender 1s. as their subscription, forgetting the intervening years which still remain unpaid.

The fourth class is the member who joins and then withdraws because she gets nothing out of the Guild.

To which of these classes do you belong?

### ONE HUNDRED UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We know it is impossible to attend all meetings, but don't you think you might make an effort to attend more than you do? Apart from meetings, if you are really interested in the Guild, and cannot get to the meetings, why not send your subscription more regularly? If you are not interested in the Guild, why belong at all?

The objects of the Guild are set out in Rule 3, and the meetings are the means of bringing members into closer touch one with another. They are often difficult to arrange to avoid clashing with other association meetings, and it is very disappointing to the secretary to find a poor attendance, when she knows perfectly well that a larger number could have attended had they made just a little effort.

Coming to the financial side, there are far too many outstanding subscriptions. Out of 273 ringing members, only 173 have paid for the year ending June, 1934. What has happened to the remaining 100? In one district, the amount of outstanding subscriptions is £3 15s. We know that times are difficult, but 1s. per year is not a large amount.

We much regret the loss of one of our members by death, viz., Mrs. John Thomas, of Enfield, who had been a member of the Guild for about 14 years. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mr. Thomas, and several members were present at the funeral.

Both representatives on the Central Council were able to attend the meeting at Warwick.

We are very gratified that one of our members, Mrs. Richardson, is one of the party visiting Australia during the coming autumn, and we wish her an enjoyable voyage and a safe return.

In conclusion, said the report, at our meeting in 1935 may we be able to say that all outstanding subscriptions have been paid, and that every meeting held has been a great success.

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## RINGERS' EXPERIMENT TO INTEREST PUBLIC.

A novel experiment to interest the public in bells has been made at Southover, Lewes, Sussex. The tower was open to the public on Saturday, July 14th, and Wednesday, July 18th, and the visitors were received by the ringers and the mechanism of the bells and other matters pertaining to them were explained. In the ringing chamber were drawings showing the comparative sizes of the Great Bell of Moscow, Great Paul and the tenor (17½ cwt.) and treble in Southover tower. Other drawings showed the parts of a bell and where the harmonics come from. There were also models relating to the casting of a bell, showing how the core is built up, a finished core, the mould with the strickle, a tuning machine and a model of a bell hung for ringing. Other exhibits included a Swiss sheep bell, two Sussex sheep bells, a duck and canister. The Rector of Buxted lent a Burmese gong, a wooden cowbell from Ceylon, and a Sussex 'rumbler'.

On the first day there were five visitors in the afternoon and 32 in the evening, and on the second 16 in the afternoon and 22 in the evening. They were taken up among the bells, where they were able to see a bell in motion, and everyone was surprised to find that the bells when rung made a complete revolution. It is hoped that a greater interest in bells and ringing will be created by the exhibition.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### FARNHAM DISTRICT MEETING AT FRENESHAM.

A meeting of the Farnham District was held at Frensham last Saturday, but the attendance was not large. Perhaps this was due to the holiday season and the stormy aspect of the weather. However, the ringing was good, and splendid practice was put in. The Vicar of Frensham (the Rev. M. C. H. Collet, R.D.) conducted the Guild service, and gave a short but exceedingly interesting address. Mr. T. A. Stroud presided at the organ. Following service tea was served in the Marindin Institute, a company numbering 23 sitting down to an excellent meal.

Mr. A. J. Chuter, who is the local captain and a churchwarden, was in the chair for the short business meeting after tea, when two new members were elected. These were Mrs. A. J. Chuter, hon. member, and Master John Chuter, ringing member, both of Frensham.

Apologies were received from Mr. R. Hasted, the District Ringing Master, who was on holiday, and from Messrs. E. W. Langham, L. Muddell and H. Rothwell, hon. members.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. Eldridge to the Vicar, the organist, the local ringers, caterers and chairman. Ringing continued in the evening, and the bells were rung down at 8.30 p.m. Six towers were represented at the meeting, viz., Aldershot (in force), Farnham, Frensham, Haslemere, Pirbright and Yorktown.

## GREAT YARMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of St. Nicholas' company, Great Yarmouth, was held on June 30th. A start was made at 8 a.m. sharp, the full company being present, including Mr. Denison Hayward, who is tower master, and has rung at St. Nicholas for 57 years. A good run was made to Bury St. Edmunds, where a stop was made for about 20 minutes before going to Great Melford for the first ringing, which included touches of Stedman, Kent and Grandsire, on a fine peal, some of the local ringers having a pull with the visitors. Going on to Sudbury, the party rang at St. Peter's before dinner, and at St. Gregory's Church afterwards. At Hadleigh several touches were rung on a peal of eight, of which the 'going' is as good as the tone. After tea at Stowmarket the finishing touches of the day were rung. Yarmouth was reached at 11 p.m. The St. Nicholas' company wish to thank the clergy of the churches visited for the permission to ring, also the local ringers and steeplekeepers for everything they did to make the tour the success it was.

## DEATH OF A DEAN.

The death has occurred of the Very Rev. Henry Julian White, D.D., Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, who was a good friend to Oxford City and diocesan ringers. At the Cathedral on July 19th, with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect, 1,311 Stedman Cinques was rung by: H. Miles 1, W. F. Judge (conductor) 2, Miss M. E. Reynolds 3, S. Hounslow 4, W. G. Brigham 5, W. G. E. Collett 6, F. E. Taylor 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8, F. A. H. Wilkins 9, V. J. F. Bennett 10, R. A. Post 11, R. F. Deal 12.

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The president (Miss E. Steel) and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher) were unanimously re-elected.

As the stock of badges was exhausted, it was decided to obtain designs and estimates for a new supply.

A suggestion by the Northants District was considered, and it was resolved that a Sunday be fixed for a Corporate Communion of the Guild. The fourth Sunday in October was decided on, this being the nearest date to the anniversary of the formation of the Guild in 1912.

The annual meeting in 1935 will be held in London

**A JOINT MEETING AT TENTERDEN.****A HAPPY KENTISH GATHERING.**

A meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was held at Tenterden on Saturday in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild. The combination resulted in a most enjoyable afternoon, the pleasure of which was further enhanced by a break in the annual outing of the Sittingbourne and district ringers for tea at Tenterden. Many of each party were known to members of the other, and some pleasant intercourse resulted.

The bells were made almost unbroken use of from 3 p.m., for when the Ashford District stopped for tea and business the Sittingbourne 'fellows' carried on the good work.

Tea was served at Cramp's Hotel to about 40 members and friends from Ashford, Cranbrook, Kennington, Willersborough, Sturry, Tunbridge Wells, Frittenden, Chart, Sandhurst, Benenden, New Romney, Stone, Rye and the local tower. These forty people were lucky to get anything, as those from Sittingbourne had been having tea there for nearly an hour before.

The business of the two societies was dealt with during the evening. An invitation from the Maidstone District to hold a combined meeting one Saturday in August had to be refused very reluctantly, but it is hoped it will be held later on in the year.

A discussion was started by Mr. A. J. Battin concerning the reports of meetings being (or not being) sent to 'The Ringing World,' and if they were, why weren't they published? Various people were blamed, including the Editor of the paper. However, the discussion, which, perhaps, was more amusing than serious, ended somewhat abruptly by a suggestion from Mr. Ryck to 'get on with something else.'

Most of the company then returned to the tower, having received half their travelling expenses at the hands of the district secretary.

**STALYBRIDGE TRAGEDIES.****BEREAVEMENTS OF VICAR AND RINGERS' SECRETARY.**

Canon B. B. Slater, Vicar of St. Paul's, Stalybridge, Cheshire, who is keenly interested in his ringers, has sustained a severe bereavement by the death of his wife, Mrs. Frances Mary Slater, who died from septicaemia. How the poisoning was set up remains a mystery, but Mrs. Slater passed away a few days after the first appearance of a spot on one of her hands. Canon Slater was away on a holiday in the Black Forest at the time, and did not reach England until the day after his wife's death.

The funeral took place on Saturday week, and prior to a memorial service on Sunday morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Paul's Church with the bells fully muffled.

In the evening another quarter-peal in the same method was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Annie Hinchcliffe, wife of Mr. H. O. Hinchcliffe, the respected secretary of the St. Paul's company. Mrs. Hinchcliffe, who was also buried on Saturday, died on Thursday week from injuries received when the motor-cycle and sidecar, in which she was riding with her husband, came into collision with a motor-car on the previous Saturday.

The ringers who took part in one or both of the quarter-peals were Mrs. Wolstencroft, Messrs. J. Simister, J. Parks, A. Hodgson, S. Fielding, S. Hodgson, G. Gill (longest length), A. Roberts, W. Fielding, G. Shaw and W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor).

**A TOUR IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

The ringers of St. Peter's Guild, Sible Hedingham, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 21st, and made a tour in Cambridgeshire. During the morning they rang at Fulbourne, Histon, Long Stanton and Swavesey, where dinner was partaken of. Afterwards they journeyed to Over and were met by Mr. F. Warrington, whom they have to thank for arranging the dinner and getting the use of the bells at some of the other towers as well as Over. Later the party went on to Willingham and Cottenham, where they had tea in the schoolroom, arranged by the Rector and churchwarden, assisted by his wife and lady friends, to whom thanks are extended for the trouble. A visit to St. Benedict's, Cambridge, concluded the day's programme. There was some disappointment at the 'go' of St. Benedict's bells. Home was reached about 11, after spending a most enjoyable day. Touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the outing.

**TEN TOWERS IN A DAY.****ST. CLEMENT'S, IPSWICH, MEN ON CAMBRIDGESHIRE BORDER.**

On July 7th the St. Clement's company, Ipswich, had their ninth annual outing, which this year took the form of a tour of the Cambridgeshire borderland towers. Leaving at 8 a.m., the first stop for ringing was at Rattlesden (six). Next a move was made to Folsham (six), where, owing to neglect, the 'go' was not excellent. After a 24-mile run Chippenham (six), the first tower in Cambs, was reached, and the bells soon going to Cambridge Surprise in honour of the occasion. On the way a short stop was made in Bury St. Edmunds for the benefit of those who had never visited this grand old town before. A short run soon brought them to Fordham (six) for a ring on a heavy peal (tenor 17 cwt.). The church was also worth the visit. The next item of interest was dinner, which was well served under ideal conditions at the White Horse Hotel, Burwell. After dinner the tower was visited, where hang a fair peal of five which require some skill and strength to ring. After several attempts a course of Plain Doubles was managed. For the rest a few rounds was more than enough, although the tenor was helped by one at the wheel up top. Without regrets a quick run was made to Swaffham Prior (six), where were found two churches in one ground, the bells being rung at St. Mary's, and the services held at St. Cyriac and Julitta's, the latter having a tower in ruins, the other a church in ruin. The bells required some ringing, but Ipswich Surprise was tried. Bottisham (five) was the next stop, and here was found a peal recently rehung in new wood frame with ball bearings. The 'going' of the back bells was far from excellent, perhaps from some neglect. After a good run beside the celebrated racecourse, a stop was made for tea at Newmarket, and later a visit was paid to St. Mary's for a ring on the fine peal of six (tenor 21 cwt.). The ringing here was much enjoyed, but soon a move had to be made to Horringer for a ring on the peal of eight. After this a group photograph was taken as a record, and proved a success. After many twists and turns through narrow lanes, Preston was reached at nine o'clock, but not too late for a good ring on these good 'going' but unmusical peal of six. Leaving at 9.45, home via Hadleigh was reached at 10.45, after a good day. They wish to thank all who met them or helped to make it a success.

**ROTHERHAM RINGERS' LINCOLNSHIRE TRIP.**

On Saturday, July 14th, the Rotherham Parish Church company, accompanied by ringing friends from Bolsover, Handsworth and Wath-on-Dearne and a number of non-ringing friends, which latter included the popular and genial Vicar of Rotherham (Canon Morgan), set off at 6.30 a.m. in a slight drizzle, for a tour of South Lincolnshire. The first stop was for a real old coaching breakfast at the Rutland, Great Goverby, where a solid, substantial meal was enjoyed. The course was then set for Edenham (Bourne), where this nice peal of eight was used for Double Norwich, London and Yorkshire Surprise. After a short chat with the Vicar, sail was set for Spalding, taking an Edenham ringer along. Here on the eight were rung Cambridge, Little Bob, and London. From here the route lay to Surfleet, and on this lively little peal was rung Treble Bob Royal, Little Bob Maximus (in a style), Cambridge Royal and Double Norwich Major, several having their first ring on twelve bells. Before leaving Surfleet, the tavern across the road was inspected, and, after a jar of nut-brown, the party headed for Boston. Here, after a look round the massive church, legs were called upon to do a little extra before arriving at the ringing chamber, but before long these fine bells gave forth Cambridge Royal, Little Bob Royal and Superlative Major. After this a splendid meat tea was partaken of at the Scala Cafe, and thence to Heckington, the last call for ringing. There on this fine peal of eight Spiced Treble Bob, Bristol, London, Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung. The return journey was commenced at about 8.30 p.m., the party landing back safely about 11 p.m. The weather was most kind after the initial drizzle, for no more rain was seen after 7.30 a.m. Everyone had an enjoyable day, and the thanks of all are due to the various incumbents for their permission to ring, and particularly to the local ringers who looked after the requirements of the visitors so well, and were kindness itself. The Rotherham company will be very pleased to welcome ringers from these or any other towers whenever they decide to tour South Yorkshire.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A summer meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, near Halifax, on Saturday, July 28th, when the eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. The church is three minutes' walk from Lightcliffe L.M.S. Station, and is passed by the Yorkshire buses from Leeds, Cleckheaton and Halifax. The Cliffe Hill Nurseries of Mr. H. White will be open for all who care to look round, and the Memorial Stray is a picture at this time of the year. Therefore make an effort to attend this meeting, and bring your friends.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chale on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION,** North-Western District, and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,** Leatherhead District.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harford on July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5. No service.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Bratton, on Saturday, July 28th, on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells which have been retuned and rehung by Messrs Gillett & Johnston. Service at 3.30 p.m., the address will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon of Dorset. Tea at 5, with short meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Semington Road, Melksham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea (about 1/-) 5 p.m., close to church. It is hoped to see a good muster of both old and new friends.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Newmarket.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Rothley (recently augmented to six) on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, July 28th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service. Tea and meeting as usual. All ringing friends heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, District Sec., Little Munden.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fitzhead (6 bells), on Saturday, July 28th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Hitcham (6 bells) on Sat., July 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- each.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, July 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea at 4.30.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans Dis.) & **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (N. and E. Dis.).—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Sat., July 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea immediately after. Trains for Brookman's Park leave Finsbury Park at 2.17, King's Cross 2.30, 3.16. Return fare 1/6 and 1/10. Buses leave St. Albans at quarter past each hour and pass by the church. Also Green Line service on the Barnet by-pass. A visit to this old church is worth while.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, Dis. Secs.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, July 28th. The bells of St. Ignatius' Church will be available at 3. Service, with address by the Rector of Sunderland, 4.30. Tea in the Girls' Institute at 5, after which the bells of Holy Trinity will also be available.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. The Rector is anxious to know for how many to prepare tea, so do, please, drop me a card. All very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Bedford.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Discworth to-morrow (Saturday), July 28th. Bells (6) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**BRATTON, WILTS.**—The ring of 6 (tenor 12 cwt.), restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Dorset on Saturday, July 28th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 2nd and 30th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, St. Andrew's on the 16th, \*St. Paul's 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.**—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4th, at Blackburn Cathedral. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Business: election of officers. —F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Cratfield tower on Aug. 4th.—G. Filby, Wingfield, Diss.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kingston on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Aug. 1st. —A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Newhey, on Saturday, Aug. 4th. 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., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Preston (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting 5.30. Those requiring tea please inform S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Monday, Aug. 6th (Bank Holiday). Service will be held in St. Mary's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Dujon Café at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mary's and St. John's will be available for ringing. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Friday, Aug. 3rd? All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 6th. Tea can be had at the cafés nearby. —M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, August 7th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 8th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) & ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.**—The bells at Stone-in-Oxney, which have been rehung, etc., as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, will be reopened, and a tablet to his memory unveiled on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Further particulars next week.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

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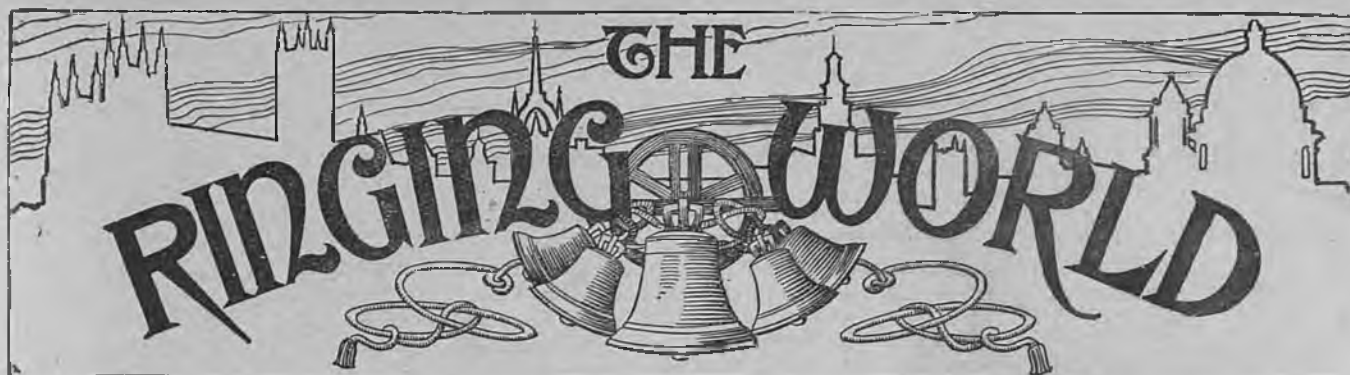
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The candid criticism which characterised the annual report presented to the Ladies' Guild will probably come as something of a 'jolt' to all but the 'faithful few,' who doubtless have been for some time feeling what the Honorary Secretary has had the courage to say. Honeyed words and over-optimism are definitely detrimental to any organisation when the facts point in the other direction and yet one often sees them employed when there is no justification. It is refreshing, therefore, to find a secretary who is prepared to call a spade a spade and when it concerns the ladies it is enough to make people, and particularly those who come under the lash, 'sit up and take notice.' In sum, the report just shows that in the discharge of their responsibilities to their Guild, the ladies are no whit better, if they are no worse, than the men, and that, in a way, has probably come as something of a shock to many of the male element of the Exercise.

Far be it from us to attempt to justify the 'delinquents.' There is little if any excuse for those who do not pay their small annual subscription, and the only thing that we can find to say in mitigation of those who do not attend the meetings is that the Guild's members are a fairly widely scattered community and the expense of getting to meetings would often be considerable. It is only in areas where members are fairly numerous that even moderately attended meetings of the Guild can be expected. It is one of the difficulties facing the ladies' organisation that their members are to be found only in ones and twos, and then only in a minority of towers. The districts are large and it is almost impossible for the members to keep that personal touch, which does so much to retain interest in the activities of any ringers' Guild. But this much having been admitted, the 'defaulters' doubtless deserve all that the Secretary has said about them. The ladies apparently suffer from just the same faults as the men—although no man would have had the courage to tell them so quite as frankly as their Secretary has done.

There appear to be among the members of the Ladies' Guild peal grabbers and high-brows who do not like to come down to the humbler stuff which is usually the fare at meetings. There are those whose enthusiasm bubbles over when the meeting is brought to their own door, but goes to ditch-water as soon as the bells have been rung down for the evening. Then there are those who join and quickly withdraw when they find they get out of the Guild only what they themselves put into it—which, in their case, is nothing. We sympathise with the officials

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of the Guild in the discouragement which these disappointments must bring. Perhaps the Honorary Secretary's chastisement will bring about a change among the delinquents, for there is little remedy except the awakening of their own conscience. If, however, the punishment could be made to fit the crime, the backsliders over the meetings should be made to arrange them and compelled to attend them to find only a handful of others present. The non-payers should be given the task of collecting the subscriptions—and what a time that one hundred would have extracting shillings from one another? Fie! ladies. You owe it to your officials to reform and that quickly. You are setting a bad example to the men. But we are not sure that they are not already worse than you are.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 6
WILLIAM J. LEE ... 2	*HENRY TOOKE ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 8
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... 9
ARTHUR T. KING ... 5	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal or first attempt on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 23, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble	WALTER R. FARROW ... 5
ALFRED W. BROOME ... 2	*HERBERT C. READ ... 6
*ERNEST P. SHORTING ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob at first attempt.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... 5
EDWARD H. KING ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, July 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES E. BAILEY ... Treble	*EDWARD J. BEER ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
*JOHN BURLS ... 3	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.  
\* First peal and first attempt in the method. First peal in the method by Mr. J. H. Cheesman since some time previous to the Great War.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, July 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	CYRIL B. BURRELL ... .. 6
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
JOHN CURRY ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Geo. Ladd on the 40th anniversary of his wedding.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**  
**THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, July 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

HENRY WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	*CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
\* First 'touch' of Major. Mr. W. B. Cartwright is from Birmingham, and the conductor from Windsor. First peal of Major on the bells.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, July 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY Treble	†O. NEVILLE CURTIS ... .. 5
*GEORGE HUTCHINSON ... .. 2	D. C. WILLIAMS, Mus. Bac. 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 7
REGINALD A. REED ... .. 4	JOHN L. DACOMBE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. CYRIL WILLIAMS.

\* First peal 'inside' on eight bells. † First peal.

**UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. LEWIS ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 5
CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 2	GEORGE TOMLINSON ... .. 6
*THOMAS HURD ... .. 3	J. GEORGE BURROWS ... .. 7
JOHN E. WHELDON ... .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* 80th peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to the younger son of the late Mr. W. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey and the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Burrows, of Uttoxeter. Also as a birthday peal to the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th.

**HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

\* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal in the method as conductor by T. W. Last. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Ernest Edward (Ted) Lanham, who was buried in Helmingham Churchyard during the afternoon, and who had been a member of the local company for 35 years. Ringers of treble and seventh bells are nephews of deceased.

**PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*WALTER ELSEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 5
†FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 6
GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
†WILLIAM MUSK ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal away from the treble.  
† First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, 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 14 cwt.

ERNEST W. FYE ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... .. 6
ERNEST B. DURRANT ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
ERNEST J. RUNTER ... .. 4	ERNEST A. BOWHILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

**PETWORTH, SUSSEX.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 4	WILFRED BARTLETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

**GRAVESEND, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. Treble	JOHN BURLS ... .. 5
*EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 2	†GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHESMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method. † First in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor.

**LONDON.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, July 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	*ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.  
\* 550th peal.

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**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

*SYDNEY BAILLESS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4
JOHN H. BAILLESS ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
FRANK BAILLESS ... .. 3	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. Specially arranged as a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. E. Morris, whose birthdays occurred on the 28th and 24th respectively.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BURBAGE.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

In 18 methods, viz.: (1) Disley, (2) Trowell, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, (3) Poynton, Old Oxford, Bocking, Willosden, (4) Grove Delight, Neasden, (5) College Bob IV., Wragby, (6) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROBERT ASHMORE ... .. Treble	W. W. WOOLSTENCROFT ... 4
*KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 2	*GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5
JAMES A. MILLNER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in 18 methods. Mr. G. Biddulph's 50th peal. This was also the 100th tower in which he has handled a rope. Rung on the eve of the church's anniversary.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Norfolk, London, Cambridge, York, Ipswich, Primrose and Durham. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY GIBBARD ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First Surprise peal on the bells. The last and only other known peal at this church was one of Bob Minor, rung 44 years ago.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven true and complete extents in the following methods: (1) Willosden, Marple and Newdigate; (2) College Bob IV. and Old Oxford; (3) St. Albans, Braintree and Charlwood; (4) Wragby and Neasden; (5) College Exercise, Morning Star and Oakley; (6) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Capel, Kingston and Sandal.

GEORGE LORD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR PANIHER ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

First peal in 20 methods by all the band and on the bells, also believed to be first in 20 methods for the association. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Chant.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five 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 ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

**A VANCOUVER QUARTER-PEAL.**

On Wednesday, June 27th, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, Canada, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (by Henry Johnson) was rung in 46 minutes for practice: A. C. Lunnus 1, A. Lomas 2, A. King 3, F. Hird 4, G. Roberts 5, E. Vickers 6, W. Sampson 7, T. Greenaway 8, conducted by A. B. Lomas.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The annual festival of Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Gulval on Saturday, July 21st. About 100 ringers were present, including Dr. J. Symons (president of the Guild), Miss Symons, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master), Rev. W. H. R. Trowhella (secretary), Mr. H. Dunstan (treasurer), and ringers from Callington, Gulval, Illogan, Ludgvan, Manaccan, Mawnan, Phillack, Plymouth, Redruth, St. Anthony-in-Meneage, St. Hilary, Towednack, Truro Cathedral, Tuckingmill and Zennor.

The bells of Gulval and the neighbouring churches of Ludgvan, Madron, St. Mary's, Penzance, and Zennor were made use of, and the following methods were rung: Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Major and Minor, call changes and rounds.

A service for ringers was conducted in Gulval Church by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. S. Buckley), assisted by Gulval Church choir, and tea was provided in Lausley Hall.

**LYME REGIS RINGERS' EXCURSION**

The ringers of St. Michael's, Lyme Regis, spent an enjoyable day on Saturday week, making Bristol the centre of a circular trip. Wells was the first stop for light refreshment, and Yatten the first objective for ringing. The latter place was reached somewhat late owing to a detour via Cheddar Gorge, and then a refractory slider curtailed the programme. A pull at Clevedon was abandoned on arrival there, as time was short, and there was illness nearby. Portishead, however, provided a pleasant welcome, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being enjoyed, with Mrs. Edwards standing in the latter. Mr. Gillingham's absence through illness was much regretted. The Vicar's bad leadership into Bristol delayed luncheon further than need have been the case, and all were glad when the table was reached. A splendid welcome was awaiting the party at St. Stephen's tower in the afternoon, and many of the Dorset men experienced their first touch of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and made a very creditable performance. Kent Major was also rung. The attraction of Bristol, besides tea, occupied the rest of the day until 7 o'clock, when the cars were boarded again for the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle. Here Mr. W. A. Cave was waiting, and two good touches were rung as the most that could be allowed before evening. A good run in the cool of a day which had provided thunder and rain intermittently brought everyone home at a reasonable hour.

The Lyme Regis ringers wish to thank the incumbents of the various towers for their kind permission to ring, also Mr. Gillingham, whom they would have like to have met, Mr. W. Knight and members of St. Stephen's Guild, Mr. W. A. Cave and others, who all had such a friendly welcome for them, and added much to the interest and success of their outing.

**HALF-DAY TRIP OF 120 MILES.**

The annual outing of the members of St. Margaret's Society, Lowestoft, took place on July 13th inst. Owing to business exigencies it has to be a half-day excursion, but, notwithstanding that, it amounted to nearly a 120-mile motor trip. A visit to Debenham was the first item, and at 2 p.m. 17 members and friends left by saloon coach for their destination, travelling via Krentham, Wangford, Henbourn Park, Yoxford (the garden of Suffolk), Peasenhall and Earl Soham to Debenham. The church bells being in readiness, two touches of Bob Major were rung, conducted by Mr. Rumsey and Mr. A. E. Coleman, also a short touch of Minor for the younger members. The company, with Mr. Rumsey, then sat down to a good old-fashioned Suffolk tea. The Master (Mr. A. E. Coleman) occupied the chair, and the vice-chair was allotted to the patriarch of the company ('Young Woodley').

Travelling via Helmingham and Westerfield, the company next journeyed to Felixstowe, and most of the time there was spent in the Amusement Park. Sad to relate, some of the party came away sadder and wiser men, as the 8,000 'touch' with 10 'calls' was a little longer than they could manage. One member did call a 7,500, but unfortunately there was no return for hard luck.

Departing from Felixstowe at 9 p.m., the 'going home course' was via Martlesham Heath and the Woodbridge by-pass to Pettistree. Light refreshments were served at the Tuns Hotel, aided by a piano, and at 10.30 p.m. a few bars from the 'Hebe's Anthem' announced time, and the final stretch for home was made via Wickham Market and Saxmundham. The clock on the swing bridge at Lowestoft showed 23.45 as the saloon swung into the town, and as the weather was perfect it truly was the end of 'a perfect half-day'.

The ringers express their thanks to the Rector (Canon H. J. Enraght, M.A.), Mr. J. Woodger, and Mr. Allan Watson, for their kindness, and their thanks are also expressed to the Rector of Debenham for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Rumsey for kindly having them ready.

## THE BOURNVILLE CARILLON.

### MESSRS. GILLETT AND JOHNSTON'S LATEST PRODUCTION.

A private demonstration of one of the finest carillons in the world was given at Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Foundry at Croydon on Monday, when the instrument which they have completed for Bournville was on view and recitals were given.

The Bournville carillon, consisting originally of 22 bells, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. George Cadbury, was installed in 1906 in the belfry of the school in the centre of this garden village. It was the first carillon made for use in England by an English bell firm. Since that time the art of the founder has advanced a long way, particularly in regard to tuning, and the bells of to-day are of greatly improved tonal quality. Additions to the Bournville carillon were made in 1923 and 1925, the gifts of Mrs. George Cadbury and Mr. George Cadbury, jun., and brought the number of bells up to 42, the largest (note C) weighing two tons.

The carillon has now been reconstructed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Thirty-eight of the former 42 bells have been recast to improve their tone and tune, and three high trebles, two bass semi-tones, and a new bourdon bell weighing  $3\frac{1}{2}$  tons have been added. There are, therefore, 48 bells covering four complete octaves. Although not quite the heaviest carillon installed so far in the British Isles, its compass of 48 notes is the most extensive, and provides an unlimited range of music for the carillonneur.

A new frame of massive girders has been constructed, and entirely new fittings, based upon recent developments in improvement and design, have been provided, while the bells have been arranged to secure an even distribution of the sound. All the bearings which carry the connecting wires from the clavier to the hammers are mounted on ball bearings, and the general arrangement of the mechanism is such that the carillonneur can exercise the utmost delicacy of touch and that perfect control of light and shade that is essential to the artistic expression of carillon music. The total weight of the bells is 17½ tons, and that of the frame is 8½ tons.

Previously the main part of the carillon was housed in a turret placed on one corner of the Bournville School tower, and the four largest bells were fixed in the open on the flat roof of the main tower. The turret has now been removed and a campanile of original design, planned by the architect, Mr. W. Alexander Harvey, F.R.I.B.A., is being placed centrally on the tower roof.

Visitors to the Croydon Foundry on Monday found the carillon standing in completed form in the large erecting shop. Among those who inspected it and listened to the recital given at noon was Mr. George Cadbury and Mr. W. A. Harvey. Mr. Clifford Ball, the Bournville carillonneur, gave the recital, and his programme revealed all the wonderful possibilities of the bells. It was at once obvious that the tuning of bells for this purpose has reached perfection point. The harshness that sometimes seemed too predominant among the upper notes in older carillons is gone entirely, and, while the new bourdon bell is a really glorious production, so all the way up the scale the bells are a delight to the ear. Mr. Ball was enthusiastic over the new carillon—a vast improvement in tone and in case of operating, was his comment.

A second recital was given in the afternoon, when one of the most impressive items was a magnificent performance of Chopin's 'Funeral March,' which, perhaps, more than anything else gave the talented carillonneur the opportunity of showing both his skill and the capacity of the carillon. Miss Nora Johnston and Mr. Sidney Potter also contributed to the programmes.

In addition to the carillon, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are erecting a powerful electric clock to chime the Westminster quarters and strike the hours on the great bell.

The special inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

No.	Note.	
1.	A sharp.	Given in memory of George Cadbury. by his wife, E. M. C., and son, G. C., 1934.
2.	A.	
3.	G sharp.	
22.	C sharp.	Muscam Docet Amor.
23.	C.	Adoramus te.
24.	B.	Benedicimus te.
25.	A sharp.	Laudamus te.
26.	A.	Ora et Vigila.
27.	G sharp.	Per Crucem ad Stellas.
28.	G.	Audite et Venite.
29.	F sharp.	Non Clamor Sed Amor Cantat in Aure Dei.
30.	F.	Servite Domino in Letitia.
31.	E.	Gloria in Excelsis Deo.
32.	D sharp.	Good Will Toward Men.
33.	D.	On Earth Peace.
34.	C sharp.	Life Means—Learning to Abhor the False and Love the True.
35.	C.	Jesus be Our Spede.
36.	B.	Peace and Good Neighbourhood.
37.	A sharp.	Ring out the False, Ring in the True.

38. A. Ring out the Old, Ring in the New.
39. G sharp. Praise to the Holiest in the Height,  
and in the Depth be Praise.
40. G. Ring out the Darkness of the Land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.
41. F sharp. In Memory of George Cadbury,  
Who Died 24th October, 1922.  
His Son George Gave 15 Bells  
To Complete this Carillon, 1923.
42. F. Given by George Cadbury, 1906,  
To the Village of Bournville.  
When'er the Sweet Church Bell  
Peals over Hill and Dell,  
May Jesus Christ be Praised.
43. E. Ring in the Common Love of Good.  
E. M. C. and G. C., Jun., 1925.
44. D sharp. Given in Memory of George Cadbury  
By His Wife, E. M. C., and G. C., Jun., 1934.
45. D. Break Forth into Joy and Sing Together.  
E. M. C. and G. C., Jun., 1925.
46. C sharp. Given in Memory of George Cadbury.  
By His Wife, E. M. C., and Son, G. C., 1934.
47. C. In Memory of George Cadbury,  
Who Loved the Sound of the Bells.  
This Bell is Given by His Wife, Elizabeth Mary, 1925.
48. A sharp. Given in Memory of George Cadbury.  
By His Wife, E. M. C., and Son, G. C., 1934.

Nos. 4-41 recast. On the recast bells additional words, 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon,' appear. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 44, 46 and 48 are new bells.

As usual there were many things of interest to the visitors to the foundry in addition to the carillon. Many of them saw for the first time the casting of bells. They watched with something approaching wonderment the tapping of a furnace which released a golden stream of over four tons of molten bell metal, which they then saw poured into four moulds, one for a two-ton bell for Holton Church, Bridgend, Glam, which, however, unfortunately are not to be hung for ringing.

In the factory they saw a clock and chimes, which are being made for H.H. the Maharajah of Kholapur, and a clock and chimes for St. Paul's Church, Wigan; a great synchronous clock, with neon lit hands, for Messrs. W. H. Smith and Sons' new building at Lambeth; and a bronze projecting clock for Messrs. Harvey Nichols' Store, at Knightsbridge.

Among the ringing peals to be seen in process of restoration were those from Bedford, Middlesex; Bishop's Lydeard, Somerset; Colyton, Devon—the bells dating from 1611 to 1775; and Looe, Cornwall.

An important bell restoration which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are shortly to carry out is the rehanging in a new frame of the ring of ten at St. Mary's, Nottingham. They are also to provide the four new bells to increase the peal at Kidderminster to twelve.

## GREENS NORTON BELLS RESTORED.

### BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH ON THE DISCIPLINE OF RINGING.

At Greens Norton Parish Church, on Sunday afternoon, July 22nd, the Bishop of Peterborough, in the presence of a crowded congregation, dedicated two bells, the fifth and tenor, which have just been recast and, with the other bells, hung on ball bearings. The work has been done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The tenor bears its original inscription, 'When I ring or tole, my voice is spent that men may come and hear God's Word and so repent.' On the fifth bell are the names of the present Rector and churchwardens (the Rev. H. S. Vinning, Messrs. A. E. S. Guinness, and W. H. Hefford).

The service was conducted by the Rector and the Rev. Canon Haynes, of Blakesley. In his sermon, Dr. Blagden said that in bell-ringing there was a certain monotony which had a lesson for us. That monotony depended on discipline and strict observance of the rules of the art of bell-ringing. It was so easy, when young, to feel, 'Oh, if we were only free to do as we liked to avoid monotonous restraints, what a good time we could have.' Only as we grew to be older did we begin to learn this message of the bells, that to achieve anything and discover happiness in our lives, discipline, however monotonous it sometimes seemed, was indispensable.

After service, the local ringers who belong to the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, were, with the Bishop, kindly entertained to tea by the Rector.

The Bishop heartily congratulated the ringers upon being such a young band. He also spoke of the splendid tone of the fifth and tenor, which have been recast. The ringers (the band numbers eleven) themselves heartily congratulated Mr. S. R. Roper, representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, upon the way the work had been carried out, the 'go' of the bells now being excellent. Many ringers from neighbouring villages turned up for service, and the methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

## MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS.

## JOINT MEETING AT NORTH MIMMS.

Very fine weather favoured the joint meeting of the Herts and Middlesex Associations on Saturday, and, but for the bus service from St. Albans being disorganised, the attendance might have been a record for North Mimms. As it was, about 38 ringers visited this pretty village church in a part of Hertfordshire not yet altogether spoiled by the builder.

Mr. A. W. Coles took charge of the ringing, and, as usual, saw that all were provided for, including the youngest member of the party, Miss Enid Richardson, who had some good 'rounds' practice in anticipation of her forthcoming visit to Australia.

At the service the Vicar (Rev. L. Buxton) welcomed the two associations, and preached a sermon on unity and the team spirit necessary for success, calling attention to the remarks on this subject made recently by the Bishop of Guildford at a meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and reported in 'The Ringing World.'

After tea, Mr. W. Nash (district secretary, Herts Association) introduced the chairman of the meeting (Mr. E. P. Debenham), who, he said, had been connected with the Herts Association since its formation—and this was the jubilee year. Mr. Nash also stated that he had had apologies for absence from Mr. W. Ayre, who was just recovering from an operation, Mr. W. Cartmell (general secretary of the Herts Association), and Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham.

Mr. Debenham gave a warm welcome to the visitors, especially to Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, who, he hoped, would have a safe journey to Australia and back, and an enjoyable time. He requested Mr. Richardson to convey to their brother ringers in Australia greetings from the Hertford Association. Mr. Debenham also welcomed to the meeting members of the Middlesex Association, and said that he understood that Mr. A. W. Coles had now come to reside at North Mimms. He hoped he would be a magnet to draw the best ringers to that district.

Mr. Richardson said it gave him and his wife great pleasure to meet members of the Herts and Middlesex Association, and he promised to convey Mr. Debenham's message to Australian ringers.

Mr. C. T. Coles, speaking on behalf of Middlesex members, thanked Mr. Debenham for his warm welcome; and also asked Mr. R. Richardson to include them of Middlesex in his greetings to their southern friends. Mr. Coles spoke of the present-day opportunities of ringing, and said it was a good thing to see expert peal ringers present at meetings, such as they had that day, to assist learners to master their art. It was not the fault of the experts if the young ringers failed to take full advantage of the opportunities given to them, and the opportunities were to-day much greater than they were, say, 30 years or so ago. Mr. Coles also stated that he was pleased to see his friend, Mr. W. H. Hewett, present, as it was Mr. Hewett who first put into his mind the idea of holding these joint meetings, which had proved so successful and so enjoyable.

Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. L. Buxton) for the use of the bells and for his address, and to Miss Nash, the organist.—This was seconded by Mr. H. E. Goodenough, and carried unanimously.—In the absence of the Vicar, who had had to leave during tea, Mr. Nash replied, and the meeting terminated.

Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich Major followed on handbells, whilst a further visit was paid to the old tower for touches of 'rounds,' Grandsire, Stedman and several other methods up to Bristol Surprise Major.

Bachelor members of the Exercise were present in good numbers, evidently to see how their late, and now lost, brother was getting on as a newly-married man. It is confidently expected that at least two more of them will shortly take the plunge. Kate had better hurry up or she will miss her chance.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The July meeting was held at Drighlington on Saturday week. Drighlington is an ideal place for a summer meeting, and ringing, which commenced soon after 3 p.m., was continued, except for the usual rests, until 9 p.m.

Tea was provided in a nearby cafe, and the business meeting was held in the tower. Mr. S. Barron (vice-president) presided, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Burley, Earlsbeaton, Felkirk, Guiseley, Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Ossett, Rothwell, Shipley, and the local company.

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. E. Ramsden, of Drighlington.

The best thanks of the society were accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Drighlington for the use of the bells and to the local company for the other arrangements.

The local ringers are to be congratulated upon the furnishings of the ringing room.

Mr. S. Barron replied on behalf of the local company.

The date of the next meeting is August 25th, and is due to be held at Calverley.

## THE INGREDIENTS OF AN OUTING PARTY.

A facetious correspondent sends us the following account of a very successful outing:—

On Saturday, July 21st, a party made up of eight or nine pieces of well-seasoned 'Wood' from Queenborough, half a dozen Dobbs of Steel from Sittingbourne, a few other ingredients from Borden, Milsted and Gillingham, well mixed and flavoured with 'a strong dose of Spice' from Tunstall, made a suitable company to raid the following churches and their bells, viz.: Chilham, Wye, Folkestone, Tenterden, Leeds and Hollingbourne, the ringing including Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise.



TENTERDEN'S FINE TOWER.

The journey provided lovely scenery the whole of the way round. A beautiful new set of handbells from Queenborough was made good use of at intervals, especially in the old village square at Chilham, and on the green at Wye. A basket of cherries from the Tunstall orchards did a good turn, as also did some of 'Kent's best' at Wye and Folkestone, with the home-made sandwiches.

The sport began on reaching Tenterden. There we found we were forestalled in the tower by a party of Ashfordians and Romney-marshers, so we promptly made up our minds to forestall them in the tearoom close by and brace ourselves up for some more Cambridge and Stedman, when the others had finished and invited us to make room for them in the tearoom, to criticise, etc. Any old how, we very much enjoyed meeting these old friends, and they enjoyed it, too.

Stedman Caters at Leeds and Cambridge Minor at Hollingbourne, and then a strenuous climb up Hollingbourne Hill to 'Home, sweet home' by 10 p.m.

## CORNISH PROGRESS.

At Manaccan, Cornwall, for matins on Sunday, 120 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cossentine 1, H. Ninnies 2, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., 3, R. Tripconey 4, J. Ninnies (conductor) 5, J. Vague 6. The first 120 ever rung by a local band for service in this church. The band only commenced change ringing this year, with the assistance of Col. Jerram.

## PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was pleased to see Item two in Belfry Gossip regarding the above. Why is it more of the Plain Major methods are not rung? My answer is, firstly, the word 'Surprise' does not follow the name of the method, and the few Surprise (mutilated Cambridge, etc.) ringers would consider it beneath their dignity to ring such common stuff, even if they were capable of ringing the most simple ones in the collection. Such a thing as beautiful music in plain methods does not enter their satiated Surprise mind.

It seems a great pity that methods could not be renamed, or, I should say, the word 'Surprise' deleted when publishing accounts of peals.

One is almost looked upon as a lunatic for suggesting a peal in a musical plain method. This is the experience of

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

## LEYTON 'JUNIORS' IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 21st, Leyton ringers held their sixth annual outing. Soon after mid-day the party, including the assistant clergyman (Rev. J. Bromley) and the two churchwardens (Messrs. H. Colbeck and J. McCambie), left by road for Cheshunt, where on arrival Mr. Pickett and Mr. Newnham had the bells in readiness. Grandsire and Stedman were rung with Mr. A. J. House and one or two visiting ringers joining in. The next 'hop' was to Ware, where Mr. Greenaway met the party at the church. After a moment's hesitation at the very steep steps leading to the belfry, the oldest member of the party was soon climbing aloft. Two or three of the stalwarts then proceeded to raise the tenor, which required quite an effort, but the bells were soon going to Grandsire, etc., all having a pull on this fine old peal. The party (numbering 25) sat down to a splendidly served tea at 1, Baldock Street. Afterwards a few remarks were made by the Rev. J. Bromley and others, and then the company set off to Broxbourne, where on this very fine peal. Grandsire and call changes for some of the younger members were rung. The remainder of the time was spent in this very picturesque village, and Mr. Frank Hull having brought his handbells, good use was made of them. Although the ringing during the day was not of a high standard, it gave the members some useful experience of much heavier bells than they have been accustomed to. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' thanks are extended to the clergy of the respective churches for the use of the bells and to those who kindly met the visitors at the towers and had the bells ready for them.

## DEATH OF HELMINGHAM RINGER.

MR. TED LANHAM PASSES ON.

We are sorry to have to record the loss by death from the Helmingham company of ringers of Mr. Ernest Edward (Ted) Lanham, who was buried in Helmingham Churchyard during the afternoon of July 28th. The Rev. J. A. Burness conducted the funeral service, and the body was borne to the grave by four brother ringers, Messrs. G. Pryke, G. Bennett, L. C. Wightman and T. W. Last.

After the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave on the handbells he always loved so well. In the evening a half-muffled peal was rung by the local company as a token of deep respect.

The deceased had been a member of the Helmingham company for 35 years, and was a good ringer in all methods. He had rung 111 peals altogether for the Norfolk and Suffolk Guilds, his last peal having been one of Bosmere Surprise Major on September 14th, 1933. He had continued ringing practice until a few weeks ago, when failing health and eyesight prevented him from continuing any longer. He died in the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital on July 25th in his 59th year. He will be missed greatly by all, and especially by his brother ringers, and his place will be hard to fill.

T. W. L.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 21st, when about 30 members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Hastings (All Saints'), Mayfield, Rotherfield, Lindfield, Seaford, Battle, and members of the local band. Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, was also present. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Rudd), who gave a most interesting address.

A splendid tea was provided at the historical Star Inn. At the short business meeting which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair, and referred to the death of Mr. A. E. Amies, who had been the secretary of St. Leonard's band for a good many years. As a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at the tea and meeting, and also to Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, for bearing the cost of the tea.—This concluded the meeting, and the ringers returned to the tower and kept the bells going till eight o'clock.

Alfriston has a ring of six bells in a central tower, the ringing being done from the floor of the church.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. J. H. Haydock, late secretary of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association, wishes to thank all his ringing friends for their kindness and the sum of £11 16s. 6d. which was collected on his behalf. Mr. Haydock is, unfortunately, now almost blind.

Will any ringer who has been appointed as a delegate to the Triennial Conference of the United Patriots' National Benefit Society, to be held at Weston-super-Mare the first week in September, please communicate with Mr. W. Keeble, Adsum Cottage, Rye Lane, Feering, Kelvedon, Essex?

Among the peal records this week are two in which a number of Minor methods have been spliced into seven extents. One is a peal in 18 methods rung at Burbage, Buxton, Derbyshire, and the other in 20 methods at Felkirk.

This form of peal ringing is slowly growing in popularity. It can hardly be expected, perhaps, that it will be taken up generally, because so many ringers seem to have an objection to the mental energy necessary for the purpose. But they would find it very interesting—and not insuperably difficult if they would practise it.

The way in which it can be done is shown in 'Method Splicing', which can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, for 1s. 3d. post free.

A special meeting of ringers is to be held at Southwell Minster on August 11th in connection with the celebrations of the jubilee of the diocese. All ringers in the diocese are specially invited. Details of the arrangements will be found in our notice columns.

The bells at Quex Park, Kent, a peal of twelve, were opened on August 5th, 1819. Shipway went there as instructor.

A peal of Surprise Minor was rung at Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs, on Saturday. The previous and only known peal on these bells was rung 44 years ago—a peal of Bob Minor. We are informed that the bell hanger is sadly needed at this tower, as the bells have to be forced at every blow.

'Is there a record of Kent Treble Bob Major?' asks Mr. Robert Sperring. Yes, of course there is, and surely Mr. Sperring knows all about it, seeing that he was the conductor of it, and that only a fortnight ago there was a reminder of it in our columns in a footnote to a peal at Christleton rung to commemorate it, in which Mr. Sperring took part.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Peter's Church, Pontre Rhudda, on July 14th, was rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

Miss Phyllis Tillett, of Ipswich, has sprung into fame at her place of employment. Her bellringing achievements, and particularly the fact that she took part in the youngsters' record peal at Crayford, are the subject of an article in the 'Orwell Works Magazine', a particularly interesting publication of varied contents, issued for the propagation of a feeling of goodwill and friendliness amongst the employees of the Orwell Works.

The article is illustrated by the photograph of the youthful band, taken at Crayford by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and published in 'The Ringing World.' It also reminds readers that Miss Tillett is the sixth generation of her family to take up the art of ringing, and that both her father and grandfather are employed at the Orwell Works.

Last Saturday a band of Ernests rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Galleywood, Essex, and we are asked to thank those who helped to arrange the peal.

The peal at Milford-on-Sea on July 18th, and recorded in our last issue, was the first peal in the method on the bells.

We are pleased to say that Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who is suffering from shingles in the face, is making steady, if slow, progress towards recovery.

## OAK BELL FRAMES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Having noted comments in 'The Ringing World' lately regarding the 'go' of certain peals recently rehung in wooden frames, we would like to emphasize that during the first year or two of the life of an oak frame the bells must be regularly gone over and properly tightened up, to take up the shrinkage which inevitably occurs, and which is naturally greater after a dry spell of weather such as has been experienced this summer. The same thing applies to bells rehung with wooden headstocks. The bellhanger is in no way to blame when this screwing up is neglected.

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## COLLECTION OF SURPRISE METHODS.

**PARTICULARS WANTED OF METHODS RUNG.**

Will those who have taken part in the first peal of any Surprise Major method kindly forward full particulars of the performance, including the composition, if known, and a lead of the method, to Mr. Ernest O. S. Turner, 65, Kingsley Avenue, West Ealing, W.13? The particulars are required by the Methods Committee of the Central Council for the collection of Surprise Major methods, which is now in course of preparation.

## TROWBRIDGE'S RING OF TWELVE. DEDICATION OF THE NEW PEAL.

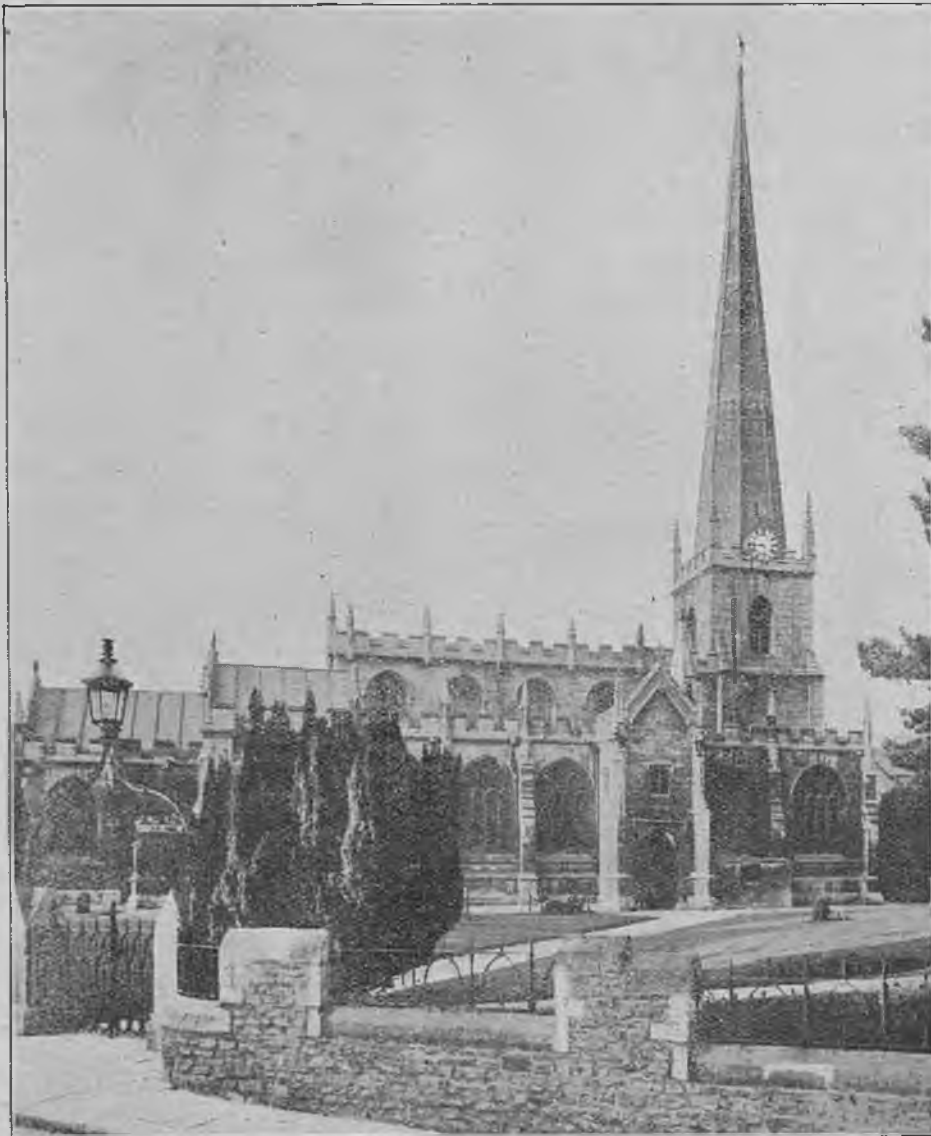
By a wonderful demonstration of civic and religious unity the bells of Trowbridge Parish Church have been recast, augmented and rehung to become the first ring of twelve in Wiltshire. In their love of the church, which represents the centre of religious life in the town, all classes and creeds have joined in this great work, and Trowbridge now boasts of a very fine ring of bells.

Originally there was a peal of eight bells in the tower, cast in 1800 by James Wells, of Aldbourn, Wilts. In 1912, Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, recast the two trebles and tenor and rehung the peal, and, in 1923, added two more bells to make a ring of ten.

no time was lost in placing the order. In addition, Mr. T. C. Usher, chairman of Usher's Wiltshire Brewery, Ltd., generously offered to defray the cost of a new clock and chimes.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have provided Trowbridge with a very fine peal of bells, and Messrs. Smith and Co., of Derby, have installed one of their latest clock mechanisms.

The completed work was dedicated on Wednesday of last week by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury at a memorable service attended by so large a congregation that it had to be relayed to large numbers in the churchyard who were unable to gain admission to the church. Among the congregation were the Marquis of Bath, K.G. (chairman of the Wiltshire County Council), Brigadier-General Harding-Newman, C.M.G., D.S.O. (the High Sheriff), Mr. R. V. Grimston, Mem-



ST. JAMES' CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE,  
where a new ring of 12 bells was opened last week.

These bells have now been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with sufficient new bell metal added to make a ring of twelve bells, the tenor of which weighs 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. An entirely new framework has been erected, and provision made in the framework for the priest's bell.

The work has been made possible by generous gifts of private individuals and business firms. When the scheme of restoration of the bells, which had been silent for some time owing to trouble with the bearings, was launched at a town's meeting, great enthusiasm was aroused, the various bells were allotted for adoption and the money required for the complete scheme was so quickly within reach that

ber of Parliament for the Westbury Division of Wiltshire, Sir Walter Alcock, organist of Salisbury Cathedral and composer of the Trowbridge Chimes, Sir Reginald Blake, the Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers, Mr. Denison Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, the Trowbridge magistrates, with Mr. W. N. Haden, their chairman; the Trowbridge Urban District Council, with Mr. H. H. Dyer, their chairman; Mr. T. C. Usher, who gave to the church its new clock and chimes; the Town Bells Committee; representatives of the firms who had adopted bells; those families and individuals who had adopted bells (all Friends of the Bells), and with them hundreds of other friends of the bells.

The service opened with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell' as a processional. Among the clergy who took part were the Rev. Percy Nash, a former Rector, during whose incumbency the bells were increased to a ring of ten, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild.

#### BISHOP AND WORLD'S NEED.

The Bishop, taking as his text the 96th Psalm, verse 2, 'Be telling of His salvation from day to day,' said that was a great civic, social and religious function for Trowbridge. 'Never in our lifetime have we felt the need of deliverance and salvation more than we do in the world to-day,' he said. Much of the trouble they were suffering in the world to-day was due to themselves. Christian people believed, however, that there was a salvation for man.

'What the world wants to-day is not a scheme of disarmament, not more education and enlightenment in many of the things that have gone wrong, such as monetary and commercial troubles—all those things might be necessary—but deliverance from sin. Sin seems to be a word not fit for publication to-day, but until we face that fact we shall not appreciate there is salvation ready for us. This salvation is for all families and households, the nation and the world, if only it can be applied. The mandate which I want to impress upon your minds is to tell out His salvation from day to day, not only clergy and officials, but every single man. It is our human duty to let everyone know, to spread the news to the rising generations, and to realise that we must bear our witness.'

'This is a great occasion for Trowbridge,' continued the Bishop. 'If we look through history I think we shall find that bells always have been an important feature in the towns where they are heard.' He well remembered that almost the first deputation he received in Australia many years ago was from five Englishmen in Queensland, who asked him to see that a peal of bells in a certain town was rung. The men said they hungered for the cheery sound of the bells because they reminded them of home. 'Those bells were rung eventually,' said the Bishop.

The Bishop said there were three reasons why bells held such a great importance. One was that bells formed a bond of unity: secondly, they represented the various occasions which came in the changes and events of life—joy-bells on great occasions, wedding bells, and bells of sorrow; and they formed one of the instruments for fulfilling the mandate given in the words of his text. The Bishop reminded the congregation that that was St. James' Day, and bell-ringing, if they looked upon it rightly, was a definite piece of Church and spiritual work. To all bellringers, whether they were of that church or any other, he would say 'sanctify your office by your own regular worship and taking care that you are definitely on that side.'

#### TROWBRIDGE BELLS A BOND OF UNITY.

'I think in Trowbridge these bells, and this service,' he said, 'form a special bond of unity, because the firms and commercial houses of the town have contributed towards these bells. In this work by the whole town, irrespective of denomination but simply as citizens, the people are combining to do something towards a definite spiritual end.' Referring to the division among churches and the effect it was having upon religious life, he added, 'We are beginning to feel such pressure from outside that it is time that we who follow in Christ should stand together, when the opposing forces of secularism and violation are so strong that we cannot afford to stand alone. And so I welcome this great occasion, where there is a definite demonstration to unite, which may lead to something better—a spiritual unity. With God's grace we can come together.' That occasion provided great encouragement to the regular workers in that church, which had been standing for centuries and was now coming into its own. 'It has a long and fine tradition of love and worship and teaching and good Christian work, and it is a great encouragement to feel you have all the neighbours in the town joining together with you, and I thank God. It means that you must be all the more ready to follow St. James and to take care that this church is telling out God's salvation from day to day.'

The dedication ceremony took place while the Bishop and clergy stood beneath the tower at the west end, the formal act being performed by the Bishop in the following words:—

'In the Name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.' Amen.

'May He, Who, by His incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, gather the work of the bell founders and clock makers, and offering of His people into the consecrated building of St. James, Trowbridge, and may He, by this dedication, fill the souls of the faithful with His immortal spirit, that the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill may here abound to the glory of the Father.' Amen.

'In the faith of Christ we dedicate these Bells and Clock in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' Amen.

The twelve bells were then heard for the first time, rung out in rounds by members of the local band.

The dedication concluded with the usual special prayers and the hymn, 'We praise Thy Name with one accord.'

Then, as the congregation left the church, three courses of Stedman Cinques were rung by ringers from Reading, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, St. Albans and the local band. In addition to the places mentioned ringers were present from Devizes, Melksham, Westbury and Bradford-on-Avon.

Our report of the Bishop of Salisbury's address is by courtesy of 'The Wiltshire Times.'

On Monday, there is to be a 'Ringers' Day' with ringing from 10.30 a.m. There will be a service at 4.30, at which Canon Coleridge will be the preacher.

#### INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS.

The bells are perfect in tone and 'go,' the work having been carried out with the customary Taylor precision and care. The following inscriptions are on the bells, and they tell their own story:—

Treble. Glory be to God on high.  
The Salvation Army bell.

2nd. The St. Stephen's bell.

Chief donors: Fred and Clare Marsland.

These two bells bear on the opposite side of the waist the Taylor mark and the date 1934.

3rd. The Thomas Herbert Clark bell.  
Recast 1934.

On opposite side waist:—

Least we forget.

Harold Butcher, a Parish Church ringer,  
killed in the Great War.

P. A. Nash, M.A., R.D., Rector.

W. H. Stanley, F. W. Saxty, Churchwardens.

S. J. Hector, Ringing Master.

C. M. Lansdown, F. H. White, F. P. Garlick,

H. Ledbury and J. A. Cooper, Committee.

Easter, 1923.

4th. In gratitude, 1914-1918,  
Lucy Mackay.

On opposite side waist: Cast 1923; recast 1934.

5th. Jas. Wells fecit 1800. S. Watton and R. Casswell,  
Churchwardens.

The James Wareham bell.

Recast 1934 by the

Trowbridge Co-operative Society.

On opposite side waist: Recast 1912. P. A. Nash, Rector.  
F. Hobson, H. Mundy, Churchwardens.

6th. Jas. Wells fecit 1800. S. Watton and R. Casswell,  
Churchwardens.

The Samuel Salter bell.

Recast 1934.

On opposite side waist: Recast 1912. P. A. Nash, Rector.  
F. Hobson, H. Mundy, Churchwardens.

7th. James Wells fecit 1800. St. Watton, Rd. Casswell,  
Churchwardens.

The Haden bell.

Recast 1934.

8th. James Wells fecit 1800. St. Watton, Rd. Casswell,  
Churchwardens.

The Stancomb bell.

Recast 1934.

9th. James Wells, Aldbourn, Wilts, fecit 1800. Saml. Watton and  
Richd. Casswell, Churchwardens.

The John and Edith Kemp bell.

Recast 1934.

10th. James Wells, Aldbourn, Wilts, fecit 1800. Samuel Watton  
and Richard Casswell, Churchwardens.

The John Heritage Blake bell.

Recast 1934.

11th. James Wells fecit 1800. St. Watton, Rd. Casswell,  
Churchwardens.

Recast 1934.

In memory of  
George Perkins Stancomb,  
Churchwarden, 1854-1858.

Tenor. James Wells, Aldbourn, Wilts, fecit 1800.

May all I summon to the grave

The blessing of a well-spent life receive

The Thomas Charles Usher bell.

Recast 1934.

Recast 1870 and 1912.

On opposite side waist:—

The peal of 10 bells was recast and two bells added  
in the year 1934.

Rector: Rev. S. J. Nisbet Wallace.

Churchwardens: M. F. V. Clark, J.P., S. L. Harding.

Committee:

C. Andrews.

H. V. Case.

A. A. Fensom.

F. P. Garlick.

H. H. Garlick.

S. J. Hector.

J. S. James.

C. M. Lansdown (Chairman).

H. Ledbury.

M. S. Ledbury (Mrs.).

A. Lester.

W. H. Long, J.P.

All the bells also bear the Taylor mark.

C. T. Lyddieth.

F. C. Pitt.

C. Raison.

I. Saxty (Miss).

W. Shaw.

P. M. Snailum (Secretary).

A. J. G. Stancomb, J.P.

(Treasurer).

P. L. Taylor (Mrs.).

W. C. Thomas.

T. C. Usher, J.P.

F. H. White.

## A WILTSHIRE RESTORATION.

### BELLS REDEDICATED AT BRATTON.

On Saturday, July 28th, the ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) at the Church of St. James-the-Great, Bratton, was rededicated, after having been to the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., to be cleaned, retuned and fitted with new bearings and iron headstocks. The bells have been rehung in the existing frame, which has been tightened and considerably strengthened with angle plates.

The ceremony was performed before a full congregation by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Dorset, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. Seymour Collett. The Archdeacon gave the address, taking for his text St. Mark xi. 22, 'Have faith in God.' He said the great difficulties of life could only be overcome by faith, that mountains of trouble could be removed if people had more faith. He thanked the Vicar for allowing him to perform the ceremony, and congratulated the parishioners on providing the money, in a little under two months, to allow the work to be completed.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild (Devizes Branch), at the invitation of the Vicar, held their monthly meeting in conjunction with the reopening, and were the guests of the Church Council at tea, which was held in the Institute. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chair-



THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT, BRATTON.

man) presided. He paid a tribute to all those who laboured and worked to such an extent that this restoration had been made possible, the whole thing having been completed in less than two months, and he offered heartiest congratulations to all concerned.

There being little business to transact, the Chairman next proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for inviting the members to Bratton, to the Archdeacon for his most inspiring address, and to the Church authorities for providing such an excellent tea.

The Vicar, in response, said it was always a pleasure to have the Guild in his parish. He then went on to speak of the work which had been done in the tower by the bell founders, stating that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had every reason to be proud of such an excellent job. He congratulated them most heartily, and thanked them for the courtesy he had received from all connected with the firm.

Mr. S. R. Roper, in reply, thanked the Vicar, and mentioned the help he had received from Mr. S. Hillier, the branch adviser, and Mr. Chapman, of the local ringers.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where ringing continued until nearly 9 p.m., all being loud in their praise and fully endorsing the Vicar's remarks both regarding the sound and 'go' of the bells.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes, Melksham, Trowbridge, Holt, Westbury, Rowde, Warminster, Kingston Magna, Wootton Bassett, Southbroom, Stourton, Croydon, Hampstead Norris and Stalbridge. The following methods were rung: London, Cambridge and York Surprise Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandshire Doubles. A band of ladies of the branch, with the 'light weight' on the tenor, rang some excellent rounds.

Before leaving the precincts of the church, the following rang a course of Grandshire Caters over the resting place of the late Mr. B. Cook, a vice-chairman of the branch for many years: G. Winter 1-2, C. D. Heginbotham 3-4, S. Roper 5-6, S. Hillier 7-8, F. Green 9-10.

Thus closed an eventful day, which will be long remembered by all who were present.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### DORCHESTER BRANCH ACTIVITIES.

There was a very happy gathering of about 50 present at the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch held at Bradford Peverell on Thursday of last week. The ringers obtained some useful practice, and special attention was given to the local men to enable them to obtain some half-pull ringing.

The service was very bright. It was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. F. Godley), the singing being led by the organist and choir. No formal address was given, but the Vicar from the chancel steps extended a very warm welcome to all, and pointed out the advantages of the Guild and the good work it was doing.

After the service all adjourned to The Cottage—the home of Miss L. R. Clapcott, a staunch supporter of the Guild, where tea was served on the lawn.

A short business meeting followed. In the absence of the chairman (Rev. E. S. Tarrant), Miss Clapcott was voted to the chair. The towers represented were Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester, Frampton, Sydling, Stratton, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis, and welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, of Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire.

Mrs. Bacon, Miss Lock, and Miss E. Hussey were elected hon. members. Messrs. H. R. Butcher and W. J. Hack, of Crowbrough, Sussex, were elected life members.

The Secretary reported that the date of the next meeting, to be held in September at Wool, had not yet been fixed, but it would be announced in due course.

The Chairman gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors, and hoped they would enjoy their holiday in Dorset.

The Rev. A. S. Bryant (Upwey) proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir, also the blower, and to Miss Clapcott and Mrs. Middleton, and friends for their hospitality in providing such a bountiful tea in such ideal surroundings.—This was seconded by the Rev. G. Wynne (Frampton) and carried by acclamation.

The Rev. A. S. Bryant also spoke on the great success that attended the Guild's fellowship gathering at Milton Abbey. The Chairman said she wished to associate herself with the remarks of the Rev. A. S. Bryant. It was a happy gathering they would all remember.

The Secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, said it was the first time they had a lady to take the chair, and she had conducted the meeting in an excellent manner.

The members again visited the tower and gave the local ringers further instruction. By special request, a party went on to Stratton to ring the bells there, and afterwards to Dorchester to spend the rest of the evening in ringing some nice touches on the eight bells of St. Peter's Church.

On Saturday, July 21st, a combined practice with the Wimborne Branch was held at Wyke Regis. The bells were raised in peal just after three, and touches were practised up to evensong, when the members adjourned for tea. Returning again to the tower, they continued the good work. The bells were lowered in peal after all had had a good practice and a very happy afternoon.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### GOOD WISHES TO AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Titchfield on Saturday, July 21st, when members attended from Alverstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Soberton, Swanmore, Titchfield and Wickham. The Guild's service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (Rev. G. S. Morley) officiated and addressed those present. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting was held, the Vicar being voted to the chair.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and the following were elected ringing members: G. Barton, E. Irish (Havant), L. Pearson (Portsea), and E. Linter (Soberton).

Cardridge was selected for the next quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, October 20th.

Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary) referred to the forthcoming tour in Australia, and on behalf of the Portsmouth District wished the two members representing the Guild (Rev. E. B. James and Mr. W. Linter) an enjoyable trip and a speedy and safe return.

Mr. W. Linter gave a brief outline of the proposed tour, and thanked the members for their good wishes.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Parish Hall, and for officiating at the service and business meeting.—The Vicar suitably responded, and invited the Guild to Titchfield at any time they liked to come.

The meeting then closed, and members returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, July 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss K. M. Bradford (Twickenham) 1, C. R. Millway 2, H. J. Saunders 3, R. T. Clark 4, E. J. Walker 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

## FIFTY PEALS IN 46 TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is no uncommon thing in these days to read of a ringer 'completing the circle' or ringing most of his peals in the same few towers. On Saturday, July 21st, I completed my first 50 peals which, with the exception of three rung at Claybrook, Leics, two at Monks Kirby, Warwicks, and two at Harrington, Northants, have all been rung in different towers—46 in all. I imagine this to be something of a 'record,' and would like to enquire, through your columns, if there is any other ringer who has rung his first 50 peals in a greater number of towers.

Wellingborough.

P. AMOS.

## A VISIT TO THE COTSWOLDS.

The Wicken and Stony Stratford ringers and friends this year visited the Cotswolds for their outing. Arriving at Fairford about 10 a.m., Mr. L. Smith joined the party and conducted the tour, having previously made the arrangements at the various towers. Fairford Church was visited, but the party were unable to ring here owing to the town having gone 'all carnival.' The first ringing was done at Watermoor, Cirencester, and after lunch at the Crown Hotel the party went on to Stroud, where they rung Stedman and Grandsire Caters. The famous peal of twelve at Painswick was the next objective, and here several of the visitors had their first ring on twelve bells. A course of Grandsire Cinques was rung, and a course of Stedman Cinques nearly came round. Afterwards some Caters, and the ringing finished with a good course of Cambridge Surprise Major. The journey was continued through Northleach, through very pleasant scenery. After tea a move was made to the tower, where on the good peal of eight Stedman, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major were rung. Returning to Fairford, a call was made en route to see a few old friends. The thanks of the ringers are due to the local people who met them at the various places visited.

## WEDDING BELLS

At the Church of St. Giles, Willenhall, Staffordshire, on Sunday, July 29th, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Evans 1, E. Hortin 2, I. Evans 3, R. Sidebotham (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, W. T. Edge 5, L. G. Trubshaw 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8. Arranged to celebrate the wedding of Miss Nellie Davies, the eldest daughter of Mr. John T. Davies, a member of the local band, to Mr. Frederick Fellows, of Willenhall. Also as a birthday compliment to Master Robert Giles Harrison, son of the Vicar, Rev. E. Harrison, M.C., M.A.

## OXHEY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY H. G. CASHMORE.

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71854623  
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5,088 CHANGES.

23456 M. W. B. H.

52436 —  
34625 — —  
26543 — —  
45362 — —  
63542 — — —  
56342 — —  
23645 — —  
64235 — —  
26435 — —  
42635 — —

The last four courses three times repeated.

The first peal in this method was rung at Oxhey on July 21st, 1934, conducted by the author.

17856342  
4th's place Bob.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise: C. Leman 1, W. Paul 2, S. Hoare 3, A. Brunton 4, H. Long 5, A. Dix 6, R. Bell 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8. A farewell to A. Brunton and welcome to the baby daughter to R. Bell.

## SPliced GRANDSIRE AND STEDMAN DOUBLES.

The following will probably be a change for those with only five bells. It consists of 120 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman. Start with Grandsire.

23456 Grandsire  
S 5423

Then a course of Stedman with a S at the end, making:—

S 4523  
4352  
— 5243  
5324  
— 2453  
2345

The single should be made thus:—

45132  
41523  
14532  
14523  
41532  
45123

There are seven different 120's with the treble plain hunt in Grandsire, as you can turn to Stedman the first, second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth lead, or have Stedman first.

The first 120 was rung at Middleton Stoney recently, at a service for the Jersey Lodge of Freemasons by: V. Bennett 1, Miss M. Reynolds 2, W. Brigham 3, E. Hims 4, W. Judge 5, P. Walker 6.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

On Saturday, July 14th, at Great Linford, North Bucks, the bells were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Major C. W. Mead, who was churchwarden and a keen supporter of all organisations in the district. The ringing included 720 Grandsire Doubles: B. Abrahams 1, C. Sapwell (first 720) 2, H. Sear (conductor) 3, E. Whitlock 4, R. Howson 5, J. Mapley 6, and 720 Stedman Doubles: B. Abrahams 1, H. Lear 2, E. Whitlock (conductor) 3, E. Lathall 4, R. Howson 5, J. Mapley 6. First 720 of Stedman by ringers of treble, 4th, 5th and tenor.

## THROUGH HERTFORDSHIRE LANES.

When the Heston, Middlesex, ringers, accompanied by their wives, families, and the Vicar, had their annual outing, illness and accident sadly depleted their ranks, but two members of the Ladies' Guild gallantly came to the rescue and made ringing possible. A start was made at 9 a.m. by motor coach, and after picking up a Royal Cumberland, his spouse and handbells, a course was set for Aldenham. The bells here were soon in action, while the children disported themselves on a playground nearby until turned off by an irate gentleman, as it was 'for parishioners only.' After an hour, a move was made to Bengeo, passing Lord Salisbury's beautiful estate at Hatfield en route. Half an hour's ringing sufficed at Bengeo, after which a hasty lunch was partaken of at what the Vicar described as a 'delightful place' about a mile further on. The inner man having been satisfied, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells on the very small green outside, followed by a few tunes.

The chauffeur then headed the coach for Baldock, and here the ringers found 'the goods.' Two striplings raised the 28 cwt. tenor, and among other methods a splendid touch of Bob Major on this deep and sonorous ring was successful. Time passed all too quickly. Bennington had to be found and ringing done there before tea, so with the help of much map and signpost reading the home of the Bob Major record came upon the travellers suddenly. Fortunately, no vehicle was met in a reputed 2½ miles of very narrow and tortuous lanes. The good-going eight were soon raised and in changes for about an hour, and after some members of the party had visited Squire Leonard Proctor's grave all made tracks for the old-world Bell inn, where tea was awaiting them.

This over, a refresher was taken in the garden, the handbells were brought out once again, and Grandsire Caters with more tunes were the order. Mine host, sensing good business, raided his hen roosts and secured a pail full of eggs, the greater part of which were soon sold. The photographer then got busy, and his tripod in the centre of the road outside the inn was a new kind of traffic signal to 'Stop.' With handbells and children in the front rank of the group, a charming picture should result.

Yet another tower remained on our programme, Knebworth, which is situated in Lord Lytton's park, and which is but a short ride from Bennington. The stately mansion and beautiful views were much admired, and while the ringers were handling the ropes the remainder of the visitors explored the church with its exquisite statuary to the Lytton family. About 8.30 a non-ringer (naturally) suggested there was a place called home. All then reluctantly left this ideal spot for a long (and almost dry) ride home.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major and (let it be whispered) Double Norwich. Heston ringers wish to thank most heartily all those who contributed to a successful outing.

**HAPPY GATHERING AT RANMORE COMMON.**

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Ranmore Common (one of Surrey's beauty spots) on Saturday, when the Leatherhead District of Guildford Diocesan Guild and the North-Western District of the Surrey Association held their annual combined meeting in ideal surroundings. A very good company gathered during the afternoon representative of both districts, with a number of visitors, and enjoyed the ringing on this lovely peal of bells. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and continued in various methods until five o'clock, when a party of 33 sat down to a welcome cup of tea. There being no business to transact, a move was again made to the tower, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 8.30, ranging from call changes to Bristol Surprise Major. Thanks are due for a very happy afternoon and evening to the Rector for the use of the bells; Mr. Dobbison, the local representative, for having everything in readiness; and to Mr. A. H. Smith, the Leatherhead district secretary of the Guildford Guild, for making all the arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

**WEDDING BELLS AT UTTOXETER, STAFFORD.**

There was a quiet wedding at the Parish Church, St. Mary's, Uttoxeter, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Charlton) recently, the bride being the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Geo. Burrows, and the bridegroom the youngest son of the late Mr. W. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. F. Harvey, brother of the bridegroom, being best man. The bride was unattended. A peal was rung in the afternoon, which was also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis A. Burrows, sister of the bride, who is a member of St. Mary's band. The ringers very much appreciated the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Burrows after the peal.

**MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT'S 200 PEALS.**

A peal at Bushey on July 4th was Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert's 200th. The following is his list:—

Method.	Rung.	Conducted.
Plain Bob Minor	1	1
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	1
London Surprise Minor	1	1
Seven Surprise Minor methods	1	—
Grandsire Triples	5	4
Erin Triples	1	1
Original Triples	1	1
Stedman Triples	56	12
Plain Bob Major	3	1
Original Major	1	1
Duffield Major	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	12	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	9	2
Superlative Surprise Major	27	4
Cambridge Surprise Major	15	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	—
Bristol Surprise Major	14	1
London Surprise Major	8	1
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	1
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1	—
Lincolnshire Surprise Major	1	—
Rutland Surprise Major	1	—
Aldenham Surprise Major	1	—
Bushey Surprise Major	1	—
St. Albans Surprise Major	1	—
Ashted Surprise Major	1	—
Pudsey Surprise Major	1	—
Spliced Surprise Major (two methods)	1	—
Spliced Surprise Major (four methods)	2	—
Spliced Surprise Major (five methods)	1	—
Grandsire Caters	1	—
Erin Caters	1	1
Stedman Caters	6	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	—
Yorkshire Surprise Royal	1	—
Stedman Cinques	7	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	4	—
Total	200	36

Rung in 54 towers, with 288 ringers.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church, on July 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. G. Hibble 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, W. W. Dickinson 3, W. J. Ellis 4, J. G. Nash (conductor) 5, M. Fensom 6, H. Ellis 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Rosalind Pakeman, one of the pupils.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—On Sunday, July 29th, for the evening service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. W. Stemp (first quarter-peal) 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, F. A. Burnett 3, P. Giles 4, L. P. Cook 5, C. H. Shepherd 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, E. R. Warner 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: V. Evans 1, \*A. R. Blaby 2, \*A. Newton 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, A. G. Jones 5, P. Newton 6, F. G. Biggs 7, R. Biggs (conductor) 8. \* First quarter of Plain Bob.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Matthew's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bosworth 1, W. Curson 2, G. Clayfield 3, P. Brice 4, W. Clayfield 5, J. W. Cotton 6, W. A. Stote, Coventry (conductor) 7, J. Carlton 8.

**CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, by the local band, 1,260 of Oxford Bob Triples: E. Wilson 1, G. Checketts 2, G. E. Large (conductor) 3, D. Sayers 4, R. Sayers 5, R. Woodyard 6, R. Elt 7, F. G. Yates 8. Longest length in the method, by ringers of 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

**CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, July 15th, for evensong, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 720 London Surprise Minor: David Targett 1, David Makay 2, Ronald G. Beck 3, Leonard Durnford 4, Frederick A. Targett (conductor) 5, E. John Targett 6. First 720 of London by all the band and on the bells.

**TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.**—On Sunday afternoon, July 15th, for children's service, 720 Bob Minor: R. L. Lathbury 1, F. W. Corney (Woodford, Essex), 2, F. Haynes 4, J. W. Ward 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and the Vicar. Kindly arranged for the conductor, who has now rung in 401 towers, 101 being situated in Kent.

**HASTINGS.**—At All Saints' Church, for morning service, on Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Bradfield 1, S. Driver 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, R. Wise 4, J. D. White 5, C. A. Levett 6, G. Piper 7, W. Levett 8. Arranged for the conductor by W. F. Ellingham, of Heston, Middlesex.

**BANSTEAD.**—At the Church of All Saints', for evensong, on Sunday, July 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Adams 1, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 2, W. Hobden 3, N. Hobden 4, F. G. Woodliss 5, T. Norman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, E. T. Wooloff 8. Rung on the 13th birthday of the treble ringer.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**PENTRE RHONDDA.**—At St. Peter's Church, on July 26th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): G. Page (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, F. Rowsell 2, W. Cross (first quarter-peal in the method 'inside') 3, F. Lasbury 4, J. Lovett 5, H. Davies 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8.

**BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Oakshott 1, S. Humphrey 2, E. Barrett 3, A. Purdom 4, H. Blackett 5, R. Vigor 6, J. Lyddiard (conductor) 7, E. Ryder 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers.

**NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.**—On Thursday, July 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: D. Gomm 1, H. L. Waite 2, A. R. Ashby 3, W. J. Randall 4, Francis Tompkins (conductor) 5, C. E. H. Cole 6. This was the first quarter-peal by all the band. The conductor hails from Apsley End, and the rest are of the local band.

**BIRSTWICH, YORKS.**—At St. James' Church, on May 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Addison 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Hick 3, E. Lindley 4, N. Barton 5, G. W. Slack 6, L. Drake (conductor) 7, R. Lancaster 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 6 and 7. First quarter-peal on the bells. Ring in honour of our Queen's birthday.—On May 18th, the first 720 Bob Minor on the bells, rung on middle six, with tenor covering: J. Ewbank 1, G. Gill 2, H. Burrells 3, A. C. Ewbank 4, H. Ewbank 5, C. Lofthouse (conductor) 6, F. Whitwam 8. First 720 by all except treble ringer.

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**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 30th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, St. Andrew's on the 16th, \*St. Paul's 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.**—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4th, at Blackburn Cathedral. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Business: election of officers. —F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Cratfield tower on Aug. 4th.—G. Filby, Wingfield, Diss.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kingston on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Newhey, on Saturday, Aug. 4th. 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., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Preston (6 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting 5.30. Those requiring tea please inform S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTS. — RINGERS' DAY,** August Bank Holiday. Ringing from 10.30. Short service at 4.30. Address by Canon G. F. Coleridge. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—August meetings in St. Clement Danes, Strand: Aug. 5th, Service Ringing at 10 a.m.; Monday, Aug. 20th, practice at 7.30 a.m.; also on Aug. 28th, at 8 p.m., combined practice at St. Mary, Lambeth. All ringers welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Monday, Aug. 6th (Bank Holiday). Service will be held in St. Mary's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Dujon Café at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mary's and St. John's will be available for ringing. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Worksop (8 bells) on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 6th. Tea can be had at the cafés nearby. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Aug. 8th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, August 7th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Penmark (nearest railway station Rhoose) on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — Meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea please notify Mr. F. R. Brook, Lilac Nook, Shelley, near Huddersfield, by Wednesday, 8th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN JUBILEE.**—Combined meeting of the Ringing Societies of the Southwell Diocese in celebration of the jubilee will be held at the Minster, Saturday, Aug. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) 4.30. Tickets for tea must be obtained before Aug. 8th from Mr. England, E.D. and Notts.; Mr. Stockdale, North Notts.; Mr. E. C. Gobey, M.C.A.; Mr. A. Coppock, Sherwood Youths; Mr. H. Clulow, Southwell. Will every member make an effort to attend? Visitors and friends welcome.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Aug. 11th, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) followed by meeting, 5 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Fabb's Restaurant.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich (8) on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Co-op. Café, Bury New Road, 5 o'clock. Meeting in the Church Institute. Election of officers. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each to all who notify Mr. R. H. Bent, 3, Glebelands Road, Prestwich, not later than Thursday, 16th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Morecambe on Aug. 18th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., in the Memorial Hall, followed by the meeting at 5.30 p.m. Members, please note subscriptions are now due. Anyone requiring tea to notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 15th.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Liverpool Branches. —A joint meeting of the above two branches will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. (Meeting at Christ Church, Aughton.) Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. These bells like anything from Grandsire to London Surprise. Please attend.—C. I. Davies and W. O. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The bells at Stone-in-Oxney, which have been rehung, etc., as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, will be re-opened, and a tablet to his memory unveiled on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea, which will be provided free, must notify Mr. K. Pattenden, 5, Oxney Cottages, Stone, Tenterden, Kent, by Wednesday, Aug. 15th.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, and F. Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District. —Next meeting at Barnet, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.40. Please advise me without fail by Aug. 15th. Hadley bells from 7-9 p.m. Hadley Woods nearby. All members and friends, especially Herts friends, welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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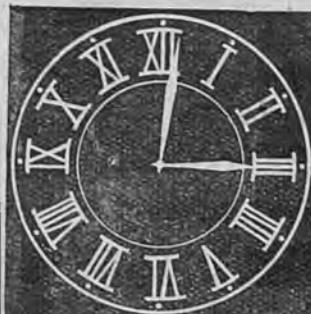
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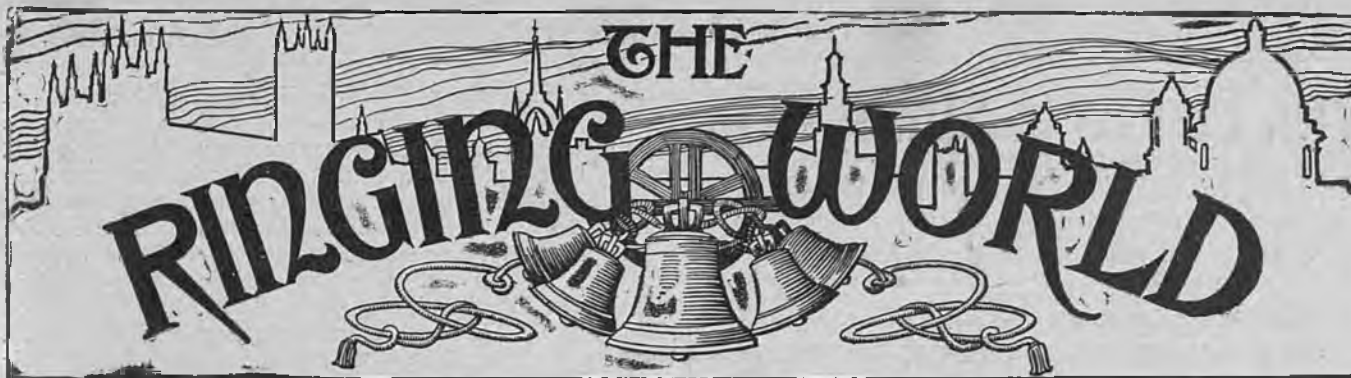
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FRANK LAWRENCE ... 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 9
GORDON W. CHECKRETS ... 5	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

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WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 4	†LESLIE B. DOBBIE ... Tenor

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Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt

*FREDERICK W. STEMP ... Treble	*GEORGE W. BARTON ... 5
LIONEL H. PAGE ... 2	HENRY JENNINGS ... 6
HENRY J. TUCKER ... 3	A. RICHARD WARD ... 7
†FRANK TAYLOR ... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in method.

## HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PERCY E. JONES ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... 2	*REV. CHARLES E. WIGG ... 6
ROLAND BIGGS ... 3	*FRANK CORKE ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

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

## CHURCH, LANC.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK ... Treble	LEONARD SCHOLES ... 5
JAMES PARR ... 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
*LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 3	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 7
FRED READ ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to A. Brunton, who has left the district to take up employment at Bristol, the band wishing him every success.

## UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
HARRY WINGROVE ... 2	REV. CHARLES E. WIGG ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
ROLAND BIGGS ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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.

ROBERT GARDENER ... Treble	CHARLES BAILEY ... 4
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 2	JAMES SPALDING ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

This band represents six different parishes. Arranged for the conductor.

## CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

*DAVID TARGETT ... Treble	*LEONARD DUNFORD ... 4
FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 2	*E. JOHN TARGETT ... 5
†DAVID MACKAY ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal in seven methods of Minor. † First with an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now called a peal from each bell in this tower, and the first peal in seven methods of Minor by a local band, on the bells, and as conductor.

## WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*A. FREDERICK BOYCE ... .. Treble	*GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4
†NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	*HERBERT C. READ ... .. 5
*VICTOR M. ORMEROD ... .. 3	†GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of London Minor. First extent in the method on the bells, and longest length for the association in the method.

## BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 4
FRANK DEWEY ... .. 2	HARVEY E. BURRELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 3	CYRIL E. BURRELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, of Sawtry, Peterborough. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

## NETTLEBED, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

*F. SYDNEY GOODALL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 4
†JAMES TAYLOR (age 14) ... .. 2	THOMAS J. FOWLE ... .. 5
GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Olive Smith (daughter of the local captain) to Mr. Douglas John Wellcome, the wedding taking place at Highmore, where the bride is organist.

## RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.

## CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES.

The annual meeting of the Christchurch Society, New Zealand, was held on Wednesday, June 13th.

The secretary's report for the year dealt with items of special interest to the ringing fraternity.

On July 8th, 1933, Sister K. A. Jutson, of the Church Army, was welcomed by the society and rang later in an excellent 720 Plain Bob Major.

On September 7th a half-muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. T. Strange, a member of the Cathedral Chapter. During October and November regular practices were interrupted by a series of organ recitals.

Two prominent members of the society, Mr. J. R. de Lambert (secretary) and Mr. G. A. Lightband, were moved to other parts of New Zealand just after Christmas, and a new membership campaign was started. For this reason change ringing has not been possible for some months. But now the new men are being initiated into its intricacies.

The usual Christmas cake was donated to the St. Saviour's Orphanage, and a band of 10 handbell ringers spent a happy hour with the kiddies.

The ringing room was renovated before Christmas, but the question of new ropes is still held over owing to lack of funds.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. S. H. Barnett; Deputy Master, Mr. G. N. Sloan; secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. K. E. Witte.

The Chairman (the Very Rev. Dean Julius) congratulated the society upon weathering the severe strain of the loss of some of its members, and voiced his appreciation of the enthusiasm shown by the retiring Master (Mr. G. H. Claydon) and the rest of the band.

A very kind invitation was extended by his Lordship, Bishop West Watson, to a social gathering at Bishopscourt, and gratefully accepted. After the meeting Mrs. Julius kindly entertained the ringers to supper.

## CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

## IMPROVED OUTLOOK.

The Cumberland Association is one of the ringing organisations faced with the difficulties of scattered towers, poor means of inter-communication and small membership, but good work is being done quietly, as will be seen from the following report of the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Holmes):—

In making my report of the past year's work, I am glad to say I can find a little more improvement in the association in many ways. There is a slight improvement in paid-up members, viz., 49 performing members, six life members and one hon. member, making in all 56 against 52 last year. Cash in hand also shows a slight improvement from £5 4s. 11d. to £5 16s. 5d. This was largely due to the making of six life members, who were touring the county and were made members previous to ringing peals for the association.

Meetings have been held at Crosthwaite, Egremont, Workington and Arlecdon. I should very much like to see a greater number at these quarterly meetings, as it is often the only means we have of ringing together and practising different methods than those we ring at home.

The annual ringing contest was held at Egremont, when Mr. Adam Deas acted as judge and gave the results 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; No. 4, Hensingham, rang 720 Plain Bob with 58 faults. No. 2 band, therefore, were judged the winners and entitled to hold the shield for the next 12 months, and also medals.

The feature of the year was the visit of some touring ringers who visited Westmorland and Cumberland and rang peals, eight of which were credited to the Cumberland Association.

It is to be hoped that this will be an incentive to more peal ringing in the county, and that the coming year will show a few peals of our own without any outside help.

We are looking with confidence to great improvement in trade, which will mean that ringers will have a better opportunity of pursuing their favourite pastime, as most are of the artisan class and have been very hard hit by the recent depression in trade.

I should like to mention, before I close, the octocentenary of the Carlisle Diocese, which was celebrated last year. We had hoped to mark it by a peal board recording the ringing of a peal in its honour. Two attempts were made, one of Grandsire Triples at Cleator Moor, which came to an end by a change course, and one of Kent Major at Cockermouth, when a rope slipped the wheel and brought it to an untimely end. Both were very good attempts and very unfortunate not to be successful.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those who have helped the association in any way, either financially or otherwise, and hope the coming year will find us in a stronger position than we have been for these past few years.

## WITHAM BELLS, Lincs.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read in 'The Ringing World' of August 3rd that the peal of Surprise Minor rung at Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs, was supposed to be the only peal on the bells for 44 years. There was a peal of Bob Minor on them in January, 1905, and one on September 12th, 1908, and a peal in seven methods in February, 1909. I took part in all three peals.

It is quite right that the Witham bells want the bell hanger. They are a fine peal of six, the product of the Downham Market Foundry, supposed to be cast from metal taken from the front five bells of Peterborough Cathedral at the time Dobson recast the 9th, which now, alas, is the 4th. They sold the front five of the peal of 10, cast by Henry Penn, Edenham, out of the four back bells of the old ten at Peterborough.

Edenham.

ARTHUR I. HOLMES.

## A HALF-DAY IN MID-KENT.

The fourth annual half-day 'run round' of the Wellesborough and District Youths took place on Saturday, July 28th. Starting at one o'clock in splendid weather, the four took the ringers through 60 miles of delightful scenery, with five hours' ringing spread over five towers. Six methods were rung, including rounds for the beginners. The places of call were Chart Sutton, Boughton Monchelsea, Hunton, Yalding (where tea was partaken of), and Frittenden. The Youths desire to thank the respective incumbents and Messrs. Potter (Boughton Monchelsea), Brooker (Yalding) and Baker (Frittenden) for their assistance in making this excursion so enjoyable.

## FIRST ON THE BELLS

The first quarter-peal on the bells at Rousham, Oxon, was rung on Saturday, June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, by: Harry Adams 1, W. Baggett 2, Herbert Adams 3, F. W. Pritchett (conductor) 4, G. Cuss 5, E. Sherwood (first quarter-peal) 6. The bells have recently been rehung on ball bearings by T. Bond, of Burford, the 'go' of them being excellent.

**'BOW BELLS' THE 'MOUTHPIECE OF LONDON.'**

HOW THE B.B.C. ADOPTED THE INTERVAL SIGNAL.

An interesting article in the 'Radio Times' tells how the B.B.C. came to adopt the record of Bow Bells—now intimately known to listeners the world over—as an interval signal. Says 'O. J. W.' the writer:—

Turn again, Whittington,  
Lord Mayor of London.

Thus did Bob Bells solve the problem which was troubling young Richard Whittington; and now they have come to the rescue of the B.B.C.

The ticking of the Metronome was a dreary sound. A Metronome, as the remedy for musicians with a defective sense of time, could hardly be regarded as a noble instrument. While if it resembled any other sound it was the noise of the Death-Watch Beetle, an insect which no one wants to commemorate.

But a substitute was not easy to find. It must, so it was said, typify in some way the Life of England. It must not be so tuneless as not to bear constant repetition, nor so tuneless as to offend at a single hearing.

What, then, are the emblems of English Life? The Lion? Plainly impossible, being a spasmodic sound, in itself not unlike an atmospheric, and unsuitable for tuning. Besides, it might not be appreciated by listeners in Africa.

The Unicorn having unfortunately become extinct before the invention of gramophone records, there remain only the Rose and the Roast Beef. But the Rose obstinately refused to make any noise at all, even when coaxed with the 'cello, and it was thought that the intermittent sizzling of a Baron of Beef might create unseasonable appetites.

Even the crash of the waves and the wail of the seagulls were tried, but without success.

Then someone suggested Bow Bells.

Scientifically, a peal of bells is the compromise between a tune and a mere rhythm, and so avoids the disadvantages of both. And if it is a monotonous sound, it is a form of monotony which people have chosen to endure for the best part of a thousand years.

The sentimental qualifications of Bow Bells are even greater. Far more venerable than Big Ben, the peal is second only to the Westminster chimes in fame. For thousands of people have heard of Bow Bells who are doubtful whether Great Tom is at Oxford or Cambridge, and are ignorant even of the existence of Great Paul.

As Richard Whittington sat by the roadside at Holloway, tired and dejected, his conscience and his courage told him to go back. They spoke through the voice of London, and the voice of London was Bow Bells. All the way from Cheapside, across the fields of Islington, they carried.

'Turn again, Whittington,' they said; and he did.

The story is a legend. True, Richard Whittington was thrice Lord Mayor of London about the year 1400. But that is all. He was no orphan from the West Country seeking wealth in the city whose streets he had heard were paved with gold. He was never a scullion in a rich merchant's kitchen. He was never knighted. He hadn't even a cat.

But nobody minds about the accuracy of the tale—any more than they mind seeing the pantomime Dick mincing on to the stage in high-heeled, silk shoes, which couldn't last out the length of Leadenhall Street, much less all the way to Holloway. Indeed, its aptitude, at any rate as the reason for the Interval Signal, lies in the very fact that it is a legend.

It first appeared in the year 1605, and shows at an early date that very English approval of a man who rises from nothing to greatness, from a penniless orphan to the first citizen of London. It shows also the need for tenacity of purpose, which the Elizabethans were the first to demonstrate, and which has been the pride of Englishmen ever since.

The men who elaborated the legend in the seventeenth century choose Bow Bells to be the mouthpiece of London. What could be more suitable, therefore, than that they should speak for London again? That legendary day, about 1380, was really the first S O S broadcast from London. Poor dispirited Dick heard a voice saying that there had been 'missing from his home in Leadenhall Street, a young man, Richard Whittington; fair hair, blue eyes, medium height, with a large red handkerchief and a black cat; he had lately been suffering from depression.'

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So to-day London calls to the provinces and to the Dominions through the voice of Bow Bells, now louder, now softer, just as it came to Richard Whittington over the fields of Islington.

**A BROTHERLY QUARTER-PEAL.**

At St. Mary's Church, Southampton, on August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,296 changes): Raymond Curtis (first quarter-peal on 10 bells) 1, H. Payne 2, A. E. Newman 3, Roland Curtis (first quarter 'inside') 4, O. Neville Curtis 5, A. Butler 6, F. Mursell 7, H. Reeves 8, J. Faithfull (conductor) 9, P.C. Reginald Curtis (first quarter-peal on ten) 10. Arranged for the four Curtis brothers, who learnt their ringing at St. Mary's, but have never had an opportunity until now of ringing together.

**FROM BEDFORDSHIRE TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

DUNSTABLE PRIORY CHURCH RINGERS' OUTING.

The Dunstable Priory Church ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, July 28th. A party of 23, including the Rector, the Rev. H. A. Griffith, and curate, Rev. H. G. R. Hill, Miss Evelyn Steel and several ringing friends, set off at 7 a.m. for Cirencester, with ringing at two towers on the way. Abingdon, 47 miles distant, was reached at 9.20. Here the ten bells at St. Helen's were rung to a good touch of Grandsire Caters, followed by Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise Major, and Treble Ten. Everything attempted here was well rung, and was a good start for the day. After thanks to Mr. A. E. Lock, another stage of the journey was begun, and Fairford, Glos, 25 miles distant, was reached after a lovely run via Faringdon. The glorious church was inspected with keen interest. The bells are a very nice ring, rung from the centre of the chancel, with a very long draught. However, a good course of Superlative Surprise, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung. The party were met by Canon Jones and Mr. J. Hope, to whom thanks were given. Dinner at Cirencester was the next objective, and after a welcome repast the Parish Church was invaded, the bells here being available from 1.45 to 2.30, and this was the first visit to a 12-bell tower. And what a tower! Opinion among the visitors seemed to be divided as to the merits of this and Warwick. However, the back eight bells were raised in peal and the 12 rung to some very creditable rounds, followed by some well-struck Stedman Caters. A course of Grandsire Cinques was attempted, and all went well until the last lead, when it 'went west.' But the attempt was worth it. Time was strictly limited, and the bells were rung down. It was pleasing to the party to receive the congratulations of Mr. F. J. Lewis on their ringing. The church was then inspected with great interest, the Rector being a good guide. A photograph of the party was taken. Watermoor bells were available for the rest of the afternoon, and most of the party availed themselves of ringing on this nice, easy going eight. Rumour had it that some of the party had been found asleep in the park, but the energetic members enjoyed ringing Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, and Little Bob Major.

Tea (at which the Vicar of Cirencester joined the party) was next disposed of, and, after thanking the Vicar and Mr. F. J. Lewis for their welcome, the coach was boarded for the homeward run, via Bibury and Burford, with a call at Witney, where permission for ringing from 7 to 8 p.m. had been readily given. Here the party were met by Mr. J. Monk, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Little Bob Major, and Cambridge Surprise were rung. At 8.15 the last lap was begun, and Dunstable reached at 10.45, after a most enjoyable day, thanks to everybody, clergy and friends, who met the party at every tower.

**EXETER RINGERS' EXCURSION.**

On Saturday, July 28th, the ringers of St. Thomas, Exeter, held their annual outing. They were accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. G. B. Nicholls) and some of the ringers' wives, together with at least one ringer's sweetheart and other ringing friends. They left St. Thomas' Church at 1.35 p.m. for Combe Martin, passing en route through South Molton and the lovely Bray valley, the scenery being much admired. A little breeze was experienced when passing over the moorlands, hats being discarded or firmly held. Passing on via Blackmoor Gate, a glorious view of the noted Hangman Hills, together with miles of the surrounding country, could be obtained. Gradually descending, the party duly arrived at their first place of call, Combe Martin, where they were met by Messrs. J. Saunders and A. Haywards. The bells were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and rounds for the learners, while the ladies paid a visit to some friends. The next call was Ilfracombe (Parish Church), where they were met by Mr. Sprague, also Mr. Truman and his son. Here, again, in the short time allowed, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and rounds were rung. Owing to a service, the ringing had to be cut short. A splendid meat tea was afterwards much enjoyed by all, and a vote of thanks was accorded to those concerned in making the outing arrangements. The Vicar said it was most encouraging to see how the older members were helping on the younger ones, and it was a credit to St. Thomas' to have such young men as they had in their band. He expressed his thanks for the work which they were doing. The party then broke up for an hour to visit the seaside and other places of interest. At 7.30 the journey was resumed to Braunton, where the Rev. — Prince (at one time Vicar of St. Thomas') was waiting to welcome the party. He afterwards explained the chief points of interest in this wonderful old church. Eventually steps were made to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also rounds, were rung. The journey was then resumed to Umberleigh, where a halt was made for refreshments, and the secretary opened his secret parcel. The company did full justice to the good things it contained. The homeward journey was continued to the accompaniment of songs, etc., and the Ever Faithful city was safely reached at 11.15 p.m., after another successful outing, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The writer would like to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the churches, and also those who met the visitors and had everything in readiness.

E. W. B.

## MR. 'Q'—THE MYSTERY MAN. WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE DOES.

By QUICK SIX.

Among many ringers 'Mr. Q' is looked upon as a mystery man. Who he is and what he does is completely unknown to them. They hear about him occasionally, but dismiss him with a shrug of the shoulders as being no concern of theirs. They don't know him; they are not sure that he is nice to know, and yet 'Mr. Q' controls the truth of most of the peals they ring. He is the amateur composer's bugbear and until they know where to look for the pitfalls he sets them they traverse a laborious and unprofitable road.

'Mr. Q' is only a soubriquet. No one, I think, knows his real name. He is an elderly gentleman who was certainly known to William Shipway, and even John Holt must have had some acquaintance with him. But they never called him by name. When Holt and Shipway were composing peals, 'Mr. Q' would bob up unexpectedly at awkward moments and throw some of their best laid plans out of gear. Eventually, however, they learned how to counteract the tricks he had in his basket, so to speak, and actually to turn them to their advantage. And that is what every composer has to learn to do, if he wants to get true peals and save himself much useless labour.

It was Mr. W. H. Thompson, a former scholar of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, who dubbed the mystery man, by the initial, Q—I have only prefixed the 'Mr.' to show him that respect which, awkward as he may be at times, seems to be his due. Mr. Thompson, who was a mathematician and not a ringer, was, in the early eighties of last century, investigating, from a purely scientific standpoint, the possibility of producing a peal of Grandsire Triples with common bobs only and one of the things which Mr. Thompson found himself up against was the limitation imposed by certain conditions, which compelled certain sets of figures being produced either entirely by plained leads or entirely by bobbed leads; that is to say if one row in a particular set of five was produced by a plain lead, then all the other rows of the set had to be produced by plain leads; or, if one row in the set was produced by a bob lead, then all the other rows had to be produced by bob leads.

To these interlocked blocks of rows Mr. Thompson applied the designation 'Q sets,' not because the letter Q has any special virtue or application to the point in question, but because, to the scientific mind, it served the purpose as well as any other.

Two things Mr. Thompson definitely did for composers of Grandsire Triples as a result of the discovery of the Q set principle. He showed them what to do and how to do it, and he showed them what they could not do. And one of the things he showed them they could not do was to knit the 360 blocks—each consisting of a lead—into one true and complete peal by joining them together with plain leads and bobs only. But that is a part of the story which is beyond the intention of this article.

All that we are immediately concerned with is the influence of 'Mr. Q.' Shipway knew the application of Q sets, for he wrote: 'It is in this method (Grandsire) necessary to call or omit five; for if 234567 is called so must 346572, and then 467523 which causes 672534 to be called; and this requires 723546. In like manner, if one be omitted so must the five.' In this connection Shipway

means by 'called' a bobbed lead and by 'omitted' a plain lead.

The explanation briefly is this: 1234567 can come from two lead ends, viz., 1246375 by a plain lead, or from 1467352 by a bob. Similarly 1346572 can come from 1367425 by a plain lead or from 1672453 by a bob; and so on for the rest of the set. In the same way one of two lead ends can follow 1234567, viz., 1246375 by a plain lead and 1752634 by a bob, and so on with the other members of the set, thus:

Q set	Plained	Bobbed
234567	253746	752634
346572	354267	253746
467523	456372	354267
672534	657423	456372
723546	752634	657423

Now from this table it will be seen that if, for example, 346572 is followed by a plain lead, producing 354267; 467523 cannot be followed by a bob, otherwise 354267 will occur again, and, it must be remembered, every 'lead end' carries with it 13 other rows with which it forms an integral block and from which it cannot be separated.

Again if one of this Q set be followed by a bob, say 672534, giving 456372; 467523 must also be followed by a bob, otherwise 456372 will appear a second time, and 467523 having been followed by a bobbed lead, so must 346572, otherwise 354267 will occur twice.

Further, we get this, that if 354267 is produced by a bob, 456372 as a plain lead is cut out, as in that form they both come from 467523 and the rows between and including 1645732 (the handstroke before 1467523) and 5134267 (the backstroke before the treble gets back to lead) are repeated.

Thus we see that 'Mr. Q' has a considerable finger in the pie when it comes to the composition of peals. If in composing a touch the lead end 467523 does not occur, there is no reason why 346572 should not be followed by a plain lead or 672534 by a bob. But in a peal 467523 must be included and if 346572 has been followed by a plain lead (354267) and 672534 by a bob (456372), it is impossible to introduce 467523 without repetition, because both the alternatives open to the composer have been used.

The interactions of members of a Q set have a similar effect in other methods where like conditions prevail, such, for instance, as extents of a bell in sixth's place in Major with the tenors together or with some given bell 'behind the 9th' in Caters. The effect is easily seen in the example of Bob Major, where, with one exception, the leads in any one Q set must be either all bobbed or all plained.

Plained	Bobbed
14326587	12436587
14235678	14235678
13246587	14326587
13425678	13425678
12436587	13246587
12345678	12345678

An examination of these rows will at once prove that if three pairs of them are used it is impossible to take two out of one set and one out of the other and avoid repetition. And this rule applies not merely to this particular Q set but to every other set of rows having a similar relationship.

The one exception referred to above is that, in methods in which singles are used the odd and even rows can be so shuffled up that one pair can be bobbed together, one pair plained and one pair singled, in this way :—

124365	142365
B 142356	B 124356
132465	134265
P 134256	P 132456
143265	123465
143256	123456

But this escape from the net of 'Mr. Q' is more apparent than real.

Who, then, is 'Mr. Q?' We do not know him by any other name, but he is a definite personality. He will not be ignored by composers, some of whom, in the beginning, have been known to think he comes from the nether regions on purpose to thwart them. He had some kind of mathematical parentage and we must leave it at that.

What he does is of much more importance, and enough has been said to show that the composer who fails to comply with the restrictions which he lays down is not only wasting his labour but courting disaster in his compositions.

**SUNDRIDGE, KENT.**—On Friday evening, July 13th, 720 Bob Minor at the Parish Church: H. Blackett 1, R. H. Vigor 2, I. Emery 3, J. Lyddiard 4, E. H. Lewis (Brasted) 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. Believed to be the first 720 on the bells for 38 years. After the ringing the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Gosselin) kindly entertained the ringers at the Vicarage.

### DEBEN SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY G. LINDOFF.

		5,120 CHANGES.			
		23456	M.	B.	W. H.
12345678		45236	—	—	—
21354768		24536	—	—	—
12537486		53246	—	—	—
21357846		62345	—	—	—
23158764		34625	—	—	—
32517846		63425	—	—	—
32158764		46325	—	—	—
23517846		53624	—	—	—
32571486		62534	—	—	—
23754168		43526	—	—	—
27351486		52436	—	—	—
72534168		64235	—	—	—
27354618		28435	—	—	—
72345681		42635	—	—	—
27436518		56234	—	—	—
72463581		25634	—	—	—
74236851		25346	—	—	—
47263815		32546	—	—	—
74628351		54326	—	—	—
47682315		35426	—	—	—
74862135		42356	—	—	—
47681253		34256	—	—	—
46782135		23456	—	—	—
64871253					
46817523					
64185732					
64817523					
46185732					
41687523					
14867253					
41682735					
14628375					

The first peal in this method was rung by the Suffolk Guild, at Helmingham, on July 20th, 1934, conducted by L. C. Wightman.

14263857  
Bob  
16423857

**BANGOR, NORTH WALES.**—On Tuesday, July 24th, at St. David's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Regler, jun., 1, G. Gudgeon 2, R. Fairby 3, Mrs. M. Owen 4, Miss D. Brown 5, A. E. Regler, sen., 6, H. Parker (conductor) 7, J. R. Timbell 8. First quarter-peal for treble, 4th, 5th and tenor, and first quarter of Triples as conductor.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The fine ring of eight at St. Marie's, Sheffield (tenor 25½ cwt.), is to be rehung in a new steel and iron frame, and mounted on ball bearings, with all the latest fittings, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who cast them in 1874. The work is to be put in hand immediately.

Owing to a disagreement between some members of the band and himself, arising from their opposition to the practice of chiming for weddings, which is carried on at this church, the Vicar of St. Mary's, Cheshunt, has, we are informed, closed the bellry.

St. Andrew's, Kingsbury—the reconstructed church removed from Wells Street, London—is to be dedicated and opened early in November. The bells are the celebrated maiden octave, cast by Lewis, the organ maker. They are being re-erected by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

After more than thirty years a celebrated peal is to be permanently recorded in the belfry where it was rung. In 1903 Mr. William Pye rang Exeter Cathedral tenor single-handed to a peal of Stedman Caters, the only time this 72 cwt. bell has been rung to a peal by one man.

Every other peal on the bells has a tablet in the ringing chamber. At long last this, in one respect most wonderful of all, is to be placed on permanent record.

The peal board, we understand, will be unveiled in September during a tour, in which Mr. Pye hopes to take part, extending from Sherborne in Dorset to Truro in Cornwall.

Lads and lassies from in and around London went in successful search of peals in Lincolnshire during the holidays.

A family celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie, of Milton Regis, took place on Saturday, when a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Ospringe, Kent, in which three sons and three grandchildren took part.

A ringing tour in South Devon starts on Saturday week. Mr. W. H. Fussell is making it a preliminary to his Australian trip.

## THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF BEGINNERS.

REWARDS SUGGESTED FOR PROGRESS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A suggestion for the encouragement of beginners which might, with advantage, be tried by a good many local bands, is the offering yearly, or at intervals, of a small reward or token for the most meritorious performance by a learner, or for the attainment of proficiency in various steps in the art, such as ringing good rounds, his first course in a method, first 720, or calling his first touch.

At present there is usually no visible goal for the learner to aim at, except his first peal, and that is often too far distant for the purpose. I feel sure that if, say, a medal, or certificate, or one of the ringing text books (anything to induce him to strive), were offered for reaching successive stages, many would be kept who are now lost.

Here I would remark that many beginners are at first keen enough to come for two or more nights a week, and if one or two competent members of the band would take them in turn, so that every opportunity of practice in bell handling was taken, this first keenness would still be in operation when the change ringing stage is reached.

I know that schemes for the Central Council or the Guilds to issue certificates have been broached before, but the essence of this suggestion is that it is purely a matter for the individual tower; and that is the point where the problem must be attacked, for many bands languish for lack of incentive to their recruits to persevere. Action on these lines would keep them often at full strength.

With regard to funds, there are plenty of cases where ringers receive a sum of money at Christmas, perhaps only small, but if instead of dividing it amongst themselves they used it for this purpose of encouraging beginners they would derive more lasting satisfaction from it.

In other cases the Parochial Church Council might consider giving the rewards, and, surely, here is a method of usefully employing some of the surplus funds in the hands of many Guilds, which they are somewhat at a loss to know how to use to the best advantage. It may be objected that this would destroy the local character of the effort, but it need not, for the Guild, or its branches, could set aside a sum of money for the purpose, and leave it to the tower concerned to make application for a grant, only making sure that the conditions had been complied with.

The main point of the suggestion is to do something, suiting it to local circumstances, as long as the principle is observed of placing before the learners a definite set of objectives and a visible and tangible reward for reaching them; and while they are 'striving for the mastery' teach them, by precept and example, to ring to the glory of God.

REFLEX.

## RINGS OF TWELVE BELLS.

### KIDDERMINSTER WILL BE THE 51st IN ENGLAND.

The number of rings of twelve bells grows apace; nearly a dozen towers have had their peals raised to this number since the war. Tewkesbury and Trowbridge have scarcely been completed when comes news that Kidderminster is to have a ring of twelve, which will raise the total peals of this number in England to 51, and, in addition, there are similar peals in Dublin and in Melbourne, Australia.

York Minster was the first church in which a peal of twelve was installed. These were set up in 1681, but were recast in 1765, and there were not twelve bells in the tower again until 1844. St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, has been longest in continuous possession of a peal of twelve. They were made into this number in 1719, and it was on them that the first twelve-bell peal was rung in 1724. Cirencester were made twelve in 1722, and then followed St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (1726), S. Michael's, Cornhill (1728), and S. Saviour's, Southwark (1735). After this there was a long break before another ring of



The Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Kidderminster.

twelve was completed, and that was at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, in 1770, but in the meantime, as mentioned above, the twelve at York has been reduced to ten. Two famous peals followed soon after—Birmingham in 1772 and Norwich in 1775.

When Shipway compiled his 'list of peals of twelve and ten bells in United Kingdom,' which appeared in his 'Campanalogia,' published in 1816, there were seven rings of twelve in London and six in the provinces, so that between 1775 and 1815—a period of forty years—only four more towers grew to the dignity of having twelve bells, Spitalfields and Cripplegate in London and Liverpool and Shrewsbury in the provinces.

Spitalfields, whose tenor was 44 cwt., were destroyed by fire in 1836, and were replaced by a ring of eight. There is one other church which once had a ring of twelve, and has now only ten—St. Peter's, St. Albans.

Here is a complete list of the existing rings of twelve, with the approximate weights of the respective tenors:—

LONDON:	cwt.
St. Paul's Cathedral ... ..	62
St. Bride's, Fleet Street ... ..	28
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields ... ..	30
St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark ... ..	50
St. Michael's, Cornhill ... ..	41
St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside ... ..	53
St. Leonard's, Shoreditch ... ..	29
St. Giles', Cripplegate ... ..	36
BERKSHIRE:	
Reading, St. Laurence ... ..	23
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE:	
High Wycombe, All Saints ... ..	32
CHESHIRE:	
Macclesfield, St. Michael ... ..	26
CAMBRIDGESHIRE:	
Cambridge, Great St. Mary ... ..	28
DEVONSHIRE:	
Exeter Cathedral ... ..	72
Buckfast Abbey ... ..	40
ESSEX:	
Chelmsford Cathedral ... ..	35
Waltham Abbey ... ..	39
Saffron Waldron, St. Mary-the-Virgin ... ..	24
GLOUCESTERSHIRE:	
Cirencester, St. John-the-Baptist ... ..	29
Cheltenham, St. Mary ... ..	22
Painswick, St. Mary ... ..	26
Tewkesbury Abbey ... ..	24
HAMPSHIRE:	
Winchester Cathedral ... ..	30
Christchurch Priory Church ... ..	28
KENT:	
Canterbury Cathedral ... ..	30
Quex Park, Waterloo tower ... ..	15
LANCASHIRE:	
Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Michael ... ..	26
Liverpool, St. Nicholas ... ..	40
Oldham, St. Mary ... ..	34
LEICESTERSHIRE:	
Leicester, St. Margaret ... ..	33
LINCOLNSHIRE:	
Lincoln, Cathedral ... ..	24
Surfleet, St. Laurence ... ..	12
NORFOLK:	
Norwich, St. Peter Mancroft ... ..	38
Great Yarmouth, St. Nicholas ... ..	30
NORTHUMBERLAND:	
Newcastle, St. Nicholas Cathedral ... ..	38
OXFORDSHIRE:	
Oxford, Christ Church Cathedral ... ..	31
SHROPSHIRE:	
Shrewsbury, St. Chad ... ..	40
SOMERSET:	
Bristol, St. Mary Redcliffe ... ..	51
Taunton, St. Mary ... ..	30
STAFFORDSHIRE:	
West Bromwich, Christ Church ... ..	23
Walsall, St. Matthew ... ..	26
Wolverhampton, St. Peter ... ..	33
SUFFOLK:	
Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower ... ..	32
WARWICKSHIRE:	
Birmingham's, St. Martin ... ..	37
WILTSHIRE:	
Trowbridge, St. James ... ..	25
WORCESTERSHIRE:	
Worcester Cathedral ... ..	50
YORKSHIRE:	
York Minster ... ..	60
Halifax, St. John ... ..	25
Leeds, St. Peter ... ..	42
Sheffield Cathedral ... ..	40
Wakefield Cathedral ... ..	31
IRELAND:	
St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin ... ..	45
AUSTRALIA:	
Melbourne, St. Paul's Cathedral ... ..	31

The Church of St. Mary and All Saints', Kidderminster, which is now to have a ring of twelve bells,  
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## A CHANGE RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. G. F. WOODHOUSE'S WONDERFUL INVENTION.

At the last meeting of the Central Council, Canon H. J. Elsee spoke of the 'change ringing' machine invented by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedbergh, Yorks, who is to be invited to exhibit it at the next meeting.

The machine differs in construction from that invented by the late Mr. John Carter and now on exhibition at the Science Museum, South Kensington.

Mr. Woodhouse supplies us with the following description of his machine:—

Before going into the detail of the machine it is best to mention the principles on which the machine is built.

A. Bells move or change in pairs. Thus, if 3 moves, either 2 or 4 must also move. There are, then, seven pairs, 12, 23, 34, 45, 56, 67 and 78 on eight bells. Only seven 'movers' are necessary.

B. Some means must be found to pick out the bell that has to



MR. G. F. WOODHOUSE AND HIS INVENTION.

move. Thus, if 8 is at the lead it must be actuated by the mover that causes 1 and 2 to change. This is the most difficult part of the machine to design.

C. The places made and, therefore, the pairs that move are symmetrical about the treble behind. Thus, for brevity take Double Bob Minimum:—

	Moving bells.
1234	34
2143	12 34
2413	23
4231	12 34
2431	12
4213	12 34
4123	23
1432	12 34
1423	34

So, starting with lead-end they go—34—12, 34—23—12, 34—12, and then the same, but backwards.

This is done by a revolving band, which goes so far and then reverses. For Plain Minor its reverses after 6, for Plain Major it reverses after 8, and so on. This is accomplished by changing one wheel in the gear train that drives the barrel.

Adjustable pegs in the barrel cause the 'movers' mentioned under A to rise. Any method can be rung by simply altering the pegs and gearing.

D. The actual ringing is done electrically. There are eight contacts at right angles to the 'bells,' which consist of strips 1 in. wide, with rollers at each end, and eight slots cut across them. These contacts are connected to eight studs, over which a contact arm rotates. If a 'bell' rests on the 3rd one, it will ring 3rd, hence good striking is assured. Now as to how A and B are accomplished.

Two rods with hooks go to each bell, and are held off by catches which are fixed to the 'bell.' One rod moves to the right and the other to the left. Beneath the bells are seven flat rods at right angles. These are raised by the studs on the barrel. On rising they release the catches, and a rod drops into a slot and drives the bell. Thus, if the first rod rises it releases a catch on each of whatever bells are in 1st's and 2nd's place, so that one moves right and the other left.

An arrangement is added so that a pen attached to the 7th moves across on moving paper, and so draws a diagram.

The above description will give the main ideas without going into minute detail of mechanisms involved. It has already rung and drawn diagrams in no fewer than 412 methods, ranging from changes on two to eight bells; in fact, all the methods on these numbers that the inventor can lay hands on, including all published by the Central Council, and a fair number of Surprise Major methods. It has also rung touches in many, the longest being a 400 of Double Norwich. Bobs and singles are made by pressing buttons at the correct moment.

Diagrams have been made by the machine in all the methods. This has involved some 65,000 changes, and is no mean feat.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### PROPOSED ADDITION TO CHALE BELLS.

A quarterly meeting of the Isle of Wight District was held at Chale on Saturday, July 28th, when there was a representative attendance, including ringers from London. Good use was made of the bells from 3 p.m. to 5 o'clock, after which the party was entertained to tea at the Clarendon Hotel by the district president, Dr. J. B. Williamson.

At the business meeting the Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. J. Snow, spoke feelingly of the death of the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, of Didsbury, Manchester, a past district president and ringing member of the Guild, and the meeting endorsed his action in sending a letter of condolence to the widow.

Mr. F. Mew spoke of the loss the local ringers had sustained by the death of their colleague, Mr. Walter Woodford, and on his proposition, seconded by Mr. H. Barton, it was agreed to send a message of sympathy to his widow.—Both propositions were carried in the usual way.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Arreton, with by-practices at Godshill, Shorwell and Brighthorne.

The meeting expressed satisfaction in the progress made at the re-hanging of Godshill bells and the secretary's successful efforts to get a grant towards the costs from the funds of the Guild.

A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the president for his hospitality, and in reply Dr. Williamson said how happy he was to be at Chale and the Clarendon, where his early days were spent. He suggested that in view of the centenary of the wreck of the ship 'Clarendon' in Chale Bay in October, 1836, it would be an opportune time to consider bringing the peal of bells in the tower up to six by the addition of a treble in memory of those who had lost their lives in that and other wrecks. This the meeting agreed to, and the president and Mr. F. Mew were asked to see what could be done.

At the conclusion of the meeting the party proceeded to the churchyard, where Messrs. H. Barton, H. Jennings, Dr. Williamson and B. J. Snow rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells over the grave of Walter Woodford, as a token of respect, the other members, including the six local ringers, standing round.

### RINGS OF TWELVE—Continued from previous page.

stands upon what is believed to be the site of an ancient monastery, for the founding of which Ethelbald, King of the Mercians, granted ten cassats of land (about 120 acres) to Earl Cynebert in the year 736 A.D. The present church is a massive and imposing building. The tower dates from the middle of the 15th century and was originally detached from the rest of the building. Whether it was ever surmounted by a spire is not known, but the beginnings of a spire exist on the top at the back of the weather-beaten battlements.

The bells are at present a ring of eight, with tenor of 25 cwt. in D. The first six are by Rudhall, 1754, the 7th by Taylor 1867 and the tenor by Mears 1857. The augmentation to twelve is to be carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

## SURFLEET AND BOSTON STUMP.

### ANOTHER PLEASANT LINCOLNSHIRE WEEK-END.

Surfleet, the little Lincolnshire village where they grow bulbs and potatoes, which is without a policeman or a telegraph office, may not be the centre of the universe, but it is known to most ringers by repute, and to quite a large number by personal acquaintance. For 30 years it was the home of the late Rev. H. Law James, and a great many things connected with the science of ringing had their origin in the village.

Surfleet is also the home of another celebrity in ringing—another Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, like his Vicar before him, and other things now emanate from Surfleet, which give it some claim to fame. For instance, there are the movies, which depict ringers in real life. These have brought another risk into the lives of those who go up into the towers for ringing. They say that photographs cannot lie. That being the case, there must be many ringers who, having seen themselves on the Surfleet films, have realised they are not all they had previously thought of themselves.



'THE CATHEDRAL OF THE FENS.'

There was another of the enjoyable 'house parties' at Glyn Garth last week-end, and it is quite certain that some of those present will feel a loss of dignity when they see the results of the movie man's efforts. For instance, Mr. Bob Pye playing tennis is nothing like the serious-minded Mr. Bob Pye ringing in a 15,000 of Cambridge Maximus; Mr. Albert Walker teaching a lady to ride a bicycle is quite unlike the decorous Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild conducting a peal in the Bull Ring; and what the two well-known ladies will say when they see themselves on the screen after having been literally caught napping in the summer house, heaven alone knows! But there it is—it is just one of the risks one takes when one is with the Master of the Lincoln Guild either at home or abroad.

The object of the gathering last week-end was a peal on the miniature ring of twelve—the lightest in the country—in Surfleet Parish Church, with its quaint leaning tower, nearly seven feet out of perpendicular, and another in the famous Boston Stump, in which one has to climb nearly 200 steps to reach the ringing floor. The Saturday afternoon peal at Surfleet was safely accomplished, although the band had an uncomfortable last hour, while a splice in the tenor rope gradually knocked itself to pieces on the floor.

Daylight could be seen between the strands when the bells came round just in time to save the towerkeeper's hitherto unblemished reputation. The band in this peal came from eleven different places, and two more celebrities were added to the Lincoln Guild's life membership roll—the Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild and the ex-honorary secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

The peal at Boston Stump—one of the architectural wonders of the English Church—was also safely brought round, though not without Surprise in a double sense for the gentleman from Birmingham. He thought he was on a soft thing when he took hold of the tenor rope, for when the conductor said 'Go,' he thought it was for Stedman Caters. The others, however, started for Cambridge Surprise. Surprise and disillusionment No. 1. He had another and worse surprise half-way through the peal when, without warning, the tenor rope slipped wheel and repeated the performance not long after. But each time the bell came back again, and all's well that end's well.

Although the restoration of the bells at Boston Stump has made a vast difference to the ringing in this eerie belfry, 150 feet above the town, it is by no means an easy place in which to ring. The tower is of huge dimensions, and in the centre of the floor of the ringing room rises the dome of the groined ceiling of the tower. The ringers stand close to the walls, and there are few places with a larger 'circle' or, as in this case, 'square.'

Boston Church, known as 'the Cathedral of the Fens,' is one of the finest parish churches in England. The interior gives an unusual sense of vastness and elegant proportion. The tower, completed about the year 1460, rises to a height of 272 feet, and stands in the front rank of Gothic art. It is divided into four storeys, the uppermost consisting of the lantern, which makes a most elegant termination of this grand and majestic campanile.

The stone groined ceiling of the tower, which was only completed in 1850, is situated 156 feet above the floor, and is reputed to be the highest stone groining in the world. The great height of this portion of the building and the magnitude of the west window with its beautiful tracery give a most wonderful effect.

For some years the condition of the tower caused considerable anxiety, but the interest of the people of Boston, U.S.A., was aroused, and a great scheme of restoration was carried out largely at their expense. The bells themselves were recast into a magnificent peal of ten by Messrs. Taylor and Co. and rehung, and although they are now some feet higher than they were before, the stress on the tower has been reduced by supporting them on concrete walls carried up from the floor of the ringing chamber, which was also raised nearly two feet, so that the ringers can get a better sight of each other than was possible before, when the groined ceiling rose to within a couple of feet of the ceiling of the ringing room.

Incidentally, the defacing of old buildings by cutting initials in the stones is obviously no modern form of vandalism. High up on the staircase leading to the top of the tower I. S. cut his initials and the date 1675. Since then hundreds have done the same thing, but with less skill.

The completion of the restoration has been marked within the last few weeks by the dedication of an iron screen at the base of the tower, bearing a suitable inscription. An American Bishop came over specially for the ceremony.

Before separating at Boston the ringers duly celebrated the 44th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Holman, of Sheffield. The peal at Surfleet had been rung on the actual date, but the commemoration had to be postponed, because of the licensing laws and the train service. Good wishes were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Holman for many more years of happiness. Mrs. Holman, by the way, is the perfect ringer's wife—glad to see her husband gone on his ringing expeditions; glad to see him home again.

'Thou'st lost peal,' she says, when he gets home early. 'Where'st been to this time o' night?' is the greeting when he comes home late.

Isn't that just like a woman? The Surfleet party began to break up on Monday evening, but some of them (goodness knows how their jobs get on without them) stayed until Tuesday, and all left with the most grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for their kindness and generous hospitality.

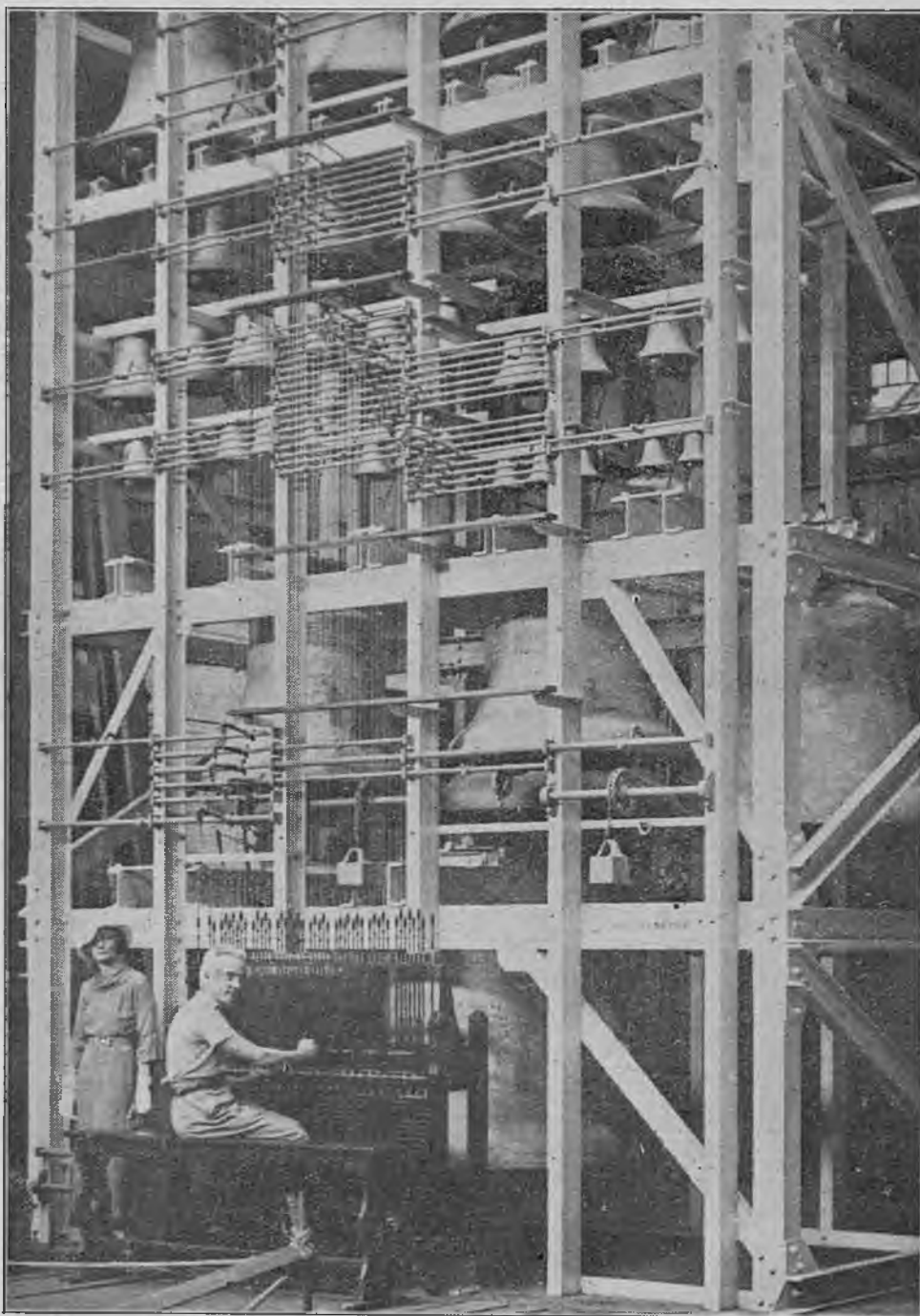
The next house party takes place early in September, after which Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and their daughter sail for Australia.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. T. Clark 1, J. H. Cheeseman (Greenhithe) 2, H. J. Saunders 3, B. Jarman (Harpden, Hert.) 4, A. W. Durlam (Lamberhurst) 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

MOLD, NORTH WALES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 5th, for Choral Communion, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten variations): E. Evans 1, G. Williams 2, J. Roberts 3, J. H. Jones 4, W. Price 5, F. Hartman (conductor) 6. All are regular Sunday service ringers at the church.

## THE BOURNVILLE CARILLON



[Photo by Seymour W. Paddon, Wallington.]

This striking picture shows the Bournville carillon in Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Foundry at Croydon, where it was inspected with great interest by many visitors last week.

The carillon consists of 48 bells, varying in weight from about 12lb. to  $3\frac{1}{4}$  tons, and covers four complete octaves. The original carillon consisted of 22 bells, and it was enlarged in 1923 and 1925 to 42.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have now reconstructed the instrument by recasting 38 of the former bells, tuning the remaining four

and adding three high trebles, two bass semitones and the bourdon bell. The bells are hung in a massive new frame weighing about  $8\frac{1}{2}$  tons, while the new fittings which have been installed enable the carillonneur to operate the carillon with the utmost ease and delicacy of sound control. The total weight of the bells is about  $17\frac{1}{4}$  tons, and the carillon has the biggest compass of any instrument of the kind in the British Isles.

Our photograph shows Mr. Clifford Ball, the talented Bournville carillonneur, seated at the clavier, and standing beside the carillon is Mrs. C. F. Johnston.

**LAVENHAM RINGERS' OUTING.**

The SS. Peter and Paul's Society, Lavenham, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 21st. Leaving by motor coach at 8 a.m., a run of 26 miles brought the party to Worlingworth, where they were met by Mr. David Collins, a survivor of the band that rang the historical 16,000 Treble Bob many years since. The breaking of a rope put 'paid' to the first touch of the day (Grandsire Triples), but this was followed by a course of Bob Minor to oblige others of the party. Wilby was visited next, and then a run was made to Stradbroke. At Fressingfield 'Angel' the party enjoyed a splendid lunch, after which the tower was visited, and the brothers Riches and Mr. Etheridge met the visitors. After ringing, the ropes were given up to the Norwich men, who were touring the district. Halesworth was the next stop, where that 'ever-pleasant brother-string,' Mr. Fred Lambert, welcomed the visitors, at the same time cautioning them 'not to pull more than one bell at a time before ringing,' explaining that two or three bells pulled together would soon bring the fire engine in sight! Mr. Lambert took part in some of the touches. After inspecting the church and some very old and interesting ringing documents, tracks were made for Woodbridge, where, after ringing on these grand old bells, the Norwich 'crowd' once more put in an appearance and took over the ropes. Monks Eleigh was the last call, but only handbells were used here. Home was reached at 10 p.m. The ringing during the day included touches and courses of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise.

The Lavenham ringers wish herewith to thank the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, also those friends who met them, and all others who helped towards this most enjoyable day.

**BIRTHDAY QUARTER-PEALS.**

At Swindon, on Thursday, July 12th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peat of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes): A. Lawrence 1, R. W. Hyner 2, R. G. Townsend 3, H. W. Bishop 4, G. Townsend 5, S. Palmer 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, E. Bishop 8, Tom Townsend 9, A. E. W. Smith 10. Rung on the 79th birthday of the treble man.

At Devizes, Wilts, on Friday, July 13th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Hillier: E. Stevens (first quarter-peat) 1, G. W. England 2, C. D. Heginbottom 3, S. Smith 4, S. Hillier (conductor) 5, G. Winter 6, F. Green 7, F. Edwards 8.

At Marbury, Cheshire, 720 Conway Delight and 720 Ludlow Delight by: W. Thomas 1, A. E. Richards 2, J. W. Clarke 3, R. Sperling 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Richards.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****MEETING AT SOUTHAM.**

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Southam on Saturday, July 21st. It was not very well attended, due, no doubt, to a number of members being away on holiday, including the hon. secretary. The towers represented were Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Erdington, Nuneaton, Rugby and Southam. Visitors were welcomed from Banbury, Husbands Bosworth, Mickleton and Welford.

The eight bells of the church were kept going during the afternoon until 5.15, when a halt was called for tea, which was partaken of at the Craven Arms Hotel.

The business meeting followed, Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) taking the chair. Seven members sent apologies.

Bedworth and Coleshill were nominated for the quarterly meeting in October. On being put to the meeting, Bedworth was carried by the chairman giving the casting vote. Monthly meetings at Dunchurch for August and Hampton in Arden for September were decided upon.

The members of the committee appointed in connection with the Central Council meeting at Warwick were thanked for their services.

Mr. Watson, of Banbury, thanked the members of the Guild for the welcome extended to him as a visitor, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells.

Further ringing then took place, and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major, until 7.30, when the bells were lowered in peal, bringing an enjoyable day to a close.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 30th, St. Magnus' on the 23rd, St. Andrew's on the 16th, \*St. Paul's 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.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. — R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Penmark (nearest railway station Rhoose) on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — Meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea please notify Mr. F. R. Brook, Lilac Nook, Shelley, near Huddersfield, by Wednesday, 8th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN JUBILEE.**—Combined meeting of the Ringing Societies of the Southwell Diocese in celebration of the jubilee will be held at the Minster, Saturday, Aug. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 3.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) 4.30. Will every member make an effort to attend? Visitors and friends welcome.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) followed by meeting, 5 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Fabb's Restaurant.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Newbury tower tomorrow (Saturday) evening, Aug. 11th, from 6.15 till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch.—Ringing meeting, St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth (12), at 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tea at 5.15, Foulsham Restaurant. Names for teas. All ringers welcome. Practice nights at Yarmouth, Thursdays, August and September.—J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich (8) on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Co-op. Café, Bury New Road, 5 o'clock. Meeting in the Church Institute. Election of officers. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea, 1s. each to all who notify Mr. R. H. Bent, 3, Glebelands Road, Prestwich, not later than Thursday, 16th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Morecambe on Aug. 18th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., in the Memorial Hall, followed by the meeting at 5.30 p.m. Members, please note subscriptions are now due. Anyone requiring tea to notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 15th.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the above two branches will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. (Meeting at Christ Church, Aughton.) Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. These bells like anything from Grandsire to London Surprise. Please attend.—C. I. Davies and W. O. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The bells at Stone-in-Oxney, which have been rehung, etc., as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, will be re-opened, and a tablet to his memory unveiled on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea, which will be provided free, must notify Mr. K. Pattenden, 5, Oxney Cottages, Stone, Tenterden, Kent, by Wednesday, Aug. 15th.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, and F. Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Hon. Secs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cam on Aug. 18th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 by invitation. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Barnet, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.40. Please advise me without fail by Aug. 15th. Hadley bells from 7-9 p.m. Hadley Woods nearby. All members and friends, especially Herts friends, welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (5) on Saturday, August 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise numbers by 16th. All ringing friends of Central, Hunts & Ely Districts are invited. Church one min. off station.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A by-practice meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells (6) (recently overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, the 15th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at South Shields on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells of St. Hilda 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. W. Robson, 28, Charlotte Street, South Shields. A good muster requested owing to it being the last meeting before the annual. All ringers welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Ashover on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tea can be had at cafés nearby.—J. P. Tarlton.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, Aug. 18th, meeting at Rickmansworth, Herts. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Red Spider 5.30. Usual short business meeting. Ringing after till 8.15. Cheap tickets from all stations, coach and bus depots.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270).

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Please advise for tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dunbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at Mr. Settettree's tea rooms at 5 o'clock. Those intending to be present kindly advise me by the 14th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

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**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Dunchurch, near Rugby, on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Altona and Petersfield District.—A bye meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.0 by kind invitation of Sir H. Miller, Bart. Business meeting follows. Will all requiring tea please let me know by Aug. 21st (Tuesday).—C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles St., Petersfield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise the undersigned by Wednesday, Aug. 22nd, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Maidney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. E. Abbey-Tindell a meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service. As the Rector has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea, it is particularly requested that those intending to be present should notify Mr. Harrison Smith, The Green, Wickhambreaux, not later than Thursday, Aug. 23rd.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Barking, Needham Market, on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30; also at Baylham (6). Tea at Barking Rectory at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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**EXETER.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday morning, July 29th, for the visit of the Rev. H. G. Chalk, former Vicar of the parish, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hosgood 1, W. Wills 2, J. Hosgood 3, R. Rundle 4, F. Wills 5, E. Hill 6, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, A. H. Goad 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Rundle 1, R. B. Ford, jun., 2, F. Wreford 3, R. B. Ford, sen., 4, R. Truman 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, W. Wills 7, E. Hill 8. First quarter-peal for R. B. Ford, jun. The ringers of 4th and 2nd are father and son, and hail from Thorverton.

**SUTTON MADDOCK, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: C. H. Watts 1, A. Woodvine 2, W. Lago 3, A. Pritchard (conductor) 4, R. Inston 5. Believed to be the first quarter-peal on the bells.

**HENDOW, BEDS.**—For evensong on Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor: L. Wilton 1, S. Gravestock 2, F. Beaumont 3, J. Church 4, P. Tompkins 5, L. Bywaters (conductor) 6.

**FULMER, BUCKS.**—For morning service, on July 15th, 720 Bob Minor: G. H. Gutteridge 1, Miss E. Bedford (first 720) 2, C. A. Nicholls 3, F. J. Bolt 4, F. Bolt 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6.

**WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, July 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Randal 1, S. Sopp 2, S. Kilner 3, C. Tovey 4, P. Duncun (conductor) 5, M. Sopp 6.

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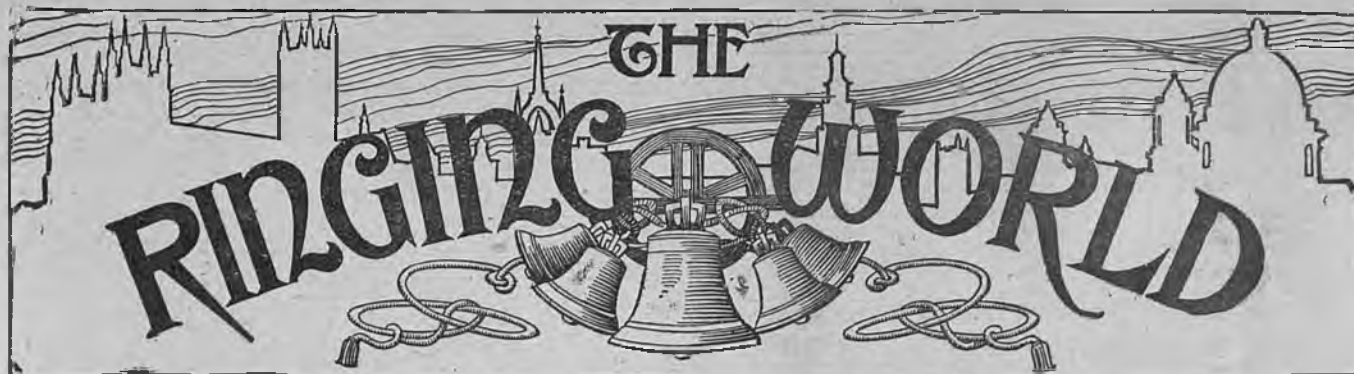
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## 'REWARDS' FOR BEGINNERS.

From time to time suggestions are put forward for the encouragement of beginners by the offering of 'rewards' for progress. In our last issue 'Reflex' returned to the subject. His proposals, however, differ only in their details from other schemes which have been urged, but have never been generally adopted. There are just a few associations where there is recognition given to the beginner when he reaches some definite stage in his progress. In one case, for instance, a badge is awarded; in another a certificate; but there has been no general acceptance of the principle of recognition of progress. A few years ago an effort was made in the Central Council to do something in this direction. This proposal was to issue certificates to those qualified to receive them at various stages of their advancement, but it did not find favour, and there seemed at the time as strong a dislike to issuing certificates of progress as there previously was to the adoption of a universal badge for ringers.

One preliminary point upon which there is not as yet general agreement is whether the 'awards' would really have the effect anticipated of keeping beginners interested and urging them to progress. There would be some ringers, without doubt, who would value a recognition by their association of their definite steps forward in the art, in the same way that many music students like to receive certificates upon passing examinations. On the other hand, ringers as a class do not seem anxious to parade their progress. They may personally be proud of their attainments, but they are seldom keen about displaying tokens of their achievements. Even if they were, there is the difficulty of setting and maintaining standards. Individual associations could set a local standard, but to be of value it would have to be applied impartially throughout the area and not left to the opinion of the tower conductor, otherwise those who had been 'carried' through the 'examination' piece would be placed on the same level as those who had genuinely earned the reward.

The local award of 'prizes,' as suggested by 'Reflex,' might create a local interest especially among a very youthful band, but to increase the general interest and establish a recognised standard, any scheme to be of value must, as we have said, have a wider basis and have at least an association or guild foundation. What is needed at first, however, is the inculcation of the spirit among beginners that the attainment of a high standard in ringing is really worth while; to make them realise the higher aims of a ringer's duties and the importance of his office, which carries with it the necessity for giving only his best in the service of the Church. If local schemes were formulated it might offer encouragement in in-

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dividual cases, and it would be interesting to see an experiment carried out, to learn if these awards would really prove the incentive which some people believe they would be. But only time could show the result, for ringers are not made in a day, and it might even eventually be difficult to say whether any progress made was due to the incentive of the material rather than the intangible reward.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. LAWRENCE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*LESLIE PORRITT... ..Treble	†STANLEY GEE ... .. 6
*ALFRED FRIEND... .. 2	ALBERT E. JARMAN ... .. 7
*H. RICHARD FRENCH... .. 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... .. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	HARRY FARRES ... .. 9
FREDERICK C. BRETT... .. 5	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... ..Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 8
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 4	TONY PRICE ... .. 9
JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 19 lb.

*FRANK B. YATES ... ..Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 6
H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 2	JOHN E. EATON ... .. 7
*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 3	BERT HORTON ... .. 8
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
C. HOWARD STANLEY... .. 5	WILLIAM DAVIES ... ..Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN

\* First peal of Grandsire Caterps. Rung as a fifth birthday compliment to Master John Yates, grandson of Mr. F. B. Yates, of King's Norton.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDGAR GUISE ... ..Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT... .. 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... .. 2	REGINALD G. GILBERT ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	WILLIAM STOWELL ... .. 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Wilfred Thomas (past Master of the Oxford University Guild of Ringers) and eldest son of Mr. W. H. Thomas, of Bristol, to Miss Edna Eileen Wheeler, of Bristol, which took place at the above church the same morning.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. R. Ambrose 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, F. A. Mitchell 4, R. A. Mann 5, G. Morrad 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, W. Gorrings 8. First quarter-peal by R. A. Mann for over 30 years.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*THOMAS BANNISTER ... .. Treble	*HORACE BELCHER ... .. 6
*HARRY HOSKINS... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3	*JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 8
*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN... .. 9
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal in the method. This composition has 18 courses in the Tittum position.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS KATH M. BRADFORD Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 5
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 6
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... 4	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER  
\* 50th peal.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25½ cwt.

*WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Treble	†S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... .. 2	*JACK ROY ... .. 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	S. PERCY MERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First in the method as conductor. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wyatt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble	*WILFRED G. WILSON ... .. 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 2	HARRY KILBY ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First Surprise peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, August 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE  
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 2	*ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. This peal contains 2,944 of London, 608 of Bristol, and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative. The two latter methods were rung in alternate parts.

MANCHESTER.—At Brookfield Unitarian Church, on Wednesday, August 8th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Chamberlain (first 720 in the method) 1, A. Barnes 2, W. Brammer 3, P. Rushton 4, J. Fearnhead 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 6.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 5
E. CHARLES PATTEN ... .. 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 5
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES WHITING ... .. Treble	ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 2	*REGINALD C. KERSEY ... 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7
*JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES M. BAILEY.

\* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF HERTFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER PAUL ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method (Lindoff's No. 29), and was rung without previous practice. Rung and named to commemorate the jubilee year of the Hertford County Association.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 2	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... .. 3	AMBURN WILSON... .. 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 4	THOMAS E. LEE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS... .. 2	*CYRIL W. SMITH ... .. 6
*NORMAN HOBDEN ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 7
*WILLIAM HOBDEN ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(TAUNTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,  
A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR,  
5280 CHANGES;

LIVERSEDGE VARIATION, Tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.  
\*WALTER H. POOLE ... Treble | GEORGE COLES ... 5  
ARTHUR H. REED ... 2 | \*WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 6  
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 3 | \*JACK ROY ... 7  
PERCY MERSON ... 4 | JAMES HUNT ... Tenor  
Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by J. HUNT.

\* First 'spliced' peal. First peal of Spliced Major by the remainder. First peal of Spliced Major by the association and in the county. The methods were changed four times in each course.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

\*WALTER MARTIN ... Treble | ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 5  
JAMES BEYTS ... 2 | THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 6  
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 3 | THOMAS W. LAST ... 7  
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 4 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor  
Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.  
\* First peal and first attempt.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... Treble | JOHN COOK ... 5  
WILLIAM STANFORD ... 2 | PETER CHARMAN ... 6  
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 3 | JACK BRANCH ... 7  
WALTER CHARMAN ... 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor  
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

SIX BELL PEALS.

EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, August 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

\*KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... Treble | ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 4  
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 2 | STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5  
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3 | ADAM DEAS ... Tenor  
Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal of Minor. This peal, which was specially arranged for the occasion, was rung immediately after the wedding of Miss Christina Margaret Cameron, third daughter of Admiral and Mrs. Ewen Cameron, and Viscount Stopford, oldest son of the Earl and Countess of Courtown.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob and Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.  
Tenor 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

\*LEWIS J. BATLEY ... Treble | †DAVID CRACKNELL ... 4  
WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... 2 | †GEORGE FILBY ... 5  
ALPHRED J. BERRY ... 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor  
Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Plain Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.  
Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN SPENCER ... Treble | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 4  
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2 | JAMES SPALDING ... 5  
GEORGE LEE ... 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor  
Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... Treble | JACK STUBBS ... 4  
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2 | WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5  
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3 | \*CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... Tenor  
Conducted by WM. J. WHITMORE.

\* First peal in five methods away from the table. Arranged for E. E. Whitmore, of Kells, Co. Meath, Ireland, who was home on holiday.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert, Stella,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob spliced, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B.

JOHN A. BROWN ... Treble | KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 4  
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2 | STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5  
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3 | ADAM DEAS ... Tenor  
Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.  
Tenor 21 cwt.

\*JAMES E. POLLARD ... Treble | \*SAMUEL S. VINCE ... 4  
†ALFRED W. BODIAM ... 2 | ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 5  
STEPHEN LONG ... 3 | †GEORGE DAVIDSON ... Tenor  
Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and believed to be the first peal since 1845, when the local company rang a peal of Bob Minor. All the above are members of the local band, with the exception of the conductor.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, August 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN A. BROWN ... Treble | HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 4  
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5  
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 3 | STEPHEN THOMPSON ... Tenor  
Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in E.

GEORGE LEE ... Treble | ALFRED H. WATSON ... 4  
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2 | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 5  
JOHN HALL ... 3 | TONY PRICE ... Tenor  
Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Mr. J. Hall has now rung each of these bells to a peal.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
MISS KATH M. BRADFORD ... 2	HORACE M. DAY ... 5
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, and was Miss Bradford's first attempt for a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

The following peals were rung on a short tour in Somerset during the August Bank Holiday week-end:—

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. in C.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 5
BRIAN J. E. WHITE ... 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 6
F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

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

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 7
F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6018 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 8
F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 4	E. GEORGE TREW ... 9
JOHN THOMAS ... 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.  
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. H. W. Collins, of Haslemere, an old inhabitant of Wrington.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Edward,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

BRIAN J. E. WHITE ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 6
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
RICHARD F. ROE ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, CRANTHAM

The following peals were arranged by Mr. W. Keeble for Messrs. W. H. Fussell and F. Bennett, during a holiday in Essex:—

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 7
GEORGE GREEN ... 4	*JOSEPH DYER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Triples. Mr. W. Elliott has been ringing Stedman for 50 years, and this is his first peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, August 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN ... Treble	GEORGE GREEN ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	GEORGE PIPER ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... 2	PERCY GREEN ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	*WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

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

\* 77th peal. A compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, late Master of the Essex Association, who entered his 50th year as a resident tradesman of Braintree this month.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
GEORGE CHALK ... 4	RONALD BULLEN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal of Surprise.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church on July 25th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, comprising 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grand-sire (different callings): C. A. Tammadge 1, A. S. Richards (conductor) 2, Miss H. Oakshott (first quarter of Doubles) 3, H. Mackinden 4, J. Page-Wood 5.

## RINGERS' DAY AT TROWBRIDGE.

### BELFRY GIFTS DEDICATED.

#### Visitors Take Part in a Broadcast Programme.

August Bank Holiday was 'Ringers' Day' at Trowbridge, and proved a great success, a large gathering of ringers attending from all parts of the country to hear and try the new ring of twelve bells cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., which were opened less than a fortnight previously. Ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m., the bells being raised in peal and kept going in various methods until noon. The Rector (the Rev. Nisbet Wallace), together with the churchwardens and members of the Town Bells Committee, then visited the ringing chamber.

The Vicar extended a welcome to all the visitors, and proceeded to dedicate various gifts which had been presented to the tower, which included an oak table, ringing mats, and a framed photograph of the late Wm. McGaffrey, for many years captain of the tower, who conducted most of the early peals for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. F. White, late churchwarden, then unveiled a peal tablet recording two peals, one of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and the other a peal of Stedman Caters. This peal was the last rung on the old ten, and the first on ten bells by the regular Sunday service band. It was also the first peal of Caters rung by resident members of the Salisbury Guild. Mr. White spoke of the good work done by the local ringers for Sunday service ringing, and also of their enthusiasm in taking over the responsibility of raising the money for the new peal of bells and the frame.

The Vicar dedicated the tablet, suitable prayers being offered, and the ceremony closed with the singing of the Doxology in the packed belfry.

Ringling then proceeded until 3 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal in preparation for a rehearsal of a broadcast programme which was to follow at 8 p.m. Many then heard the new Trowbridge chimes for the first time. After the clock had struck the hour the bells were again raised and kept going until 4.30, when a short service was held.

The service was conducted by the Rector, and attended by a congregation of about 200. The lesson was read by Canon G. F. Coleridge (whom all present were very pleased to welcome and to see sufficiently recovered from his recent accident to be able to attend). He also gave a short address from the words, 'Twelve princes shall he beget' (Genesis xvii. 20), in which he alluded to the twelve princely bells placed in the tower by the united efforts of the townspeople of Trowbridge. He also reminded the ringers of their duty as churchmen first, and ringers after.

#### FROM NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST.

Tea followed in St. James' Hall, about 150 sitting down to a substantial repast, presided over by the Rector. Amongst those present were Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. S. L. Harding (churchwarden), Mr. C. Lansdown (chairman of the Town Bells Committee), Mr. F. White, Mr. Ledbury, Ensign Tensom, Salvation Army (Town Bells Committee), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth), Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bayley (Portsea), etc.

After tea, the Rector asked the visitors present to stand as he called out the different parts of the country from whence they came, namely, North, Midlands, East, West, South, and, as there was response from each part, the Rector said he could truly welcome ringers from the four corners of the country. He also invited all those present to pay a visit to the beautiful Rectory gardens after tea, and many took advantage of looking round the old Rectory and beautiful grounds.

Mr. F. White also welcomed the visitors, and spoke of the good work done by the local band.

Mr. S. L. Harding (churchwarden) said the church was very proud to possess a peal of twelve bells, and an efficient band of ringers. He also pointed out that the church possessed this ring through the endeavours of the local ringers. When the ringers first brought the matter of the bells needing attention before the Rector and churchwardens, they were told that funds would not permit of money being spent upon the bells, although they were very anxious that the bells should not stop ringing. The ringers then asked if the authorities would give them the power to take the job in hand, and so great was their enthusiasm that in less than twelve months the work which they were that day celebrating was accomplished. The addition of two more bells and the new frame was more than even the ringers dreamt about.

Mr. Sam Hector, on behalf of the local band, also welcomed the visitors, and moved a vote of thanks to the ladies, who had worked hard to provide tea and make it a success. Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. Taylor and Co., seconded, and also spoke of the difficulties which the tower presented for installing a peal of twelve bells. It was gratifying to his firm to hear nothing but praise of the bells.

Ensign Fensom, of the Salvation Army, who has done a great deal of work in connection with the scheme, spoke of the pleasure it had given him to become acquainted with the bells and ringers, and referred to the good fellowship which existed amongst ringers.

The ringers then again adjourned to the tower, and the bells were rung in Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, with rounds for the beginners. Many had their first pull, and many their first touch on 12.

At 8 p.m. the bells were lowered, and the chimes struck the hour, which was broadcast on the West Regional programme. Listeners then heard the bells raised in peal and rung in rounds, and later in the programme a touch of Grandsire Cinques. The special band for this broadcast, to whom great credit is due for the excellent striking, was: W. J. Prescott (Bath) 1, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (conductor) (Enfield) 2, J. S. Roberts (Swindon) 3, J. Austen (Gloucester) 4, C. W. Woolley (Bath) 5, A. K. Harrison (Hursley) 6, S. H. Wood (Bristol) 7, C. Gardiner (Swindon) 8, W. B. Kynaston (Swindon) 9, G. H. Harding (Bath) 10, G. W. Fletcher (Enfield) 11, N. V. Andrews (Trowbridge) 12. Amongst those taking part in the broadcast programme, from 8 till 8.30 p.m., under the heading of 'Ringers' Day at Trowbridge in the company of A. G. Street,' were Mr. C. Lansdowne (chairman, Town Bells Committee), Mr. F. C. Pitt, secretary, A. G. Street, and Messrs. C. F. Andrews, C. Raison and S. J. Hector, of the local band.

During the day ringers were present from Bath (Abbey, St. Saviour's, Weston), Bristol (St. Stephen's, St. Peter's, St. Philip's), Birmingham (King's Norton, Smethwick, Selly Oak), Bournemouth, Bilton, Bushey, Chippenham (St. Andrew's and St. Paul's), Chilton, Cheltenham, Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's, St. James'), Enfield, North Cadbury, Pirbright, Plymouth, Swindon, St. Albans, Thatcham, Westbury, Poole, Keevil, Milverton, Frome, Radstock, Nailsea, Oxford, Southwark and Nottingham.

#### SAM HECTOR IN A BROADCAST.

The broadcast part of the proceedings on the West Regional was a huge success. As mentioned above, it was announced in the B.B.C. programme as 'Ringers' Day at Trowbridge in the company of A. G. Street.' 'It might,' says the 'Wiltshire Times,' 'well have had a second caption, "Arthur in Wonderland." For A. G. Street, the famous author of "Farmer's Glory" and other books, a regular broadcaster, yet still a farmer down Wilton way, and a great-hearted "Moon-raker," during the arrangement in the broadcast was quite candid in saying, "I know practically nothing about bells," and was somewhat amazed when, as a preliminary, he was taken up to the ringing chamber and then up to the bell chamber and saw what he did see and was surprised when the quarter-jacks disturbed his inspection. Now A. G. Street and Charles Lansdown have known each other for many years, so the plot of the broadcast took quite a natural and "lifelike" course. Street, in Trowbridge on Ringers' Day, meets Lansdown and wants to know why the bells are ringing. The chimes have just sounded as they meet, and as they talk along comes the Rector, and, being introduced, tells Street much about the beautiful church which Street has been admiring. Then Lansdown, being a Friend of the Bells, has the temerity to take Street up to the ringing chamber. Here Sam Hector (the hero of 200 peals) admits them; there is a little chat; and then Charles Andrews (captain of the ringers) and Charles Raison (steeplekeeper) take Street up to the bells, answer all sorts of questions he puts to them, explain things generally, and when they return to the ringing chamber, where the conversation continues, Sam Hector discourses awhile on some of his experiences as a ringer over a period of 40 years—how when he was a boy the first thing he had to do was to take two jars which were kept in a chest in the ringing chamber down at North Curry in Zummerzet across the fields for zyder; and how he rang for the Queen down Canford way, and so on. Then, what Sam calls the HRingers give a demonstration of change ringing by a touch of Grandsire Cinques, showing how the treble bell (No. 1) goes coursing in until she meets the tenor (No. 12), and how all the other bells continually change place. Thus Street becomes a convert to the love of the bells.'

'The Wiltshire Times' explained how the broadcast was arranged. It all took place within the bounds of the parish churchyard of Trowbridge. The speaking was done from the Upper Vestry Room, and those whose names went forth into the air actually took part. They were, 'in order of appearance,' A. G. Street, Charles Lansdown, the Rector, Sam Hector, Charles Andrews and Charles Raison, while the 'voices' discussing the bells and so on were those of Frederick Pitt, Reginald Elloway and Colin Lawson. Three microphones were in operation. The principal one was in the Church Vestry Room, the second in the ringing chamber, and the third in the churchyard. Control was situated in the clergy vestry, and here the microphones were faded in or out as required, so that three contact points were in operation—sometimes simultaneously. The party sat near the microphones in the Upper Vestry Room, and, as they received their cues, stood directly in front of the microphone and spoke rather more slowly than when in actual conversation. The ringers in the tower knew by electric light signals when to ring or otherwise, and the climbing of the turret stairs was done by walking down and up the Vestry Room steps. But, for the realism of the broadcast as it was listened to, the public have to thank Mr. Francis Worsley, of the West Regional B.B.C., who produced the broadcast.

#### THE 'STAR TURN.'

Without doubt, said 'The Wiltshire Times,' Sam Hector was the 'star turn.' That was evident to all who listened. As Sam's time came for his 'cider story' to be told, he cast aside his typescript, and plunged straightway into his tale. It was too well told to repeat here—we might spoil the effect, but Sam never hesitated for a moment. It was not as a broadcasting 'star' that he told his tale of having rung for the Queen, but in a natural way, with the par-

donable pride of a ringer who 'has stood in 200 successful peals.' The experts, Worsley and Street, were in high humour with Sam, and declared him to be the hero of the evening. Indeed, Street said to him later, 'You and I ought to broadcast once a week from London, Sam,' to which Sam replied, 'Ah, Mr. Street, we'd show 'em!' And we fully believe that they would.

Quite a number of people listened in only a few yards from the room where the party were doing their talking, for the Rector had very kindly set up a loud-speaker on the Rectory lawn, which was free to all. The broadcast went from Trowbridge to Washford, in Somerset, on a land wire, and then back to the Rectory.

One of the new bells was given to the church by the Salvation Army, and the following is from the 'War Cry':—

'Trowbridge is no doubt the first town in the world to possess a Salvation Army church bell. Ten of the parish bells have been recast and two extra bells added to the peal, one of these bearing the name of the Salvation Army. There will, we trust, be no spirit of rivalry between the Army drum booming "Fetch 'em! Fetch 'em!" at the street corner and the Army bell pealing "Come! Come" from the church tower. It matters little which invitation the people heed so long as they find Christ.'

The Bells Fund still needs money. Here is an opportunity for ringers generally to support the great effort made by their Trowbridge brethren. Donations can be sent to the treasurer of the Bells Fund, care of the Savings Bank, Trowbridge, or to the Editor of the 'Wiltshire Times.' The amount received up to last week was £1,040.

#### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held at Peterborough on August 6th, ringers and friends attending from Northampton, Peterborough (St. John's and St. Mary's), Yardley Hastings, Great Haughton, Somersham, Stamford, Ringstead, Raunds, Irthlingborough, Grantham, Birmingham, Chatteris, etc. The company was honoured by the presence of Mr. James George.

The bells of St. John's and St. Mary's were kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening. Service was held in St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Thompson officiating and giving a very able address.

Tea was provided at the Dujon Cafe, at which 29 were present. The business meeting was presided over by the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford), who thanked the officers for their past services.

The towers were visited again afterwards, and some good ringing done.

#### LANCASHIRE RINGERS IN LINCOLN.

On Saturday, August 4th, the ringers of St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancs, with their wives and friends, held their annual outing, the venue on this occasion being Lincoln. The party started at 7 a.m. from the Court House in high glee, with the weather in their favour. On they sped, through town and villages, until they came to climb the beautiful Snake Pass, on the top of which a little halt was made to take in the views. Then they went on until they reached the Snake Inn, where breakfast was taken. Little more than half an hour later the party were away again, through Sheffield and on to Worksop, all enjoying the beautiful country as they travelled through East Retford, East Markham, Darlton, Newton Trent and Saxilby. Lincoln was reached at 12.15 in glorious weather. An excellent hot luncheon was served at Boots' Cafe, and then the party made their way to the beautiful Cathedral with its fine towers and west front. After inspecting the interior, the visitors were met by local ringers, who escorted them up the tower, to try a fine peal of twelve bells by Taylor and Co. After some puffing and panting they set the bells going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also Bob Royal and rounds on the twelve. Then they climbed higher to look out over the city for the noted Boston Stump. On descending, their hosts took them to the places of interest in Lincoln, the new Art Gallery, the old Roman arches, roads, etc., until tea was calling, which all thoroughly enjoyed. A start for home was made at 6.30 p.m. The return journey was made through Chesterfield, Stockport, etc., and Worsley was reached at 11.30 p.m. The ringers desire to thank all those who helped to make this outing an enjoyable and successful day, Mr. J. A. Freeman for arranging for the bells, the local ringers, and Mr. G. Chester for kindly taking the party round the town.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, August 12th, for the morning service at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. R. Millway 1, R. T. Clark 2, J. Eagles 3, C. Turner (conductor) 4, H. Whitehead 5, F. W. Elliott (Rickmansworth, Herts), 6, H. J. Saunders 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Mr. F. W. Elliott had just returned from a tour of the battlefields in connection with the British Legion.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 45 mins.: J. Withers, sen., 1, G. E. Fearn 2, H. J. Turner 3, H. H. Fearn 4, J. Vaughan 5, F. Hobbs (first in the method) 6, J. Withers, jun. (conductor) 7, A. Hobbs 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has just rung a perfect half-peal of Double Norwich Major and a perfect quarter-peal of London Surprise Major on his ringing machine, described in 'The Ringing World' last week.

But even a ringing machine can 'change course'! Mr. Woodhouse attempted a peal of Superlative Surprise, but after 4,600 changes one key missed functioning, and a 'change course' resulted. This was a bit of real bad luck.

The umpire of the handbell peal of Stedman Triples by the College Youths, reported on page 468 of our issue of July 27th, was Mr. George Willmott Debenham.

We referred last week to the fact that York Minster was the first church in which a ring of twelve bells was placed, but that they were reduced to ten in a recasting that subsequently took place. Next Sunday is the anniversary of the opening of the ring of ten, which took place on August 19th, 1765.

The 'N.U.T.S.' Warwickshire Branch, had a couple of field days during the holidays and took twelve 'scalps.' There are several ringing organisations who go by their initials. The N.U.T.S. are the well-known National Union of Tower Snatchers.

Can you guess the full titles of the following?—

A. O. P. G.  
I. O. T. M.  
S. S. D. S.

There are no entrance fees for this competition—and no prizes.

There was an extraordinary shrinkage in the number of peals rung during the month of July. The number was only 71, compared with 115 in the same month in 1933, and 131 in July, 1932.

Up to the end of July this year 922 peals had been rung. In the same period last year the number was 1,008.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, of Ealing, has just been elected an Associate of the Incorporated Society of Accountants. Mr. Turner was elected an honorary member of the Central Council at the last meeting in order that his services might be utilised on the Methods Committee.

A car conveying some well-known ringers, who had been on tour in Somerset, to Trowbridge for the Ringers' Day, on August Bank Holiday, left the Lion Hotel, Wroughton, with an unusual kind of 'trailer' attached. The occupants of the car, as well as the jokers, had to laugh at the joke, but wild horses will not drag from us a description of the attachment, except to say it would have provided an uncomfortable seat for a long journey.

The trailer may have been affixed, partly in retaliation upon the other practical joker who, the night before, sowed up the gentlemen's pyjamas and put pieces of 'monkey puzzle' inside their pillows. Or, again, it may not.

## OAK BELL FRAMES.

THE CONDITION OF ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I agree with Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s letter in your issue of August 3rd regarding recent comments in 'The Ringing World' of bands visiting St. Benedict's, Cambridge, and the necessary spanner.

Last Saturday I was invited to stand in a peal at this tower, and proceeded with caution, spanner in hand. I found, as Messrs. Taylor had said, that the dry weather had caused the wood to shrink very much. Of all the bells I have inspected, this is the only bell chamber where I have found the nuts could first be moved by hand. It seemed as if old Stedman had been in front with a spanner.

We rang 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor (A. Wilson 1, Miss K. Willers 2, C. W. Cook 3, R. Smith 4, R. Howard 5, F. Warrington 6) as a first 720 in a peal, but owing to the bells then needing a further tightening it was thought advisable to stop.

In fairness to Messrs. Taylor and Co. it can be noted Bourn (8), 1923, and Willingham (6), 1925, have not given the slightest sign of trouble.

F. WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

## A DEVONSHIRE RINGING TOUR.

A peal-ringing tour in South Devon begins to-morrow. The headquarters of the party will be at the Pendragon Hotel, Paignton, and the following towers are to be visited:—

Saturday, August 18th: Dawlish and Kingsteignton.

Sunday, August 19th: Buckfast Abbey.

Monday, August 20th: East and West Teignmouth.

Tuesday, August 21st: Ipplepen and Plympton.

Wednesday, August 22nd: Bovey Tracey and Woborough.

Thursday, August 23rd: Paignton and Marychurch.

Friday, August 24th: Ugborough and Brixham.

Saturday, August 25th: Moreton Hampstead.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### SOME OF THE BELLS ON WHICH VISITORS HOPE TO RING.

The forthcoming visit of a party of English ringers to Australia—by the way, they will sail, all being well, from London exactly four weeks from to-day—has aroused interest in the bells which will be available for their operations. Their visit centres on Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, where this year the centenary of the city is being celebrated, and it is here at the Cathedral that the principal peal attempts will be made.

St. Paul's Cathedral has 13 bells, there being, in addition to the peal of 12 with a 31 cwt. tenor, an additional second bell, which provides a light eight. These bells, with a total weight of 148 cwt., were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1889. It is from the Whitechapel Foundry, in fact, that most of the Australian ringing peals have come.

St. James' Church, Melbourne, has a ring of eight, tenor 13 cwt., six of which were cast in 1852, and two trebles added in 1885. At St. Patrick's Church is another octave, with 19½ cwt. tenor, cast by Murphy, of Dublin, in 1853, and in the suburb of Toorah St. John's Church has eight bells, tenor 12 cwt.

There are two rings of eight in Ballarat, one, with a tenor of 23 cwt., in the Alfred Memorial tower, at the City Hall, which is under control of the municipality and cast in 1869, and another, cast in 1892, with a tenor of 12 cwt., at St. Peter's Church. Here, however, only the back six are ringable. Geelong has an 1867 peal (tenor 14 cwt.) at St. Paul's Church, and at Sandhurst, near Bendigo, a church, also dedicated to St. Paul, has a peal of eight, tenor 21 cwt., cast in 1872. All these are in the State of Victoria, and the visitors hope to try them, but in regard to one or two rings it is doubtful if they are pealable.

### PASSING CALLS

Before reaching Melbourne, the visitors will touch at two other points on the Australian continent. Exactly a month after leaving England, the ship is due to call at Fremantle, the port for Perth, the capital of Western Australia. A visit will be made to Perth, where, at the Cathedral, there are eight bells (cast in 1901 by Warner and Sons), and to a neighbouring suburb, where there is a ring of six. At both these places they are already assured of a cordial welcome from the authorities, but the amount of ringing that will be possible depends upon the length of the ship's stay in port. If a peal attempt at the Cathedral is not possible on the outward journey, it is hoped that arrangements can be made to attempt it on the return voyage.

Three days after leaving Fremantle the ship calls at Adelaide, South Australia, and here there is a ring of six, at St. Andrew's Church, Walkerville, with 13 cwt. tenor, and a ring of eight at Darling Point, not far away as distances go in Australia. These bells, formerly six, cast in 1861, were augmented to an octave a few years ago. The tenor is 9 cwt., and the church is dedicated to St. Mark. Here again, the opportunities for ringing will be limited by the length of the ship's stay in port.

### TASMANIA AND SYDNEY.

Before the stay at Melbourne ends, the party intend to visit Hobart, Tasmania. This is reached by an 18 hours' sea journey across Bass Strait, and a seven hours' train

ride. The authorities and ringers at Hobart are looking forward to this visit with eager anticipation.

The Church of Holy Trinity has a peal of eight bells with tenor of 9½ cwt., cast at Whitechapel in 1846. These are regularly rung by an enthusiastic band, and on the King's birthday in June they rang in the presence of the Governor of the Island.

The farthest point of the tour will be reached at Sydney, where the visitors have been invited to ring at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. The bells are a ring of eight, with a tenor 26 cwt., cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1882, and are now on ball bearings.

The first church bells in Australia were put up in St. Philip's Church, Sydney. They were cast by Thomas Mears in 1794, but were eventually disposed of. The old church was demolished in 1856 and a new church was consecrated in 1858. A new peal of eight was installed with tenor 20 cwt., and rung for the first time at day-break on July 25th, 1859. They have not been rung for 25 years, and the possibility of peal ringing on them is not at present known in England, but they are interesting from the fact that the first peal in Australia was rung on them in 1890.

St. John's Church, Camden, a suburb of Sydney, also has a Whitechapel ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.), and in the neighbourhood of the city are three churches with rings of six, which it is hoped to visit, as well as two others (St. Mark's and St. Jude's), with light rings of eight.

The touring ringers will find their time pretty fully occupied if they visit all these towers, even if no others are included in the itinerary, especially when the distances to be travelled and the incidental sight-seeing are taken into account. From the time the visitors first touch Australian soil to the time they leave Fremantle again about seven weeks later they will travel in and around the Commonwealth alone about 6,500 miles. The rest of the journey involves something like another 20,000 miles, so that on their return to England they will have covered a distance equal to more than once round the world!

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. GROWING FUNDS.

The annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Frodsham on August Bank Holiday. There was only a moderate attendance owing, it was presumed, to the adverse weather conditions in the district and the circumstances of the majority of the members of two large branches, whose work in these hard times prevents them from attending. The proceedings commenced at 11 a.m. with a service in the Parish Church, and a most impressive address by Rev. M. W. Myers, D.D., Vicar of Frodsham.

The business meeting was held in the Overton Schools, Rev. C. A. Clements, the Master, being in the chair, supported by Rev. W. R. Ingham, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild.

The annual report was adopted, and the passing of the statement of accounts was confirmed.

The balance sheet showed a balance on the income and expenditure account of £133 13s. 9d., carried forward at the end of 1933, compared with £104 16s. 3d. at the end of 1932.

The report indicated that every branch showed an increase of funds and that the total membership increased from 598 to 622. The peals rung were 63, against 71 in the year before.

All the officers were re-elected.

Mr. J. Norbury (Macclesfield) gave a report on the meeting of the Central Council, held at Warwick, at Whitsuntide.

The approval of the Guild was obtained for a proposed memorial to the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, the memorial to consist of a bell metal tablet, to be placed in Norbury Church, where the late Rev. A. T. Beeston first learnt to ring.

It was agreed to hold the next annual festival at Norbury on Saturday, July 27th, 1935.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the incumbents at Runcorn, Grappenhall, Daresbury and Handbridge, and to the Dean and Chapter of Chester Cathedral for permission to ring, and to the Rev. Dr. Myers for his address at the service.

## BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM

### INTERESTING RING TO BE RESTORED.

The news, recently made known in these columns, that the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, are to be rehung, will be welcomed by those who know the condition of the old frame. It is of patchwork construction, and has long outlived its really effective state. The work of installing the new frame and rehanging the bells in modern fittings is to be carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The church is a glorious old pile, and the bells themselves cover centuries of history. The oldest of them is the 9th, and it is a very fine piece of workmanship, with three rows of decoration and with lettering finely stamped. There are upon it four impressions of the Royal Arms, alternating with four founder's marks. The circular mark found on the bell was reserved for Henry Oldfield's more important work, among which was Great Tom of Lincoln, cast 1610. The eighth and sixth bells



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NOTTINGHAM.

were also from the Oldfield Foundry, which was carried on in Nottingham for two hundred years, and the seventh and fifth, added after the Restoration, have borders and lettering which suggest Oldfield workmanship.

At least half the present peal replace earlier bells. As early as the end of the fourteenth century, William Brayer de Nottingham was a prominent bell founder, and there is a record that in 1394 the clerk was sued for selling a clapper.

The inscription on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—C. and G. Mears, Founders, London. Recast in 1856. J. W. Brooks, Vicar; W. Dearden, J. Coops, Churchwardens.

(The original inscription would probably have been the same as that on the second bell; and both seem to have been given at the time of the coronation of King George III.)

2nd.—Richd. Lambert and John Wyer, Churchwardens. Raised by subscription, 1761. Scrope Beardmore, Vicar, D.D. The Hon. Wm. Howe and John Plumptre, Esq., Members for the town. Lester & Pack, London, fecit.

(Inscription is in small Roman capitals, curiously arranged.)

3rd.—Rev. Scrope Beardmore, D.D., Vicar. G. Brown, H. Ward, J. Burgess, Churchwardens, 1765. By subscription. Sodales Musici Nottinghamienses Restauraverunt. Lester & Pack, of London, fecit. Translation: 'Nottingham friends of music restored me' (supposed to be the Sherwood Youths).

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## DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN DERBYSHIRE RINGER.

MR. CHARLES SEVERN, OF KILLAMARSH.

His many friends will regret to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Charles Severn, which occurred at his home, Bridge Street, Killamarsh, on Thursday, August 2nd, from heart failure.

Mr. Severn had been a ringer and captain at St. Giles' Church, Killamarsh, for upwards of 46 years, and rang most regularly for service up to the commencement of his illness nine months ago.

Always of a cheerful disposition and ever willing to lend a hand in peal or practice, he set an example in service which many might follow with beneficial results to the Exercise.

He started his ringing career at the Church of St. Giles in the year 1887, and later joined the Yorkshire Association, the old East Derbyshire Association, now the Sheffield and District Society. He also was a member of the Midland Counties and North Notts Associations.

Among his collection of 86 peals can be mentioned his first peal of Treble Bob Major, which he composed and conducted at the first attempt in the year 1898. He was also one of the band who rang in the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, conducted by the late Sam Thomas. Of that band only one remains in the person of Mr. Thomas Bettison, of Mansfield. Mr. Severn also composed and conducted the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major for the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. Severn was an authority on Minor methods, and arranged and conducted the first peal of London Surprise Minor in seven different extents ever rung. He also arranged and called the first peal of Cambridge Minor, the first for his association. His greatest ambition was to arrange and conduct the first peal of Double Surprise Minor ever rung, namely, Biddulph Double Surprise Minor, of which he was the author, upwards of 30 years ago. He was never so happy as when composing, transposing or proving methods, in which sphere his advice has been sought from far and near.

The funeral took place on Saturday, August 4th, at the Church of St. Giles, the Rector (the Rev. J. Milner) officiating. Others who attended besides the family mourners were the churchwardens members of the Church Council, of which Mr. Severn was a member, Mr. M. E. Wilson (secretary of the Sheffield and District Society), Mr. S. F. Palmer (representing the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. Arthur Knights and Mr. W. Allwood (Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association), Mr. Palmer (Staveley), Mr. Howes Smith (Eckington), Messrs. Reece and Morris (Barlborough), Mr. Thomas Bettison (of Mansfield Woodhouse), and the local company. There were also many floral tributes sent, including one in the shape of a bell from deceased's fellow-ringers.

The deepest sympathy and condolence goes out to the widow and members of the family in their sad bereavement.

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4th.—As the 3rd, except for Latin pentameter: 'Untouched, I silent am; strike, and I sweetly sing.'

5th.—Inscription translated from Latin: 'When my voice is lifted up, do Thou, O Jesu, direct pious souls. O come, let us sing.' I. Edwardes, I. Sweetapple, Churchwardens.

6th.—Ralphs Shawe and Henry Alvie, Wardens, 1613; Robert Aldred, Vicar.

(This bell bears two founder's marks of Henry Oldfield, jun., the Calvary cross, crescent and star, and H.O., and a fleur-de-lis between the two letters H.O.)

7th.—Translated: 'May this bell be consecrated by the Blessed Trinity.' W. Slurup, T. Graze, Wardens, 1690.

8th.—Translated: 'In the name of Jesus Christ let every knee bow, of things in Heaven, of things in earth and of things just.' R.A.V., M.G., 1605, W.L.

9th.—Translated: 'Thus, O Bell, with thy sound, do thou summon the hosts of the Lord.'

(The names of the Mayor, Wardens and Alderman appear on this bell, which is dated 1595.)

Tenor.—Rev. Scrope Beardmore, D.D., Vicar; G. Browne, H. Ward, J. Burgess, Wardens, 1765.

'I will sound and resound unto thy people, O Lord, With my sweet voice, and call them to thy word. I tole the tune that doubtful is to such as live amiss, But sweet my sound unto them who hope for joyful bliss.' Lester & Pack, of London, fecit. (Weight 34½ cwt., dia. 57½ in.)

This bell seems to be, at least, the fifth of its line. There was, presumably, its predecessor in pre-Reformation times; then, in 1590, the 'greate bell' was set up, which was perhaps the one 'brought from Mr. Quernbe's.' This must have been recast about 50 years later, for Blackner gives the date of the tenor bell as 1637, and states that it was broken in 1757 and recast by Heddorley. Finally, the present tenor bell was cast in 1765.

There is also a priest's bell. It has no inscription, date or decoration.

The great interest of St. Mary's, Nottingham, to ringers is the fact that this was the church where William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor, who was a pioneer of change ringing in the Sherwood Forest district, did most of his ringing.

**BEETLE UPSETS A MEETING.****RINGERS' CELEBRATION OF SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN JUBILEE POSTPONED.**

As long ago as 1785 Bobbie Burns wrote 'the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley.' Nearly 150 years afterwards we realised the truth of his words when, with a deep disappointment, it was learned last Thursday that the meeting of the Nottinghamshire ringing organisation in connection with the Southwell Diocesan jubilee could not be held.

All the careful preparations were brought to naught by a beetle! Unfortunately this beastie has attacked the beautiful Cathedral. The work of eradicating the pest has been proceeding for some time, and has necessitated the erection of scaffolding up to and around the precarious balcony from which the bells are rung, and the taking up of most of the floor boards, so that it is impossible to ring the bells.

Hoping against hope that the work would be completed in time, the authorities held out until Thursday, when notice was sent out reluctantly cancelling the meeting.

All who notified their intention to be present were immediately informed of the state of affairs, but to those who may have journeyed to Southwell in vain, apologies and sincere regrets are tendered, and it is hoped that 'tis but a pleasure deferred. I. T.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT RUISLIP.****VICAR DISPARAGES THE CRITICS.**

The meeting at Ruislip on Saturday of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was marked by a striking address of the Vicar, Rev. Canon E. Cornwall Jones. Basing his remarks on three messages given by the bells, summoning, sympathy and solace, he stressed the importance of the ringer's duties. Every Sunday the message of the bells went forth and was interpreted by those who heard it in many ways. People became accustomed to the bells, and, like so many things, took them for granted until they were stopped. There were some 'mean and fractious' people, he said, who disliked the bells, but he was sure that if all the bells of England ceased to ring there would first be surprise and then protests from tens of thousands of the people. As fellow-workers of the sanctuary, he urged members to perform their duties to the best of their abilities.

The shortened evensong was conducted by the Vicar with the assistance of his curate and the organist, Mr. Owen.

Tea followed in Fabb's Restaurant, with the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope, in his usual role, supported by the Vicar, curate, organist and nearly thirty members and friends. Association officials were to the fore with Mr. E. Morris (Midland Counties Association), Mr. J. G. A. Prior (London County), and Mr. T. J. Fowler (Oxford Diocesan Guild), while Mr. W. Pickworth, vice-president of the North and East District, was present with Mrs. Pickworth. A very frequent and forceful 'ta' left no doubt of the presence of the younger generation, too!

At the subsequent business meeting topics of interest discussed included references to the supposed derelict six at Hayes, and to the need for efficient blocking of the louvres at the new Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Staines on September 8th, if possible, going to St. Mary's instead of St. Peter's as hitherto. Heartly thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting concluded the business.

The tower bells were rung during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. Tom Collins, and methods from Grandsire to a 'nibble' at Spliced Surprise were rung.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.****THREE GENERATIONS AT A MEETING.**

A meeting of the Lavenham District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Preston on Saturday week. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., the methods rung being Plain Bob, Single and Double Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tea was provided in the Village Hall. In the absence of the Rector (the Rev. J. Bernard Hall) the chair was taken by his son Mr. J. Bellamy Hall, leader of the Preston company. Special mention was made of the progress of the young band of Preston and the help given them by Messrs. A., S. H. and D. A. S. Symonds. These three generations were present at the meeting.

Mr. A. Symonds informed the assembly that it was at Preston Church, 71 years ago, that he first tolled a bell, this being one that hung in a tree, the tower having fallen down. Six years later he started to learn change ringing.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, Mr. J. B. Hall for presiding, the ladies for providing tea, and Mr. H. Herbert, district secretary, for the interest he has taken in his district.

The places represented at the meeting were Bildeston, Chelmsford (Essex), Lavenham, Lyme Regis (Dorset), Preston, Stowupland and Sudbury. Amongst the visitors were Mr. E. Runtter and Miss A. White, Chelmsford, and the Rev. C. Carew Cox, of Lyme Regis.

The next meeting is to be held at Monks Eleigh on Saturday, September 8th.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****SUGGESTED ANNUAL DINNER—DECISION POSTPONED.**

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held on Saturday at Penmark, one of the most isolated parishes in the association's area, situated in the agricultural vale of Glamorgan, 'far from the madding crowd.' The attendance, though not large, was quite good, and the visit much enjoyed. The Vicar, the Rev. T. F. Price, was at the church to welcome everyone on arrival. The bells are a ring of six, and prior to the induction of the present Vicar had been idle for a few years, but through his influence they are now again rung by a local band.

A short service was held, and afterwards all were kindly invited to the Vicarage, where, in the large dining room, a bountiful tea was enjoyed.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair. Among the items dealt with were instructors' reports, proposed restorations and augmentations and the election of new members. The last-named embraced the local band. Change ringing is not at present done at Penmark, and the leader asked if the association could assist them by sending an instructor. This request was acceded to, Mr. F. Hannington, of Cardiff, undertaking the task.

The report of the committee appointed to deal with a proposed annual dinner was read by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), and it was unanimously decided that it should stand over until the annual meeting, which is to be held in December.

At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was given the Vicar and his wife for their great kindness and hospitality. Those who failed to attend missed a most pleasurable Saturday afternoon, during which various methods were rung on the bells.

The next meeting will be held at Rumney.

**THE N.U.T.S.****WARWICKSHIRE BRANCH.**

Enthusiastic tower snatchers from Nuneaton and Coventry were on the warpath for new towers on Monday and Tuesday of holiday week, when twelve towers were visited in South Warwickshire and Leicestershire. On Monday seven towers had been selected in the south of Warwickshire, and the first of these, Kineton, was reached about 10.30. In this famous and ancient tower, the second, third and fourth bells are all lighter than the treble. After a short ring at Oxhill, the 'Snatchers' went on to Brailes, and had a look at the bells there. A look was quite sufficient, for, with a 31 cwt. tenor, they are the heaviest ring of six in Warwickshire. The double tag end on the tenor rope didn't look at all inviting. They were unable to ring there, however, as the bells have been condemned as unsafe. They then went on to Sutton-under-Brailes, where they had the unique experience of ringing the five bells from the porch. This tower was an 'extra' to the arranged programme, so they were unable to stop long at Cherington. Another ringer joined them, so they had more than enough to ring the five bells. Whichford and Great Wolford completed the programme for the afternoon, and at Whichford the visitors had the help of an old man, who, having rung the treble, and only the treble, for 'nigh on fifty years,' was very proud with himself when he rang the tenor behind to some Doubles. In the evening there remained only Shipston-on-Stour and Honington to complete the programme.

The next day, the majority of the original party, together with three others, made a tour of four towers in Leicestershire, namely, Fenny Drayton, where 16 candle stumps came in very useful to light the ringing chamber; Appleby Magna, where the youngest in the party, Norman Beesley, aged eleven, did some good work on the 12 cwt. tenor; Congerstone, where the treble was a bit of a brute; and Stoke Golding. At the last-named tower the two days' tour was finished with a 720 of Bob Minor by: R. Beesley (aged 14, and first 720 away from cover bell) 1, Percy Stone (aged 13) 2, William A. Stote (conductor) 3, Harry Hill 4, Ernest Yorke 5, Malcolm Melville 6. Thus ended a very enjoyable two days' outing, and best thanks are due to the incumbents of the various towers and to those who made the arrangements. M. M.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association took place at Burbage on Saturday, when there was a good attendance. Good use was made of the bells (a fine peal of eight by Taylor and Co.) from 3.30 p.m. to 5 o'clock, after which the party sat down to a splendid tea in the Co-operative Hall.

At the business meeting which followed, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Broughton Astley on September 1st.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and also to those who had prepared the tea.

Further ringing took place until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered and a successful meeting brought to a close. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

## HERTFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY G. LINDOFF.

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## CUMBERLAND RINGERS EXCURSION.

On Saturday, August 11th, a party of seven ringers from St. Mary's, Egremont, held their annual outing. Leaving Egremont at 1.30 p.m. by motor, they arrived at Millow, where Mr. Slater met the party. The bells, a very nice ring of six, were soon going, and a 720 of London Surprise and 360 Stedman Doubles were successfully brought round, the first in the method on the bells. A run of seven miles through some lovely scenery brought the party to Broughton-in-Furness. Here Mr. Clark, the worthy secretary of the Furness Branch, met the party. The bells are a ring of eight and 'go' beautifully. What struck the ringers was the care with which the belfry and the bells are kept. Not a bit of grease or dirt to be seen on the bells or frame. This is as things should be, and it is a pity that the example is not copied more extensively. With the help of Messrs. Clarke and Barker, touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung and also a 360 Cambridge Surprise. A splendid tea was partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed. A move was then made for Dalton, 15½ miles away, through more beautiful scenery. Here Messrs. Metcalf and Newby met the ringers. Mr. Metcalf very kindly pointed out to the visitors various interesting things, the most notable being the grave of the famous artist, Geo. Rowney. The ringing chamber here, as at Broughton, is kept beautifully. Whether the Parochial Church Council or the ringers themselves are responsible, the writer did not learn, but whoever are they deserve every praise. The bells are a ring of ten, tenor about 22 cwt. in E flat, and are all that can be desired. With the help of the local ringers, some of the visitors had their first ring on ten bells, and a plain course of Bob Royal was rung. Afterwards Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round. It was now after 9 p.m. The party were loathe to leave, but a start was made for home, which was safely reached at 11.15 p.m.

The writer would like to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the churches and also those who met the visitors and had everything in readiness. Their best thanks are also due to their energetic secretary, Mr. W. H. Cooke, for making all the necessary arrangements, which went to make these outings such a success.

G. W. T.

## RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

The peal of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major at Shepton Beauchamp, on Saturday, was arranged and rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Wyatt. It gave the ringers much pleasure to be able to pay this tribute to them. The peal was duly 'toasted' by setting a few things 'up at back stroke' and wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt 'all the best.'

The peal was the first of 'Spliced' Major by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and in Somerset.

A peal of Double Norwich was also rung at Bridgwater.

## SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL COMPANY IN LINCOLNSHIRE

## A PLEASANT TOUR.

The Sheffield Cathedral ringers had their annual outing on a recent Saturday by taking a trip to Lincolnshire.

Starting at 8 a.m., a very pleasant journey was made by coach through the Dukeries, a call being made at Grantham soon after 10 a.m. Here the bells were raised, and the fine old peal of ten put into changes first with the tenor 'in' and then with the tenor 'out' in order that the good qualities could be heard from both aspects.

After a chat with a few of the local company, who were good enough at this early hour to give the visitors a friendly welcome, the journey was continued by way of Sleaford and on to Boston, where at the Scala Cafe and Restaurant full justice was done to an excellent dinner.

The famous 'Stump' was the next objective, and a steady climb made to the ringing chamber, where the party found Mr. F. Dewey and others of the local company ready to receive them.

Having already heard the praises of this new peal of ten by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., all were anxious to hear for themselves and judge accordingly. Consequently, the bells were immediately set to changes with touches in various Caters and Royal methods. With the help of friends, a full hour was devoted to both ringing and listening outside, with the result that all were unanimous in voting the peal an excellent one, whilst the 'go' was everything that could be desired.

As the writer had the honour of taking part of the last peal rung on the old bells under the extremely difficult conditions which prevailed at that time, he cannot speak too highly of the improvements made in the ringing chamber itself, and for the comfort of the present ringers in the performance of their duty, without any interference with the fabric. Although by no means ideal, it is now a pleasure to ring at Boston, and the bell hangers are to be congratulated on their work in this direction alone.

Reluctantly the bells were lowered and a descent made of the long pile of steps, the general expression being that it was a good thing these were not at Sheffield, or that ringers were not compelled to do the double journey more than twice each Sunday. Compensation, however, was derived from the magnificent views of the surrounding country obtained from the top of the tower.

A start was eventually made to the last rendezvous, by name of Surfleet, a place now come to be known as the Mecca of most travelling ringers in the east. Here again they found Mr. Rupert Richardson anxiously on the lookout and the bells all ready. This tower, as is well known, boasts of a very light peal of twelve, and at first touch rather difficult of handling, but having once raised them, all difficulties were soon overcome, and some good touches of Cinques and Maximus indulged in, with a course of London Surprise on the back eight as a variation.

Mrs. Richardson very kindly invited the party to, and bade them welcome at, Glyn Garth, where, with the usual good-natured hospitality, an excellent tea was awaiting them, the full courses being reeled off with enjoyment. Due thanks having been given, further ringing on the tower bells was done to satisfy the pleasure of all concerned, after which, at the express invitation of 'Rupert,' a return was made to Glyn Garth for a demonstration of his now famous cinematograph exhibition. With his boundless enthusiasm and earnest desire to please others, reel after reel was thrown on the screen in a darkened room to the delight of all, the bit-bit, however, being the pictures taken on the Sheffield ringers' visit two years ago, when they all, for the first time, saw themselves in action, much to the amusement of everyone. Other pictures of ringing celebrities were greatly enjoyed, including the latest taken at the Central Council meeting at Warwick. The whole performance lasted well over an hour, and Mr. Richardson was heartily thanked for his trouble in putting up the 'show' for the visitors' special benefit.

As all good things must come to an end, a return was commenced after bidding Mr. and Mrs. Richardson 'Good-bye' and 'God-speed' on their forthcoming visit to Australia. Sheffield was eventually reached soon after 11 p.m., with another of those pleasurable and never-to-be-forgotten days added to memory. Sincere thanks are offered to the incumbents of the towers visited, and to all friends who so kindly gave their assistance in an endeavour to make the outing as enjoyable as possible.

S. F. P.

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## A WEEK-END IN ESSEX.

The St. Mary's, Putney, Association, spent a very pleasant, if rather hot, week-end, touring Northern Essex recently. Saturday, at seven 'ack umma,' a dozen locals stowed themselves aboard a very roomy coach, having their curate-in-charge (Rev. Peter Wansley) to see them off and to wish them a good time. The route took the party through London, and, on the other side, Epping Forest was crossed. Nothing very exciting occurred except taking a wrong road, and nearly missing breakfast. However, the White Horse, Harlow Common, and breakfast were eventually found. The first ringing was done at Harlow Common, and a sweet modern peal of about 11 cwt. was tried out in various methods. The outing secretary (hereinafter called the 'O.S.') would brook no delay, and the party were soon again speeding to the next objective, namely, Sawbridgeworth. Here is a hefty peal of about 25 cwt., which gave the heavy men an opportunity to loosen out their muscles. The bells go fairly well and are noted more or less as being a good old peal, although the ringing circle is anything but one. 'Behind schedule,' said the nuisance (O.S.), so off again, after wishing farewell to Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow, who was responsible for the arrangements hereabouts, to Stanstead, where, after wangling the coach into a queer place with some difficulty, the party found themselves at the wrong church. A kind lady held up traffic while the coach was got on to the road again and supplied the driver with explicit instructions as to the whereabouts of the proper edifice, which was found in due course. Here the Vicar welcomed the party, hoping to receive the latest test match figures. He could have been supplied with figures all right, but not the sort he wanted.

Stanstead has a beautiful church with some Norman doorways, etc., surrounded by roses which smelt divinely, pleased all, while in the tower a handy peal of some 13 cwt., hung back-handed, kept the ringers busy for 40 minutes or so. The Vicar extended the party an invitation to ring 'out' on the next evening, the O.S. booking it like a shot. Time does not stand still, however, and the party were bundled off to Thaxted, where it was said lunch would be taken. Someone else must have done this, however, but eventually the matter was remedied, and a visit was paid to the Parish Church, reputed to be the finest in Europe. Opinion was very much divided on this point, although there is certainly a fine hammer beam roof, which no one seems to have noticed. There is a long draught of rope, and ringing is done from the ground floor. The ropes could do with some attention, but in spite of them a couple of touches were rung, and the visitors had perforce to 'get on' to Pinchingfield, where a good old style eight were soon going to standard methods. Being, according to the O.S., now up to schedule, a few extra minutes were spent here, what time 'Bill' took a snapshot. This should be good if he had it the right way round. At the time he really couldn't say.

Off next to Braintree, where the company were to be quartered for the night. Here Mr. Wiffen and another of the Putney band were picked up, and the ringers climbed a steep ladder to ring on a musical modern eight, whose founder nobody asked. No ringing was being done here on Sundays until some repair had been carried out, so other arrangements were made for that day. After tea, the party moved on to Dunmow, taking Mr. Wiffen with them, and were met by Mr. Smith and the Vicar. A good look round a splendid church, a good pull on the splendid peal of eight here hung, and the party were ready for H.Q., supper and bed, but not before Mr. and Mrs. O.S. had looked for and found a late corner.

On Sunday, early celebration for some, and after breakfast a run again to Dunmow, picking up Mr. Wiffen and an old friend, Ron Bullen, some time of Hampstead, etc., to ring for divine service, Double Norwich being rung amongst other things. Service for some, and back to Braintree. After tea they went over to Bocking to a splendid eight and rang for service. Then came the problem how to get back to Stanstead at 7.20 as appointed. It was done to 30 seconds, and a splendid touch of Stedman saw the congregation out. Two courses of Bob Major completed the ringing. The Vicar came up with thanks, and the ringers departed for home with bundles of roses from Mr. Watts. A short halt was called at Sawbridgeworth to replenish the radiator, and away for London and Putney, the latter being reached about 11 o'clock. There was a fitch, but it somehow got mislaid. We understand Mr. O.S. has now found it at home. Question, Has he won it? Time will tell. The party would like to thank all the gentlemen who helped to make this a very successful event, especially Messrs. Dent, Wiffen and Smith, of Harlow, Braintree and Dunmow respectively, whose efforts were much appreciated by

J. H.

## BIRTHDAYS.

On Sunday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, for evensong, on the occasion of the second birthday of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril F. Johnston and the first birthday of the son of Mr. B. Newson, a member of the local band: J. Adcock 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, F. Ladbey 3, R. Simmons 4, F. Leeks 5, W. Bulpitt 6, E. Denham 7, G. Ades 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 30th, St. Magnus' on the 23rd, \*St. Paul's 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.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Branch. — Ringing meeting, St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth (12), at 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tea at 5.15, Foulsham Restaurant. Names for teas. All ringers welcome. Practice nights at Yarmouth, Thursdays, August and September.—J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich (8) on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Co-op. Café, Bury New Road, 5 o'clock. Meeting in the Church Institute. Election of officers. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A by-practice meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells (6) (recently overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches. — A joint meeting of the above two branches will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. (Meeting at Christ Church, Aughton.) Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. These bells like anything from Grandsire to London Surprise. Please attend.—C. I. Davies and W. O. Farrimond, Branch Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The bells at Stone-in-Oxney, which have been rehung, etc., as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, will be re-opened, and a tablet to his memory unveiled on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at 3 p.m.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, and F. Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Barnet, Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.40. Hadley bells from 7-9 p.m. Hadley Woods nearby. All members and friends, especially Herts friends, welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (5) on Saturday, August 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise numbers by 16th. All ringing friends of Central, Hunts & Ely Districts are invited. Church one min. off station.—F. Warrington, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Morecambe on Aug. 18th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., in the Memorial Hall, followed by the meeting at 5.30 p.m. Members, please note subscriptions are now due.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Ash-over on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Tea can be had at cafés nearby.—J. P. Tarlton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at Mr. Settetree's tea rooms at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Barkway (8), Aug. 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf 5.30. We want a record meeting for the jubilee year. Bring an extra 5s. with you and get your ticket for the jubilee dinner on Nov. 3rd.—Don. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hitchin.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Dunchurch, near Rugby, on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A practice meeting will be held at Ringwood to-morrow, Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**—Saturday, August 18th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Usual business meeting after. Ringing till 8.30. Good train and coach service from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel., City 4270.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. E. Abbey-Tindell a meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service. As

the Rector has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea, it is particularly requested that those intending to be present should notify Mr. Harrison Smith, The Green, Wickhambreaux, not later than Thursday, Aug. 23rd.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A by-meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.0 by kind invitation of Sir H. Miller, Bart. Business meeting follows. Will all requiring tea please let me know by Aug. 21st (Tuesday).—C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles St., Petersfield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise the undersigned by Wednesday, Aug. 22nd, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Maidney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Laceby on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Please inform Graham Bros., High Street, Laceby, by the previous Wednesday for tea. A good meeting is hoped for.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, August 25th, at Burton (six bells). Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards at a small charge.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sulgrave on Saturday, August 25th. Service 3 p.m. Number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Moulton (eight bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Barking, Needham Market, on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30; also at Baylham (6). Tea at Barking Rectory at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Marlow (eight bells), on Saturday, August 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than August 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Members will please make own arrangements for tea.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

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**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 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.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—A. G. Wallace, Monyash Rd., Bakewell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please notify me on or before Wednesday, August 29th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dist. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upworman on Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present for tea kindly notify me by Monday, August 27th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., business after. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea, please, by August 28th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Budleigh on Saturday, September 1st. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than August 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**QUIET AFTERNOON** for ringers at Theddingworth, Leicester, Saturday, August 25th, commence 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 9d. each, ringing afterwards. For tea, notify E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, by Wednesday, August 22nd.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Mr. J. Carrott, 17, Perry Street Road, Northfleet, is leaving the district, and Mr. W. J. E. Peartree, 19, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, has been elected hon. secretary of the Northfleet ringers.

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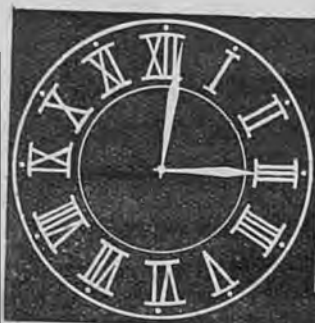
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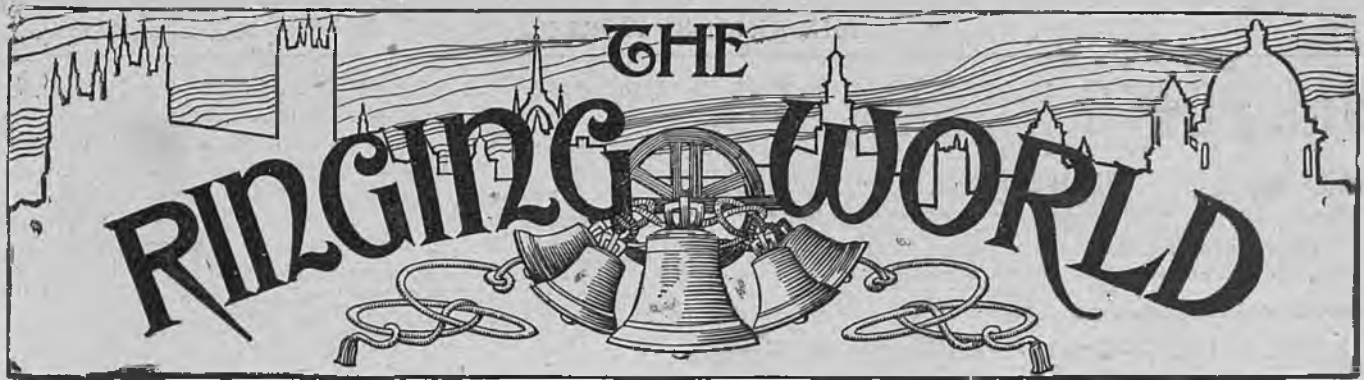
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PITSTOW'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	*GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 5
SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... .. 6
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman. A birthday peal for W. M. Stone.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSCRIPTION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HAROLD FORBES ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. DAY ... .. 5
FRANK MILLARD ... .. 2	*JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
FREDERICK BOLLOCK ... .. 4	†WILLIAM F. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

\* 400th peal. † First peal and first attempt. On January 12th, 1889, the ringer of the sixth rang his first peal on these bells, ringing the same bell, which was the first peal on the bells and first by all, and the same method, Grandsire Triples. Of that band there are now only three survivors.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, August 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 2	AMBERN WILSON ... .. 6
WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... .. 7
PERCY J. JERVIS ... .. 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN.

Conducted by A. KNIGHTS

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of respect to the composer, who died on August 2nd, aged 68, and was interred at Killamash on August 4th. The composition is now rung for the first time.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	*CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 5
†MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	†THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 6
*ALAN R. PINK ... .. 3	†FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
*WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	*LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Spliced Major. † First peal of Spliced Major in these methods. These two methods are now rung spliced by the association for the first time.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	WILLIAM ROOT ... .. 5
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 6
*REGINALD JELLEY ... .. 3	J. LESLIE WILLARS ... .. 7
SIDNEY COX ... .. 4	RICHARD GRANT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. O. CHENEY.

\* First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal. The quickest peal yet rung on the bells, the previous record being 2 hours 44 minutes.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD ... .. Treble	BERNARD COLLISON ... .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM KITCHENEIDE ... 6
LOTHAR J. HONESS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 7
WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 4	ALEC RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of the ringer of the sixth, also to the son of the ringer of the second.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WISEMAN ... Treble	*F. CECIL MOGFORD ... .. 5
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2	†LEONARD DERRICK ... .. 6
NORMAN H. COOMBS ... .. 3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 7
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4	RICHMOND ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal.

BISPHAM, BLACKPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

CHARLES SHARPLES ... Treble	JOHN H. FOSTER ... .. 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 6
MISS ANNIE CROOK ... .. 3	*JOSEPH JACKSON ... .. 7
*ARTHUR PARKINSON ... .. 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 158). Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

CLAYBROOK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in E flat.

*WM. ERNEST RAWSON ... Treble	RICHARD F. ROE ... .. 5
EDWIN LLOYD ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 6
KENNETH ROE ... .. 3	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JOSEPH S. CARTER.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by the ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, as conductor and on the bells.

BRINHAM, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 5
EDWARD W. BIFFEN ... .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WILLS ... .. 3	HERBERT J. HOLE ... .. 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 4	*BERTRAM H. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which have lately been augmented to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Treble ringer is from Buckfastleigh, 2nd and 3rd from St. Thomas', Exeter, 4th and 6th from St. Andrew's, Plymouth, 5th and tenor from Newton Abbott, and 7th from Paignton.

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LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM... ..Treble	CECIL E. CARR ... .. 5
C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 6
JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
A. JOHN TIMSON ... .. 4	FRED PERRY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially rung as a 'welcome home,' after their honeymoon, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Darby. Also rung on the local annual 'Feast day.'

LONDON.  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*LEONARD ROBERTS ... ..Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 5
JOHN FOSKETT ... .. 2	†WATT TYLER ... .. 6
HARRY WARNETT, SRN. ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
EDMUND MOUNTIER ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAFTERS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Watt Tyler.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HAROLD PENNACK ... ..Treble	AMBROSE MASON ... .. 5
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 3	PERCY GREEN ... .. 7
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. R. A. Arnold, a former ringer, and Miss L. Pitts, a former lady chorister at this church, which took place at St. Mary's prior to the start of the peal; also to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mrs. W. Elliott, of Kelvedon, the band wishing her—a real ringer's wife—many happy returns of the day.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

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

*On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ..Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. W. Lewis.

NEW RADNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*WALTER EVANS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 3
ALFRED GOODING ... .. 2	TREVOR JONES ... .. 4
LEWIS JONES ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by ALFRED GOODING.

\* First peal and captain of the local band. First peal on the bells. Ringers of 2 and 3 from Lyonshall, and of 4 and 5 from Kington. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar after the peal.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
 Forty-two six-scores.

FRANK COLE ... ..Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4
FRED BLOWING ... .. 2	JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 3	ARTHUR STOPFORD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sunday, August 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six 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 15 cwt.

ARTHUR BALLAM ... ..Treble	WILLIAM STANNARD ... .. 4
CHARLES STANNARD ... .. 2	HORACE W. FOULGER ... .. 5
GEORGE LILLY ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

DOWNE, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, August 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE ... ..Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 4
*JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 5
*ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. The only previous peal rung on these bells was a seven-method one in February, 1914. The bells have recently been relunged by J. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Friday, August 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD ... ..Treble	*JOHN BROUGH ... .. 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 2	ARTHUR JERVIS ... .. 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... .. 3	HARRY PARKER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal 'inside.' H. W. Howard has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

COTHBERT W. H. POWELL Treble	†STEPHEN LONG ... .. 4
*JOHN E. PHILLBRICK ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... .. 3	FRANK PRICE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

\* First peal of Minor in the method and first peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor and in the method. Arranged for Mr. Stephen Long.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

REGINALD J. SCOTT ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. CLARK ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 5
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

**TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

CYRIL E. LAXON ... .. Treble	MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 4
*WILLIAM J. SANDERS ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 5
†MISS GRACE CHURCH ... .. 3	EDWARD SANDERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LAXON (aged 16).

\* First peal and aged 14. † First peal of Doubles and from Waltham Cross. First peal as conductor. A. S. Roberts' 50th peal. A wedding peal for Miss L. Angwin, sister of the fourth ringer, and in honour of the engagement of Miss L. Willoughby, a member of the Truro Cathedral Company.

**NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt.

*RICHARD WEAVER ... .. Treble	†LESLIE BAINHAM ... .. 4
CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 2	KENNETH KNOWLES ... .. 5
†FRED GREEDY ... .. 3	*CORNELIUS COX ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Arranged for C. Cox, who has been clerk of the parish for over 40 years, and was his first attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells since the adding of a new treble.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

*At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT.*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 3-4	*ERNEST JONES ... .. 7-8

Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Witness—Mrs. Ida Bailey.

\* First peal in the method. This was the 100th peal together by the ringers of 3-4 and 5-6.

The following handbell peals were rung as an aid to 'convalescence.' It is good evidence of Mr. Walter Ayre's progress on the road to recovery after his recent operation.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, August 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

*At TRENTWOOD,*

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5032 CHANGES;**

BURTON-ON-STATHER VARIATION. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD ... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

BERNARD GILLATT ... .. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, August 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,*

*At TRENTWOOD*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4	ERNEST BRITTAIN... .. 7-8

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

**LINCOLN.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, August 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

*At 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	*WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3-4	JACK BRAY ... .. 9-10
FRANK LORD ... .. 5-6	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 11-12

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques and first attempt. First peal of Cinques as conductor.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

*At TRENTWOOD,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD .. ... 3-4	*WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* 350th peal.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, August 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,*

*At TRENTWOOD,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 7-8

Arranged by J. BRAY.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

**OAK FRAMES AND THEIR CARE.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if you can find space for a few remarks on this subject and a few other points connected with bells. While admitting that we have had two exceptionally dry summers—and winters as well—the weather has proved the quality of workmanship. In my own tower the bells were increased to six in 1894 and to eight in 1900 in oak and iron frame, and only one bell, the 5th, has had screwing up since, and the bells go as well as on the day the bell-hangers finished. This kind of workmanship speaks for itself and needs no further comment from me.

Take the other side. A nearby tower has a peal of eight rehung some few years since. The frame has to be screwed up, and, worse still, three clappers have parted company. What have the bell-hangers to say to this? Screwing up will not remedy this fault or defect, whichever name you call it by.

I might add that in the former case the rehanging in 1894 was in a new frame, but in the latter case the old frame was only tightened up. My conclusion is, therefore, that many old frames are not worth the time and money spent on them. It would be interesting to hear other readers' views on this important subject.

W. KEEBLE.

Feering, Essex.

**MACHINE 'RINGS' PEAL.**

**5,024 DOUBLE NORWICH ON MR. G. WOODHOUSE'S INVENTION.**

The first true peal on a ringing machine has been accomplished. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's invention (which was described in these columns a fortnight ago) has performed a perfect peal of Double Norwich Major, a 5,024 which the inventor composed himself. It occupied 2 hours 52 minutes.

It followed another attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise, but in this, after about 600 changes, a key, as on a former occasion, failed to function, and a change course took place. Mr. Woodhouse, however, went on and completed a round block of 5,088, but the peal, of course, did not 'come round.'

Ringling long lengths, Mr. Woodhouse tells us, has a curious mesmeric effect on the human performer. During the Double Norwich he went clean asleep on one occasion and woke up just in time to 'call' a bob at 6.

He hopes soon to try a peal of Stedman, which will be a great test for the bob keys, but such a performance will be rather a strain on the mind of the operator, who has to actuate the bob-making key.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 19th, for matins at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): C. H. Shephard 1, F. W. Stemp (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. H. Cassidy 3, P. Giles 4, L. P. Cook 5, E. G. Williams 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, W. Tate 8.

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## JOHN BUNYAN.

### HIS LOVE OF BELLS AND RINGING.

By R. A. DANIELL.

John Bunyan, the 246th anniversary of whose death occurs on Aug. 31st, was a member of the Exercise in its early days, and his name is more widely known than that of anyone else who has ever been connected with it. He was one of the most remarkable Englishmen of his day, and much has been written about him. Bodily, he was tall and athletic, and mentally he was gifted with keen observation, a retentive memory and vivid imagination; and though his education was of the scantiest, and he never had any appreciation of literature and never even knew anything about it, he became a master of English prose writing. He wrote about sixty books and pamphlets, and one of them, 'The Pilgrim's Progress,' ranks among the greatest imaginative productions of any age or country.



WHERE BUNYAN RANG.

Elstow Church, Beds. The tower is detached from the Church.

It is not, however, with his life at large that we are now concerned, but with his connection with bells and ringing.

Bunyan was born at Elstow, a village near Bedford, in 1628. His father was a brazier, or tinker, and Bunyan was brought up to the same trade. When he was sixteen he was drafted into the Parliamentary Army at Newport Pagnell. In 1647 he returned to Elstow, where he took an active part in the village sports and dancing, and, as he tells us, took much delight in ringing. A year or two later he married a young woman who came of a Puritan family and brought with her two Puritan books, which Bunyan began to read. Puritan theology is somewhat gloomy, and after a time he became morbidly introspective and suffered from a sort of religious mania.

This disturbed state of mind led Bunyan to abandon ringing, and there is no doubt about the attendant circumstances, because he has recorded them in his 'Grace Abounding.' Dr. John Brown, in his 'Life of Bunyan,' has this comment:—

'When a man comes under the dominion of conscience and is a stranger to love, conscience is apt to become somewhat of a tyrant; a false standard is set up, and things right enough in themselves seem to become wrong to the man.'

'Bunyan had hitherto taken pleasure in the somewhat arduous diversion of ringing the bells in the tower of Elstow Church. He began to think this was wrong, one does not quite see why; still having this misgiving about it, he gave up his bellringing but not the love of it.'

Dr. Brown did not quite see why—nor did Bunyan; he had no intelligible reason to give to himself. His reading had left him a stranger to love and had infected him with fear; and there ensued in his mind a struggle between fear and reason. He had to 'force' himself to give up ringing, and then it was only half-heartedly, for he continued to go into the belfry till he became frightened lest a bell should fall and kill him, and then he watched the ringing through the open doorway till he was afraid the tower itself might fall on him. This was final; fear had conquered reason, and he turned away to come back no more.

From this unhappy condition of mind he became delivered through a friendship he made with some good and kind women at Bedford. They were members of a Baptist community, and with them and their circle he was calmed; love came to him and cast out fear, and his mind was again normal. But he did not resume ringing; the scheme of his life was altered, and he eventually became a Baptist minister.

But notwithstanding this great change in the setting of Bunyan's life, the love of ringing remained with him. He heard plenty of it, and he understood and appreciated it; he had had much delight in it, and he was permanently recovered from the mental illness which had severed him from the practice of it. And so, in 1678, when writing his 'Pilgrim's Progress,' having brought his pilgrims into sight of the heavenly city, he wrote 'they thought they heard all the bells therein to ring to welcome them thereto,' and after they had entered, 'then I heard in my dream that all the bells in the City rang again for joy.' Bunyan had risen to the conception of an everlasting home of love, and in seeking for imagery to express the joy of it his mind went back to his happy ringing hours at Elstow, and he hung bells in the towers of the City of God and gave ringing a part in the life of Heaven.

In 1682 Bunyan wrote another religious fiction, 'The Holy War.' This contains a description of a siege of a town which was in the hands of rebels, and was captured by an army under the command of Prince Emanuel. The inhabitants expected to receive severe punishment, and when they found that they were to be pardoned the young men were ordered to ring the bells for joy. Later he wrote 'A Book for Boys and Girls,' a small volume of songs in which familiar things are treated as emblems, one of which is headed, 'On a Ring of Bells.' The bells, he says, are like the powers of the soul, and the body is the steeple, where they hang. The ringers are graces who are good strikers, and

If these ringers do the changes ring,  
Upon my bells they do such music make,  
My soul then, Lord, cannot but bounce and sing,  
So greatly her they with their music take.  
But unskilled boys who grasp the ropes produce only disorder, and these boys are lusts.

Then, Lord, I pray thee keep my belfry key,  
Let none but Graces meddle with these ropes.

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**HILLINGDON RINGERS' OUTING.**

St. Andrew's ringers, Hillingdon, held their annual half-day outing on Saturday, August 11th, when, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Home), they left at 2 p.m. and travelled via the Chalfonts and Amersham to Stoke Mandeville, where a musical light peal of eight were rung to touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples and a course of Double Norwich. Resuming the journey via Aylesbury, they reached Buckingham for tea. The Parish Church was afterwards invaded and the grand peal of eight was soon going to Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. The beautiful church was then inspected and greatly admired.

The journey was continued through the beautiful countryside via Bicester and Thame to Haddenham, where, again, ringing took place. On the homeward journey a halt was made at Princes Risborough for refreshments. Uxbridge was reached all too soon, after another successful outing, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The writer would like to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the churches, and also those who met the visitors and had everything in readiness.

F. C.

**A FAREWELL.**

At Chatham, on Sunday evening, August 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: V. Jarrett 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Hogarth 3, A. Fisher 4, S. Shellock 5, C. Norris 6, F. Beisey (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by Arthur Fisher, and rung as a farewell to him on his joining H.M.S. 'Valiant.' The Chatham ringers wish to thank him for the interest he has taken in ringing during his short stay, and also congratulate him on the progress he has made.

**JOHN BUNYAN**—Continued from previous column.

And the last stanza runs:—

O Lord, if Thy poor child might have his will,

And might his meaning freely to Thee tell,

He never of this music has his fill;

There's nothing to him like Thy ding, dong Bell.

Surely, no one has appreciated ringing more highly than John Bunyan appreciated it, and it supplied him with happy thoughts throughout his career; for his children's song appeared in 1686, and he died on the 31st of August, 1688.

**RIPPINGALE NEEDS HELP.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I wonder if I may through your columns commend the little competitive scheme which we have forwarded to a number of towers throughout the country and ask the very kind and brotherly co-operation of my fellow ringers.

We have to raise a large sum for the very urgent restoration of our bells. We have under 500 parishioners, and no monied ones, and after raising over £100 we find we must appeal for outside help. We have launched our appeal in faith, trusting to the comradeship of our fellow ringers to aid those in difficulty. I trust, therefore, they will not leave our appeal unanswered, but will do their utmost to help us. We shall be so grateful for their assistance.

S. LAXTON, Bells Secretary,  
Rippingale Parish Church, Lincs.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****THREE DISTRICTS MEET AT SWAVESEY.**

A very happy gathering of Ely, Hunts and Central District members of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Swavesey, Cambs, on Saturday. The bells being in good ringing order, good use was made of them, many visitors getting something fresh. One achieved a first 360 of Plain Bob. Both Hunts and Central Branch Masters were present (Mr. H. Fields, St. Neots, and Mr. A. J. Ginn, Over), but Mr. C. W. Cook, Ely Branch Master, was unavoidably absent. Also present were Miss K. Willers, Mr. J. W. Ward and Mrs. E. Wakeing, of Somersham.

The feature of the meeting, so rare and notable in the Ely Association, was the presence of the local company, who are only at the Plain Bob stage. Mr. B. Hodson, the local captain, hopes, however, to get Treble Bob rung during the coming winter.

Methods rung at the meeting included Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise.

**FIRST BY A LOCAL BAND.**

At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Wing, Rutland, on Monday, August 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Sewell 1, W. J. Tugwood (conductor) 2, F. Sewell 3, F. Hubbard 4, H. Goodman 5. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th; first quarter-peal with inside bell by ringer of tenor, and believed to be the first quarter-peal ever rung on the bells by a local band.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

After being parish clerk for over forty years at Nash, Monmouthshire, Mr. Cornelius Cox has just rung his first peal at the age of 57. Canon C. C. Marshall, the genial president of the Yorkshire Association, was the preacher in the service broadcast from his church, St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on the North Regional on Sunday evening.

As the outcome of a collision between his car and a motor-cyclist at a road junction in Northampton on Friday week, which resulted in the death of a motor-cyclist, Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, near Bath, the popular hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has been charged with manslaughter. The case has been adjourned, and was to come on for hearing again last Wednesday.

Comdr. John D. R. Davies, son of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, whom many will remember as the soloist at the Tewkesbury Abbey service, when the new bells and chapel were dedicated in memory of his father, has recently accomplished an extraordinary feat. He has climbed the four highest peaks in the four countries of the British Isles in four days, covering the road journey between each on a lightweight motor-cycle.

On Wednesday, August 1st, he climbed Carnlough, in Ireland (3,414ft.), and travelled 308 miles to Snowdon, in North Wales. On August 2nd he climbed Snowdon (3,560ft.) and rode 174 miles to Scafell. On August 3rd he climbed Scafell Pike (3,210ft.) and travelled 210 miles to Ben Nevis (Scotland), which he climbed on August 4th.

Those who spend a hectic 'holiday' in peal ringing for a week will have to look to their laurels. Two peals a day on consecutive days in Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland has not been done yet! And that, coupled with doing the intervening distance by steamer and motor-cycle, is about the equivalent of Capt. Davies' feat.

For the benefit of those who, owing to the holiday season, did not care to exercise their mental faculties in guessing the titles which appeared in abbreviated form in this column last week, here are the solutions:—

A.O.P.G.—Ancient Order of Peal Grabbers.

I.O.T.M.—Independent Order of Tenor Measurers.

S.S.D.S.—Select Society of Date Snappers.

We hear that one of the N.U.T.S. failed to keep an appointment at Cambridge on Sunday, and that, failing satisfactory explanation, he has, consequently, been fined 2s. 6d. for non-attendance.

Messrs. Stephen Long and Frank Price rang in a peal together at Symondsburry, Dorset, on Saturday. The last peal in which they rang together was in 1906. After the Symondsburry peal the ringers were entertained by Mr. Long, and they wish to thank him for his hospitality.

Mr. John W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, whose genial personality is known to ringers in nearly every corner of England and Wales, rang his 400th peal last week. It has taken him more than 45 years to do it, but in the interval he has done a vast amount of spade-work, and is never without learners in his own tower. Incidentally it is interesting to read that his 400th peal was rung on the same bell as his first.

The time record for a peal at South Wigston, Leicestershire, has been lowered from 2 hours 44 minutes to 2 hours 43 minutes, so a footnote to a peal rung last week tells us. What we should like to know is, which is the best peal on the bells! That is the more important thing.

Although all veterans' records were easily surpassed by the performance at Hart Street, London, at the end of last year, an interesting peal was rung on August 24th, 1868, when a band whose united ages amounted to 553 years rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major 'in masterly style' at Guiseley, Yorks.

The ringers were J. Hanson (Huddersfield), aged 78; J. Kendal (Otley), 73; C. Iles (Leeds), 74; W. Senior (Earlsheaton), 68; H. Hubbard (Leeds, formerly of Norwich), 64; T. Dawson (Bradford), 62; I. Illingworth (Bradford), 62; W. Dumbleton (Pudsey), 68. H. Hubbard was the conductor.

Sunday is the anniversary of a very famous peal of Grandsire Triples. It is thus recorded on a tablet still to be seen in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich:—

'On the 26th of August, 1718, was rung that Harmonious Peal called Grandsire Triples, which have been ye study of ye most ingenious men of this Age, who delight in ye art of Variations, but all their projections have proved errors until it was undertaken by JOHN GARTHON, who with long Study and Practice have perfectly discovered those Intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers in England; the extent of this peal being 5,040 changes have oftentimes been rung with changes alike, but the first time that ever it was rung true was in three hours and a half, without any changes alike or a bell out of course by these men whose names are underwritten against their Bells as they rung: James Brook, treble; John Briggs, 2nd; William Palmer, 3rd; Robert Crane, 4th; Henry Howard, 5th; Wm. Callow, 6th; Tho. Melchior, 7th; Tho. Barrett, tenor.'

One hundred and twenty years ago next Monday eight Yorkshiremen rang a peal of 12,320 Treble Bob Major at Otley, in 7 hours 15 minutes. The method was 'Yorkshire Glory' even in those days.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### PREVIOUS PEALS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

We referred last week to some of the bells which it is hoped will be available, either for touches or peals, for the English tourists who, on September 14th, leave this country upon a ringing visit to Australia. Some account of the peals that have been rung there and of the pioneers who made them possible, will doubtless be of further interest to our readers.



MELBOURNE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL.

There are 13 bells, forming a ring of 12 and a light 8.

The first peal rung in the Commonwealth was Holt's Ten Part peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Philip's, Sydney, on April 9th, 1890, conducted by James L. Murray. On December 29th and December 31st of the same year, two peals of Grandsire Triples were rung at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, Tasmania, the only two peals that have been rung in that island. They were both Grandsire Triples and are recorded on a bell-shaped tablet in the tower. The ringers in these two peals were William Shenton, Henry Adams, John Beechy, Joseph Clarke, Thomas B. Hall, William Atkinson, James C. Murray and S. Wilkinson. The only difference between this band and that which rang the first peal at Sydney was that F. M. Guest and F. H. Joyner, who rang at Sydney, were replaced at Hobart by H. Adams and S. Wilkinson.

### THE SEVENTEENTH ATTEMPT.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, in his article below, gives particulars of some of the other peals rung in the Dominions, but, as showing the difficulties met with by ringers in those expansive and distant parts, we quote from a letter written in 1898 and published in 'The Bell News.' It is dated from Melbourne:—

'On Saturday evening, September 10th, 1898, a band of the Victorian Association of Change Ringers met and rang at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples,

5,040 changes, in 3 hours 18 minutes. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. in C sharp. \*Sylvester J. Hallissey (Victoria) treble, \*Matthew M. O'Shea (Victoria) 2, \*James P. Nolan (Victoria) 3, \*John C. Nolan (Victoria) 4, James L. Murray (Victoria) 5, †Arthur E. Barnes (England) 6, \*Joseph Freeman (England) 7, \*Walter Woollard (England) and \*Isaac Davis (England) tenor. Composed and conducted by A. Barnes. Referees: Messrs. E. O'Shea and W. Shenton, who ticked off every lead as the peal was rung. \* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal by the association.

'Nearly eight years have passed since a peal was rung in Australia, and this is the first peal that has been checked while being rung and it is also the first time a purely local band have rung a peal on the bells of their own city in this country. The composition was by a local ringer.

'We have been two years trying to get this peal; the difficulties of getting a band to practise together has greatly retarded us, and we often had intervals of from two to six months between the attempts. Seventeen attempts in all have been made, in which we have rung over 42,000 changes. Time for all attempts: 27 hours. On three occasions we have had to stand owing to men becoming exhausted on account of the excessive heat of our summer months. We owe our present success to the fact that we have had four good practices in a month. The striking throughout was good, and Mr. Shenton and myself, as referees, who watched the coursing order, declare that not one bell was wrong in taking the lead right through the peal. The peal was transposed to make the 3rd the observation. Mr. Woollard took the tenor for the first hour and a quarter, then Mr. Davis relieved him for the next hour and a quarter, when Mr. Woollard again took her till the bells ran into rounds. As you will see, Messrs. Barnes, Woollard, Freeman and Davis are Englishmen, the rest Australians.

EDWARD W. O'SHEA.

Hon. Sec., Victorian Association.'

The six-bell peal at Ballarat, on February 1st, 1897, consisted of 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Violet, Plain Bob, New London Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob. It was rung by: James Thomsett, Charles Fleay, William Strick, John Pattison, Harold Sandberg and Thomas Biddle (conductor). It is the only peal rung of Minor outside the British Isles, and it is noteworthy that the ages of the ringers (except the 5th) ranged only from 17 to 20 years.

Altogether five peals of Grandsire Triples and one in seven Minor methods have been rung in Australia; two of Grandsire Triples in Tasmania; one of Grandsire Triples, one of Bob Triples and one of Grandsire Triples (all conducted by T. W. Biddle) at Christchurch, New Zealand. In addition there has been one of Grandsire Triples at Woodstock, South Africa (1904) and one of Grandsire Triples at Vancouver, Canada (1914). This is the sum total of peals rung in the British Empire outside the British Isles.

### AUSTRALIAN CONDUCTORS.

The name of James L. Murray, of Melbourne, writes Mr. W. H. Fussell, is destined to live long in the annals of Australian change ringing, not only as a conductor of the first peal in all Australasia, but the first throughout the whole of the Colonies of the British Empire. He was ably assisted by Mr. Harry Adams, of Kidderminster, with whom I had the pleasure of ringing at St. Mary's Church just prior to his going abroad.

In this first peal the band consisted of Sydney and Melbourne men, and the bells were not going any too well at St. Philip's Church under tropical conditions. Adams rang the 7th, whilst two men tackled the tenor of 20 cwt. to the Whitechapel octave erected in 1858.

James Murray followed up this success by taking part in most of the performances that followed in Melbourne, including peals in Tasmania and South Africa (rung at Woodstock in 1909), a unique record worthy of Empire recognition.

Naturally the honours of the first peal were amicably reversed when, as the 'Victorian Society,' the ringers spent a Christmas holiday at Hobart, Tasmania, in December, 1890; Murray rang the 7th at Holy Trinity Church to Adams as conductor on December 29th. New blood was brought out in Mr. J. B. Clarke, who called the second peal on December 31st on the same bells.

To carry on the good work next appears Mr. J. M. Guest—a Staffordshire man—who does not seem to have had the energy and perseverance of his fellow Victorians. His share of the honours consisted of calling 'Holt's Ten part' at Melbourne Cathedral, January 1st, 1891, and taking part in 'Reeves' Variation' on the same bells, when he was over 80 years of age, in 1925, which was the last peal rung 'down under,' and was conducted by a New Zealander, Mr. A. C. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Guest's peal brought forth a treble man in Mr. A. E. Barnes, who emigrated from Devonshire, and was afterwards to become the 'star of the South' in ringing. He did much to keep it shining in a country where ringers were few and far apart. Mr. Barnes' leadership led to the first peal on the heavy eight bells at the Cathedral, Melbourne, in September, 1898, which was also first by the Victorian Association. To him belongs the honour of composing the peal

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(No. 33 in the Central Council Collection), with the 'tag of 350' rung at the end of Part V. instead of at the start. Baines did most of his ringing in Melbourne and also conducted the 'Original' when the heavy tenor was rung single-handed for the first time in July, 1904.

Whilst the Victorian Society were slowly progressing in the art, their neighbours in New Zealand were also keenly following the long long trail under the able conductorship of Thomas W. Biddle, who called the first peals in the Colony at Christchurch Cathedral and who introduced Plain Bob in January, 1903. All the previous peals in the far South had been performed in the Grandsire method. It is of interest to note the epidemic of peals that occurred in 1890, when 'firsts' were rung in all three colonies—Sydney in April, New Zealand in July, and Tasmania in December of that year. It was a valuable effort to spread the art in the Commonwealth, broken for about 20 years, until the peal in Melbourne in 1925. Australia has been passing through a very serious depression, financially and industrially; good ringers have had to wander from their towers and good bells have been neglected or only sounded by makeshift appliances in too many instances.

Perhaps the Anglo-Australian gathering of church bell ringers in Melbourne in 1934 to celebrate the centenary may lead to a fuller appreciation of the English practice of bellringing proper such as the men of the Motherland have followed for three centuries.

### RINGING CONDITIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. R. F. Deal, who lived in Australia for some time, writes:—  
I read with interest your article on the forthcoming Australian tour, and as I have some experience of Australian towers and ringing conditions, I hope your correspondent will pardon me if I correct him in one or two statements. Perhaps, also, you will allow me to supplement his information somewhat. I admit that my acquaintance with affairs 'down under' is not up to date—I left Sydney early in 1915—and while there may be improvement in some respects, probably no startling changes have occurred since that time.

Regarding St. Paul's, Melbourne, your information is correct. This is a fine tower, and when I was in the city a peal could have been rung without difficulty. My own experience in this tower was not, however, a happy one, but at the present time visitors will no doubt receive fair play, and the support of the local company.

Your correspondent, perhaps, is not aware that St. James' Church was moved some years ago to a fresh site. The bells went with the church, but through incompetent advice were left in an unringable condition, and probably no improvement has been made. The bells at St. Patrick's (R.C.) did not go at all well, and were quite devoid of music. I do not think the eight at Toorak are hung for ringing, which perhaps would not be appreciated in that aristocratic suburb.

Information relating to Ballarat is correct—I was not fortunate in getting any ringing at the City Hall, but believe the bells were in fair order. This is considered a fine eight. At Bendigo and Geelong the bells were quite unringable, and will still be so unless substantial repairs have been carried out in the towers.

I have no knowledge of Perth, but once rang at Walkerville, South Australia, and found the bells going very badly. Darling Point is not near Adelaide as stated, but is a district of Sydney. This mistake probably originated in the founders' list.

St. Philip's, Sydney, has a handsome tower, and is situated in a quiet square in the centre of the city. It is surrounded by business premises and hotels, hence the difficulty in getting permission for ringing. Possibly the tower would be reopened as a concession to visitors, but arrangements should be made well in advance. I cannot say if ropes are still in existence, and I assume that some overhaul would be necessary.

I am not aware that the bells at Camden are hung for ringing. This place is, I believe, some distance from Sydney. The St. Mark's referred to is Darling Point, where the bells should be in good order. St. Jude's, Randwick, cannot be recommended for peals, being a steel ring, heavy going and musical qualities nil. The late A. E. Baines referred to these bells as the 'Camp Ovens.'

There is a nice light six at Parramatta (15 miles from Sydney). At the time I rang there the treble had a nasty slip-wheel habit, and 720's were impossible. There is another light six at Christ Church (City), a poor lot, but in good order.

The six at St. Benedict's, which is given in the Whitechapel list, disappeared years ago.

I hesitate to tender opinions or advice for which I have not been asked, but I respectfully suggest to the tourists that it is unwise to expect great success in peals. Their best chances are, I should say, Melbourne (St. Paul's), Sydney (St. Mary's R.C., a fine eight) and Hobart. It is advisable to give personal attention to lubrication and ropes; these details should not be left to local ringers, who, in some places at least, will not realise their importance.

Were I personally able to take part in such an undertaking, I should want to go out with a 'cast-iron' band, preferably with a bellhanger or two in the party! However, I wish all success to the tour.

RICHARD F. DEAL.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### WEDDING GIFTS TO DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

The North and East District meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Barnet on Saturday last, was undoubtedly a popular fixture, some 50 ringers attending during the afternoon. The ringing was varied to suit all tastes and abilities, with rounds for those just beginning. The usual service was very well attended, after which a good tea was 'put away.'

At the business meeting two new members were elected, including Mr. Frank Barratt, an old member of the association, who is to be Ringing Master of the band which it is hoped will soon be ringing the bells at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury (formerly St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London).

Items of business were the choosing of St. Mary's, Enfield, for the next meeting on October 27th; the announcement of a four-association joint meeting arranged to be held at Waltham Abbey on September 29th; and a statement on the position at Kingsbury, where the church is to be consecrated and the bells opened on October 13th.

Attention was drawn by the hon. secretary to a recent article in 'The Ringing World' on the large variety of plain methods which ringers, who had not reached the Surprise stage, might practise, and suggested that at least one of these methods might be chosen as a special method for district meetings, a new method for each meeting. As a preliminary, he announced that a special practice meeting had been arranged at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, September 10th, the special method being 'Double Bob Major,' with Plain Bob and Double Norwich as 'variations.'

The next item of business was one of great interest. The Chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) called on Mr. J. Bennett to make a statement.

### FUTURE FIXTURE 'RIGHT OFF.'

Mr. Bennett referred to an important event which had recently taken place, namely, the wedding of their District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles). It was not everybody's job to be District Master, said Mr. Bennett, but they were all agreed that Mr. Coles carried out his duties efficiently and well, and to the satisfaction of most. On such an auspicious occasion it was thought that they should give Mr. Coles something to show their appreciation of his work. He (Mr. Bennett) had endeavoured to approach everybody who might be interested, and Mr. Reuben Sanders had consented to act as treasurer. Mr. Sanders was at present away on holiday, and until he returned it would be impossible to say if the fund was complete. They were, however, able to purchase for Mr. Coles a handsome clock (which he had himself chosen), and hand to him with the clock the balance of about £5 up to date, to enable him to purchase anything else he desired. Mr. Bennett also referred to a certain bachelors' peal rung two years or so ago, and a fixture which was arranged for 1936 which was now 'right off.' He wished Mr. Coles and his wife a long and happy life.

The Chairman, on behalf of members of the association, asked Mr. A. W. Coles to accept the clock and purse as a token of their goodwill, and wished him and his wife every happiness.

Mr. Tom Collins (Master of the South and West District) said that the members of his district had requested him to convey to Mr. Coles good wishes for his future happiness, and hoped that he would still spare some time to visit them now and again.

Mr. A. W. Coles thanked the chairman and the members for their handsome present. He said that when he was in a certain peal he never thought he would be in this position (loud laughter). He said that it had been stated that seven old crusty bachelors and one handsome one were in that peal, and, as one of the seven, he had not thought he even had a chance. He was, therefore, in hopes of seeing the only handsome bachelor in a similar role very soon. He thanked members very much for their kindness, and added that as regards the peal in 1936 he believed there was a candidate for the vacant place in the room (laughter).

The Chairman proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the Rev. P. C. Dean (Barnet) and the Rev. G. Richardson (Hadley) for the use of their bells; to the Rev. Young for taking the service; to Mr. H. W. Strickland (one of their own members) for officiating at the organ; and to Mrs. Wicks (widow of one of their late members) for arranging tea.—This was carried unanimously.

Afterwards ringing took place at Hadley as well as at Barnet, and it was noticed that Double Bob had its tricky points, and even surprised Surprise ringers.

## PEALS AT HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With all due compliments to my friend, Mr. A. Waddington, may I say that the last peal rung at Hollingbourne, Kent, was a seven-method one, rung in either 1923 or 1924, and conducted by William Nye, of Teynham. Also although the tenor is reputed 21 cwt., she only measures 45 inches in diameter, and that would make her about 15½ cwt. I have rung her, and do not think she goes any more than this. The quick time of the peal—2 hours 48 minutes—should bear this out.

Forest Hill.

A. P. CANNON.

**STEDMAN'S BELLS.****A CALL TO CAMBRIDGE RINGERS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It must be a source of great regret to many ringers to read that the bells of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, have already suffered so much from neglect that they have become loose on the stocks, and that even after some preliminary attention it was not thought safe to continue a peal on them.

The Central Council and all the leading bell founders do their best, by the issue of printed instructions, to inform ringers of the necessity of constant attention to wooden frames, and it can only be assumed that in the case of St. Benedict's there can be no regular ringers there to watch over these historic bells, which more than any others ought to be carefully tended.

What has become of the young band that was started at Stedman's Church, after the ringers of England had restored the bells in memory of this father of our art? If my information is correct, they were frightened off by the speeches of Mr. E. D. Taylor, who, as a bell founder, we must admit, spoke with knowledge, but whose warning has had the result of leaving the bells without regular ringers, and, therefore, without anyone in a position to report upon their condition.

A thoroughly good job was made of the restoration, and a thoroughly good band ought to have been trained to ring there. Had there been only a young band with a competent instructor ringing regularly at the church, there would have been someone to put the necessary spanner on the nuts, or at all events to tell the authorities that the bells needed this little attention.

The ringers of England not only restored the bells, but relieved the authorities of St. Benedict's Church of the cost of restoring the tower. If I remember aright, as much or more was spent on the tower as on the bells. Surely we may expect that the church authorities will keep the bells in order, and if they have been unaware up to now that they needed attention, will forthwith call on the bell founders to put them right, before more serious dilapidation occurs. Perhaps an official communication from the Central Council might lead to something being done.

But not only do we want to see the bells put in order again and maintained in good ringing condition; there ought to be a band to ring them. I have heard it said that Cambridge is not an altogether happy place in the promotion of change ringing—exactly how far this is so I have no personal knowledge—but there ought to be ringers in and around Cambridge with sufficient real interest in the art to render whatever voluntary service is necessary to get a band started at this church. The ringers of England honoured the memory of Stedman by making it possible to hear again the bells he rang on, and upon which, in all probability, his famous method was first heard. But no memorial to him could equal the regular ringing of St. Benedict's bells for the services of the church and instructing 'the young idea' in the art he did so much to improve and foster. Cambridge ringers—go to it!

**LONDONER.**

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, 714 Grandsire Triples: L. Kinchen 1, S. Loynes 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, F. Kinchen 4, F. Tuffley 5, J. Keyte 6, H. L. Terry 7, J. P. Keyte 8.

**REOPENING OF STONE-IN-OXNEY BELLS.****MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. CHARLES PLAYER.**

A by-meeting of the Kent County Association and the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild were held at Stone-in-Oxney in connection with the reopening of the bells after restoration as a memorial to the late Charles W. Player, and the unveiling of a tablet recording this fact, on Saturday, August 18th.

About a hundred ringers and friends attended the service in the very old church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. J. White. The service opened with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' followed by suitable prayers and the lesson, taken from Ecclesiasticus 44, beginning 'Let us now praise famous men.' After this the Vicar spoke a few words of welcome, and explained the purpose of the service. Then followed the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' during which the Vicar, accompanied by Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, and Mr. Smith, and followed by the congregation, proceeded to the tower, where Mr. Tribe unveiled the memorial tablet.

The Vicar then performed the dedication and offered suitable prayers. Mr. Tribe and Mr. Smith then, in a few well-chosen words, each paid tribute to the life and work of he whom this work of restoration commemorates.

The tablet bears the words, 'These bells were restored in A.D. 1934 by the parishioners, ringing friends and others in memory of Charles W. Player, for many years a member of the local company, the K.C.A. and the R.M. and D.G.' It is the work of Mr. Charles Mee, of Ipswich.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' the congregation made their way back to their seats, and the very impressive service closed with the Blessing.

Touches were then rung on the bells until 5 p.m., when a splendid tea was served in the Memorial Hall. On the way from the church to the hall, four members of the two societies rang touches on the handbells, which were very effective.

After tea the business of the Romney Marsh Guild was dealt with. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and Mrs. Player personally thanked all who had helped with the memorial to her late husband.

The ringers then returned to the tower and made good use of the bells until 9 p.m.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual report of the Chester Diocesan Guild, briefly referred to in our last issue, expressed the deep sense of loss sustained by the Guild through the death of the Rev. A. T. Beeson.

The ringing activities generally, says the report, have been well maintained as far as Sunday service ringing and branch meetings are concerned, but we feel there is much room for improvement as regards practices, and we take the opportunity of reminding members that in every branch there are competent instructors who would only be too pleased to give every assistance in their power.

It is a matter of congratulation to all concerned that every branch shows an increase of funds. This is also true of the Guild itself, due mainly, in the case of the Guild, to saving on the cost of the report, including the receipt of substantial fees, partly arrears, for advertisements, and no grants to towers.

The total number of honorary members shows a decrease of three, nine having resigned or lapsed, as against six new members. Ringing membership has increased from 598 to 622, due largely to the re-entry of West Kirby with nine members, and the inclusion of Fairfield (Buxton) with seven members.

For the third successive year we regret to report a decrease in the number of peals rung—63 as against 71 in 1932. This does not necessarily mean that interest in peal ringing is diminishing, for, on the contrary, by the peals record and the number (namely 31) of first peals in the method, we think there must have been a large number of attempts in the advanced methods, with, however, ultimate success. One outstanding success which deserves special notice and congratulations is the peal of Minor in 38 methods rung at Knutsford. This constitutes a record of which the band concerned and the Guild may well be proud. The Editor of 'The Ringing World' has classed it as the most outstanding performance in the country during 1933. There have been fewer conductors—15 as against 23 in 1932, three conducting for the first time. The peals were rung by 162 members, 21 ringing their first peal, as against 26 in 1932.

A comparative summary in the report gives statistics for 1932 and 1933. The 1932 figures are here given in parentheses: Resident members' subscriptions, £45 3s. 9d. (£45 4s. 6d.); hon. members, 55 (58); ringing members, 622 (598); life members, 2 (2); members in arrears, honorary 2 (5), ringing 39 (32); peals rung, 63 (71); members taking part, 162 (182).

The bells of the diocese are reported to be in good condition. There has been only one restoration, the six bells of Davenham having been rehung on ball bearings. There is, however, room for improvement in some towers as regards the go of the bells, adds the report. Unnecessarily arduous ringing conditions mean that young ringers, who should be encouraged, are being discouraged and are turning away, and we venture to draw the attention of the Church authorities to this matter.

## 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—and give him a welcome and an invitation to the local tower.

Any corrections to the subjoined list should be forwarded for publication:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.  
 Barnsley and District Society: Mr. A. Panther, 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane, Rotherham.  
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.  
 Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.  
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich, Cheshire.  
 Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. E. Brown, 12, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.  
 Cumberland Association: Mr. W. T. Holmes, 31, Wordsworth Terrace, Cockerham, Cumberland.  
 Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.  
 Doncaster and District Society: Mr. E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.  
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley, Staffs.  
 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.  
 East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association: Mr. J. W. England, Welwyn, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire.  
 East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.  
 Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Walsoken Rectory, Wisbech, Cambs.  
 Essex Association: Mr. F. J. Pistow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.  
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. E. Guise, 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.  
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.  
 Halifax and District Association: Mr. L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.  
 Hastings and District Guild: Mr. C. A. Levett, 238, Priory Road, Hastings, Sussex.  
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.  
 Hertford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.  
 Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Eford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.  
 Kent County Association: Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.  
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.  
 Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.  
 Leeds and District Society: Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds.  
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.  
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones, Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.  
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 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild: Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.  
 Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.  
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 Norfolk Guild: Mr. A. L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.  
 North Notts Association: Mr. R. W. Stockdale, c/o Mr. W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.  
 North Stafford and District Association: Mr. C. S. Ryles, Rhos, Leek Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.  
 North Wales Association: Mr. W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, North Wales.  
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.  
 Oxford Society: Mr. V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.  
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.  
 Romney Marsh and District Guild: Mr. P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

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### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, August 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples: W. H. Stevens 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, P. J. Cattermoul 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6, W. Lewis 7, W. W. Webb 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Ellingham.

**COWDEN, KENT.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church on Sunday morning for service, 720 Bob Minor: E. J. Oliver 1, H. D. Whyte 2, W. J. Ladd 3, J. Wren 4, G. Lambert 5, E. J. Ladd (conductor) 6. Treble ringer from Hartfield, rest from East Grinstead.

### RINGERS FAREWELL GIFT.

#### PRESENTATION TO A BRANCH PRESIDENT.

Members of the Thrapston branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild met at Twywell on Saturday week to bid farewell to their president, the Rev. F. H. Lang.

The members assembled on the Rectory lawn, where refreshments were served by the Rector and Mrs. Lang, after which the secretary (Mr. J. Nickerson) spoke of the good work their president had done during the 11 years he had been with them, and hoped he would 'carry on the good work' where he was going.

The secretary asked Mr. Lang, on behalf of the members, to accept a case of pipes, and also handed to him tobacco, cigarettes and matches.

The Rector said he would always remember the happy times he had spent with the bellringers. He hoped they would continue the good work, and thanked them all for their splendid gift.

Mr. H. Short endorsed all their secretary had said and wished Mr. Lang the best of luck in his new sphere of work.

Mr. Cyril Wilson thanked the Rector and Mrs. Lang for entertaining them.

The members, after hearty handshakes with the Rector and Mrs. Lang, returned to the church tower and rang several more touches, ending a pleasant evening.

### PRITTLEWELL PIONEER.

#### DEATH OF MR. W. BEDWELL.

Prittlewell, Essex, has lost a pioneer of change ringing by the death of Mr. W. Bedwell, who passed away on August 9th at the age of 74 years. Fifty years ago Mr. Bedwell taught himself and five others to ring on the old six bells at Prittlewell, and finally got his first 720 of Minor in the year 1887, a performance of which he was very proud. Prittlewell now has a ring of ten bells, and Mr. Bedwell continued to ring regularly every Sunday for service. He had rung between 30 and 40 peals.

After evening service on Sunday, August 12th, a half-muffled quarter-peat of Bob Major (1,260 changes) was rung by N. Townsend (first quarter-peat) 1, W. Dudley 2, W. Perry 3, J. Fowler 4, A. North 5, F. Lufkin (conductor) 6, G. Welson 7, G. Bacon 8. On the following evening, with the bells again half-muffled, 1,248 Kent Trouble Bob Major was rung by W. Perry 1, J. Fowler 2, G. Wilson 3, H. Wilson (conductor) 4, A. North 5, S. Baybutt 6, F. Lufkin 7, G. Bacon 8.

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St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

Scottish Association: Mr. W. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee, Angus.

Sheffield District Society: Mr. M. E. Wilson, 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

Shropshire Association: Mr. R. R. Pole, 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury, Salop.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. A. Card, 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford: Mr. H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

Society of Sherwood Youths: Miss I. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Surrey Association: Mr. C. H. Kippin, Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.

Sussex County Association: Mr. A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. L. Havard, 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. H. R. Trewella, St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro, Cornwall.

Warwickshire Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Greenways, Gypsy Lane, Nuneaton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth, Hants.

Worcestershire Association: Mr. J. R. Newman, Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcs.

Yorkshire Association: Mr. J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

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**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick to-morrow, Saturday.—H. Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. E. Abbey-Tindell a meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A by-meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.0 by kind invitation of Sir H. Miller, Bart. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Maidney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Laceby on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. A good meeting is hoped for.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sulgrave on Saturday, August 25th. Service 3 p.m. Number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Barking, Needham Market, on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30; also at Baylham (6). Tea at Barking Rectory at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Marlow (eight bells), on Saturday, August 25th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, August 25th, at Barnes, Surrey. Bells (8) at 3.30. Short service 5. Tea for those who notify me at 5.30. Meeting and more ringing after. Buses 9, 33, and 37 from town; S.R. station half-mile. A welcome for everyone.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**QUIET AFTERNOON** for ringers at Theddingworth, Leicester, Saturday, August 25th, commence 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 9d. each, ringing afterwards. For tea, notify E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Members will please make own arrangements for tea.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Saturday, August 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—A. G. Wallace, Monyash Rd., Bakewell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, August 25th. Service and unveiling of peal tablet 5 p.m., and tea 5.30 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 30th at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please notify me on or before Wednesday, August 29th? —H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dist. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Uplowman on Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present for tea kindly notify me by Monday, August 27th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., business after. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea, please, by August 28th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Budleigh on Saturday, September 1st. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than August 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at the Victoria Hotel, Whitley Road, adjoining the church, at 4.45 p.m., at a charge of about 1s. each. Members who intend to be present at tea will please notify the hon. district secretary not later than first post, Wednesday, the 29th. This being the last meeting of the district prior to the annual general meeting of the association, the election of a vice-president and an hon. district secretary is required. Short service at 6 p.m.—K. A. Nicholson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Nuns Moor Crescent, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington (six bells) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, September 1st, at All Saints' Church, Rainford. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Will ringers requiring tea notify Mr. J. W. Hall, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Wednesday, August 29th? This is an ideal tower for those ringers requiring Stedman practice. Please roll up.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Secretary.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Ringing at Cosby (six bells) from 6.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Bird, Broughton Astley, Leicester, for tea by Thursday previous.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. Bus from Worcester Street at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than the 28th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, September 1st. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Netheravon, Fittleton and Enford bells available during the afternoon. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. H. Smith, 22, High Street, Thatcham, near Newbury, by Wednesday, August 29th, for tea. Good bus service from Reading and Newbury.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone (eight bells) on Saturday, September 1st. A new peal tablet recording two long peals will be dedicated at this meeting. For tea (1s. 6d. each) please notify Mr. J. A. Brearley, Frank Hillcock Field, Deepcar. A good attendance is requested.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Clifton Keynes (six bells) on Saturday, September 1st. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. All ringers will be welcome. Those for tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingsford Grey on Saturday, September 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after. Those requiring tea (provided by the association) must notify me by not later than first post on Friday, August 31st.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Aldwincle on Saturday, September 1st. Service 4.30. Tea five o'clock. It is hoped members will make this a good meeting.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A joint meeting of the Burton and Derby Districts will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Tea provided only for those who send their names to J. H. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent, by Tuesday, August 28th. No name, no tea. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Dis. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available at 1 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 29th, latest.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Charlbury on Saturday, September 1st.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

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**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, September 1st, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than the 30th inst. if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 8th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at the Institute, Queen Street, 4.30. Service at 6 o'clock. Please note change of programme and send me numbers for tea by September 3rd.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dawlish on September 8th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s.). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by September 3rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d., arranged for all who send word to Mr. W. Billington, Hospital Cottages, Goosnargh, not later than Thursday. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 5th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. till 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., 3 Nall Street, Milnrow.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be on Saturday, September 29th, at 6 p.m., in Worcester. Further particulars later.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Severn Stoke, Worcester.

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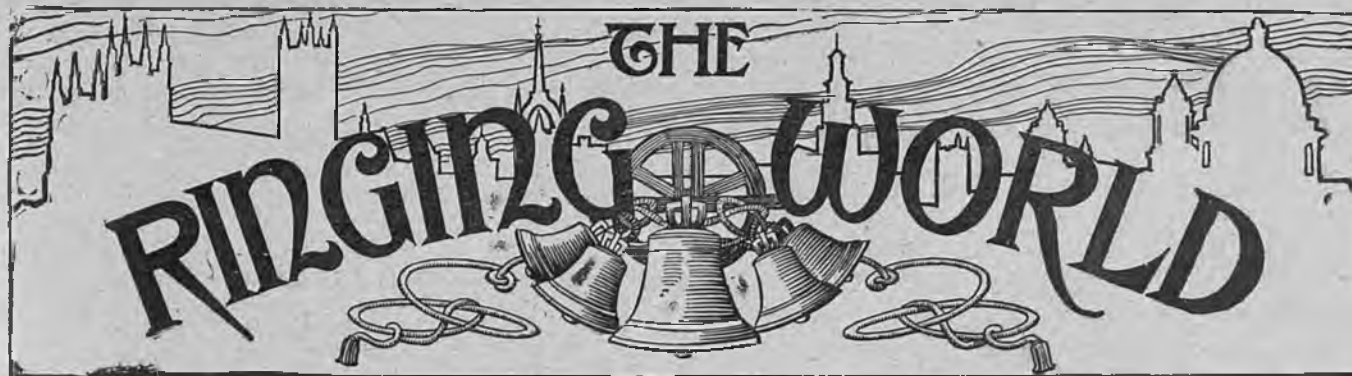
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## STEDMAN'S BELLS.

There is a good deal of truth in the remarks made in the letter which appeared in our last issue with regard to the bells at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, restored about three years ago by the ringers of this country in memory of Fabian Stedman. It has been disappointing to hear, through visiting ringers, that the bells have already suffered to some degree from neglect and our correspondent is probably correct when he attributes it mainly to the fact that there is no regular band at the church. It is true that a company of beginners started to learn ringing, but the warning of Mr. Denison Taylor, given first at a meeting of the Midland Counties Association and afterwards in the Central Council, ended in the practices being dropped. If beginners ought not to be taught on the bells for fear of damage, the only alternative, if they are to be rung, is to get together a more or less experienced band, but that, in Cambridge, is not apparently an easy matter. We would, however, endorse our correspondent's call to the ringers of Cambridge to make an endeavour to ring these historic bells regularly. It should be counted a privilege to do so, and it should be looked upon as a duty to keep them in proper trim.

The case of St. Benedict's is, of course, not singular. The same kind of trouble arises in other towers where wooden frames and fittings are installed, and no one is made responsible for keeping the many nuts tightened up. In every tower there should be a properly appointed steeplekeeper. If he be a man with a sense of responsibility he could be trusted to look after the bells, and report anything which is beyond his capacity to rectify. If he failed he should be 'sacked.' It is in the tower where there are the most enthusiastic ringers that the bells receive the greatest care and attention, and the best safeguard that the bells will be kept in efficient running order is the maintenance of a keen band. For their own sake, as well as from an appreciation of the importance of the charge entrusted to them, they keep the bells in order. And in the long run it pays a church to encourage their ringers, for bells well rung and cared for go much longer without serious overhaul than bells which hang unring in the tower for long periods. In the case of St. Benedict's we feel sure the best remedy would be the establishment of a local band, and we believe this could be set up without serious risk to the bells if the matter were approached in the right way. Three or four ringers of experience with a similar number of beginners could soon be made into a band competent to ring the bells, and with careful tuition there ought to be no risk to the bells themselves. It is only when beginners are

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DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 2	JOHN NEAL ... .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 3	SAMUEL BRAGG ... .. 8
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ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 5	JOHN A. BRAGG ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First peal in the method. Specially rung in honour of the wedding of Edgar C. Shepherd to Francis Joyce Findley, which took place at this church previous to the peal.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Treble	* GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
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HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

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Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

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JOHN LYDDIARD ... .. 3	WALTER SMITH ... .. 7
*HARRY KNIGHT ... .. 4	EDMOND MOUNTIER ... Tenor

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MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 6
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7
EDWARD J. BRAGG ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

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*FREDERICK PICKARD ... .. 4	†ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. † First peal in the method and first rung for the association in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th, and elected a member of the association previous to starting.

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SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 2	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 6
*J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	†WALTER ALLEN ... .. 7
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WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 7
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Slough. W. J. Davidson has now 'circled' the tower.

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THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7
MOLLIE REDPATH ... .. 4	†DENNIS C. RUSSELL ... Tenor

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\* First attempt for a peal away from the tenor. † First attempt for a peal.

## HARPENDEN HERTS.

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Tenor 15 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	BEN JARMAN ... .. 5
*HENRY JARMAN ... .. 2	*JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 6
*STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	*FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 7
ARTHUR DAY ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

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Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 5
GEORGE PIPER ... .. 2	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... .. 6
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C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 7
†JAMES L. BOYLIN ... 4	KENNETH J. DAVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor has now rung and called a peal from each bell in this tower.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Miss KITTY WILLERS ... Treble	ROBERT SMITH ... 5
MRS. C. IBBETT ... 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... 6
*HARRY PARKER ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7
*FRANK W. LACK ... 4	HERBERT FIELDS ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First attempt for Treble Bob Major. Rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, rung on August 31st, 1924.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

SAMUEL WARNE ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... 6
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
ALBERT L. DIXEY ... 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Wiffen, mother of the 7th and tenor ringers, on attaining her 78th birthday.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... Treble	*JOHN COLLEY ... 5
ROBERT LEWIS ... 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
*THOMAS YOUNG ... 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN ... 7
*ARTHUR MOSELEY ... 4	FREDERICK YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung in commemoration of the second anniversary of the rededication of these bells.

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WISEMAN ... Treble	FRED NEWCOMBE ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
WILLIAM COCKRAM ... 3	ERNEST STITCH ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4	FRANK VINEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Arranged for Masters Wiseman (Biddisham), Jones (Newport), Heath (Cardiff) and Stitch (Port Talbot), Mr. Chamberlain being on holiday in Devon.

THEALE, BERKS.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at Holy Trinity on Sunday, August 26th, for evensong: L. Caswell 1, T. W. Palmer 2, Robert Abery 3, S. Carter 4, Richard Abery (conductor) 5, F. Allen 6. First quarter-peal by the local band.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD ROWE ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 7
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM CLEATOR ... Treble	JAMES MARTIN ... 4
DAVID PARRY ... 2	JOHN BROWN ... 5
LESLIE CORTEEN ... 3	ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

\* First peal. Rung to commemorate the wedding of John McKee, one of the local band, who was married on August 11th, on which date the above ringers rang a quarter-peal. All the above are members of this tower.

UPLYME, DEVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK D. HISCOCK ... Treble	†STEPHEN LONG ... 4
†JOHN E. PHILBRICK ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
†CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 3	FRANK PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal in more than one method. First peal of Doubles on the bells. The treble ringer, who is 14 years of age, is a member of the Lyme Regis band, and is believed to be the youngest resident ringer in Dorset to ring a peal. The ringer of the 4th hails from Hollingbourne, Kent. After the peal the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Philbrick, and they wish to thank them for their hospitality.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven 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. 1 qr.

WILLIAM STAITHE ... Treble	ARTHUR STOPFORD ... 4
BASIL LATEAM ... 2	JOHN BALLINGER ... 5
THOMAS PRICE ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY PARKER ... Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	DAVID SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and to Mrs. H. Howard, the wife of Mr. Harry Howard, a popular member of this tower.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

In 21 methods, viz.: (1) Disley; (2) Morning Star; (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury; (4) Marple; (5) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV. and Old Oxford; (6) Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans, Braintree and Charlwood; (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM ATKINSON ... .. Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4
ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 2	JOHN WORTH ... .. 5
STANLEY ARDEN ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal and has been a ringer at Disley for 45 years. Arranged as a 21st birthday peal to Mr. Arden. It was also his first peal in 21 methods away from the treble.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITING ... .. 4
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 5
JAMES WAGHORN ... .. 3	JAMES BASSETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. SMITH.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. J. S. Wise and Miss K. W. Smith, sister of the conductor, which took place at the above church earlier in the day. The ringers of 4 and 5 are from Leatherhead.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

NORMAN BROWN ... .. Treble	GEORGE MILLS ... .. 4
THOMAS SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... 5
*THOMAS HORRIDGE ... .. 3	*ALBERT WANE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN BROWN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Doubles on the bells. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 5th hail from Wigan, 3rd from Liverpool, 2nd from Westhoughton; tenor ringer is local.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT 11, HOLYDYKE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 18 in G.

*JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 1-2	*WALTER GODDARD ... .. 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Umpire—Joseph Atkinson.

\* First peal 'in hand' on eight and first attempt.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Three Minutes.

AT 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

*JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 1-2	WALTER GODDARD ... .. 3-4
WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand' and first attempt. The conductor's 150th peal for the Guild.

LEWISHAM. —At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, August 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. James 1, W. Hewett 2, J. Bennett (conductor) 3, J. Dafters 4, J. E. Davis 5, H. Warnett, jun. (first quarter in the method) 6, J. Marks 7, C. W. Roberts 8.

**A DEVON GUILD TOUR.**

The following peals were rung for the Devonshire Guild during a week's tour in the county.

DAWLISH, DEVON.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ALFRED PYE ... .. 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal on the bells.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and One-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JESSE POPLETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EAST TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.

On Monday, August 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	*GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells and in the county.

PLYMPTON ST. MARY, DEVON.

On Tuesday, August 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BOVEY TRACY, DEVON.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 7
ALFRED PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6
*WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* 400th peal. First peal of Major on the bells. A complimentary peal to Mr. S. Taylor, of Oxford, who was married at Yarmton, Oxon, the same day.

## PAIGNTON, DEVON.

On Thursday, August 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6
ALFRED PYE ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPPARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## MARYCHURCH, DEVON.

On Thursday, August 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## BRIXHAM, DEVON.

On Friday, August 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	ALFRED PYE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

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

\* 200th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

## MORETON HAMPSTEAD, DEVON.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
ALFRED PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## MR. JOHN G. NASH'S 100 PEALS.

By ringing a peal of Stedman Caters, Mr. John G. Nash rang his first century of peals, made up as follows:—

Grandsire Doubles ... ..	4
Minor in three methods ... ..	1
Bob Minor ... ..	2
Cambridge Surprise Minor ... ..	1
Grandsire Triples ... ..	2
Stedman Triples ... ..	6
Bob Major ... ..	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	2
London Surprise Major ... ..	23
Bristol Major ... ..	15
Superlative Major ... ..	6
Cambridge Major ... ..	9
Rutland Major ... ..	1
'Spliced' Surprise Major in four methods ... ..	6
Grandsire Caters ... ..	1
Stedman Caters ... ..	7
Cambridge Surprise Royal ... ..	10
'Spliced' Yorkshire, Pudsey and Cambridge Royal ... ..	1
Stedman Cinques ... ..	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus ... ..	1

Total ... .. 100

Rung in 62 different towers for eight associations.

## SERVICES AT RINGING MEETINGS.

## PROS AND CONS DISCUSSED BY MANCHESTER DISTRICT RINGERS.

A quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, August 18th. Though not overflowing in numbers, the ringers present represented most of the towers in the branch, and also included visitors from West Houghton, Warrington and the Bolton Branch.

A service was conducted by the Rector (Canon F. W. Cooper, M.A.), who also gave an address. Tea was afterwards taken in a nearby cafe. The business of the meeting was held in the tower, with the branch president, Mr. C. Ollier, presiding.

At the request of the chairman, the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Sam Greenhalgh, Pendleton.

The following places were chosen for forthcoming meetings: September 15th, practice meeting at Miles Plating; November 17th, quarterly meeting at Reddish. The October meeting is left out on account of the annual dinner of the association, which is being held in Manchester on October 27th.

Mr. Christopher Gudgeon, Worsley, was elected branch president for the next two years, the retiring president (the chairman) being given a vote of thanks for his services during his term of office.

A rather interesting discussion followed on the question of services at ringing meetings other than annual meetings. It was said that some ringers might prefer to spend more time ringing instead of attending a service which was much shortened and often without music, and that the majority of ringers had opportunity to attend service at their own particular church on the recognised days. It was pointed out, too, that it might be at great inconvenience to himself that a clergyman consented to conduct a service on a Saturday afternoon when he might be taking advantage of a few hours' rest before the start of a day upon which he might have to attend two or three services. To find only a very small congregation at such a service, for which he might also have gone to the trouble of preparing an address, must be very discouraging indeed to any cleric. This point of view was agreed and disagreed with.

At the close of the meeting votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and the local ringers.

## JOHN BUNYAN AND BELLRINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Dr. Brown may not have known why Bunyan gave up ringing, but surely Mr. Daniell is wrong when he says that Bunyan did not know himself. He knew very well. It was because such secular things as dancing and ringing did not accord with the ideals of the religious life held by the stricter sort of the Puritans. Such ideals are not popular nor understood nowadays. We do not agree with them; but they are neither unintelligible nor unreasonable; and they were held by thousands of people for many years. I, myself, who came of an East Anglian Puritan family, was quite familiar with them as a child.

Bunyan says that his conscience told him that bellringing was wrong. He tried to compromise. He 'forced himself' to leave it; yet his mind hankored. Though he dare not ring, yet he would go and look on. His conscience still told him he was doing wrong; but he defied his conscience and 'forced himself' still to go to the belfry. Until at last the fear of God's anger finally drove him out of the Exercise.

Here are quotations from two books written by prominent Puritans, one just before Bunyan's time, the other in the middle of the 19th century:—

'Not long since in Bedfordshire whilst two were in the belfry tolling of a bell there was suddenly heard a clap of thunder and a flash of lightning was seen by some of them that sat in the church porch coming through a dark lane and flashing in their faces which much terrified them and passing through the porch into the belfry it tripped up his heels that was tolling the bell and struck him stark dead.' That is given as an example of God's anger against Sunday bellringing.

The other author is writing of Bunyan. He says: 'A new source of uneasiness now presented itself in his practice of bellringing an occupation requiring severe labour usually performed on the Lord's Day; and judging from the general character of bellringers it has a most injurious effect both as regards morals and religion. We are not to conclude from the example of a man who in after years proved so great and excellent a character that under all circumstances bellringing and dancing are immoral. In those days such sports and pastimes usually took place on the Lord's Day and however the Church of England might sanction it yet it is now universally admitted that it was commanding a desecration of the Sabbath and letting loose a flood of vice and profaneness. In themselves on proper days for recreation such sports may be innocent, but if they engender an unholy thought or occupy time needed for self examination and devotion they ought to be avoided as sinful hindrances to a spiritual life.'

That was the general Puritan attitude towards bellringing, and it was so strong that even men like Ellaconbe, who was not a Puritan, wrote and spoke against Sunday bellringing.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT RAYLEIGH.**

A fine afternoon favoured the gathering at Rayleigh on Saturday, and this no doubt brought many from distant parts, who on arrival were cordially greeted by the Rector, this being the first meeting since his induction to the living. The bells were soon going, various touches being rung till 4.30, when the service, conducted by the Rector, was held, after which a move was made to the Church Hall for tea.

The Rector presided at the business meeting. Four new members were elected, and Wanstead was chosen as the place for the next meeting, the district annual, the tentative date being November 17th. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. C. Sowter for allowing the use of the tower and bells, conducting the service and presiding at the tea and meeting; to Mrs. Sowter for kindly, at a moment's notice, accompanying the hymns, etc., at the service; and to Mr. Stewart, hon. secretary of the local band, for making all arrangements, etc. The Rector and Mr. Stewart responded.

The tower was again visited and opportunity given to all present to have a pull in their favourite method, of which full advantage was taken. The hon. secretary announced that the annual joint meeting of the Essex, Hertford and Middlesex Associations with the Ladies' Guild would be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 29th, and extended a hearty welcome to all to attend.

During the afternoon and evening upwards of 40 members were present from Prittlewell, Broomfield, Rayleigh, Great Baddow, Woodford, Bentley, Corringham, Fobbing, Springfield, Hornchurch, Leytonstone, Romford, Danbury, Wanstead, South Weald and Leigh-on-Sea, and touches in various methods, ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise, were rung.

**BURBAGE RINGERS VISIT DUKERIES.**

The St. Catherine's ringers and friends had their first outing on Saturday to the Dukeries. Starting at 1.30 p.m., a very pleasant journey was made by bus through Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham, and then on to Mansfield Woodhouse, where the ringers rang on the peal of six. Tea was served at the Institute.

Afterwards the journey was resumed with a delightful run through Sherwood Forest and the Dukeries, where the famous Lime Tree Avenue and other places of interest were greatly admired. The return journey was via Six Hills and Leicester, home being reached about 11.30 p.m. after a most happy and delightful outing.

**TWO SATURDAYS IN KENT.**

A 'TOWER-GRABBER' IS CONVERTED TO A NEW METHOD.

'The Garden of England' was at its best on Saturdays, July 28th and August 25th, when six youthful members of the N.U.T.S. paid visits to six towers on these respective dates. The first run was to Cowden, Haver and Chiddingstone. Leaving Bromley Common at 2.45 p.m., Cowden was reached at 3.45 p.m. The church is pretty, but the bells might go a bit better for their weight (tenor 8½ cwt.). A 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung in 25 minutes by \*F. C. Shorter 1, R. H. Vigor 2, H. Blackett 3, E. Barrett 4, \*J. G. A. Prior 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. \* First 720 of Oxford. Tea was taken, but first an exciting game of clock golf was played by the London County secretary and the Forest Hillite, the former winning by one stroke! A move was then made to Haver, and another 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung by A. P. Cannon 1, H. Blackett 2, F. C. Shorter 3, R. H. Vigor (conductor) 4, E. Barrett 5, J. G. A. Prior 6. Afterwards a course of Cambridge Surprise. The last tower for the day was Chiddingstone, and the lovely old-world village was much enjoyed, as also were the touches on the fine peal of eight (tenor 19½ cwt.). Mr. E. H. Everest and his son, Mr. L. Everest, kindly met the visitors and rang Stedman and Kent Major. Mr. Cooke, who had kindly come from Haver, also took part. A little refreshment and then home to bed (but only for four). The golfers spent the night in Epping Forest prior to a trip into Suffolk on the following Sunday.

The next trip was to West Malling, Snodland and Birling. The same band, excepting Messrs. A. W. Durham and J. Roberts, of Lamberhurst, came instead of Mr. F. C. Shorter. West Malling was reached at 4 o'clock, and the party were kindly met by Messrs. Slowman and Tucker. Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob were rung.

After tea came the 'tit-bit' of the day. Snodland are a splendid peal of six, with tenor 12 cwt., and a capital 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung: \*H. Blackett 1, A. W. Durham 2, J. G. A. Prior 3, \*R. H. Vigor 4, \*E. Barrett (conductor) 5, \*A. P. Cannon 6. \* First 720 of Surprise. It was also the first 720 of Surprise on the bells. This was a great pleasure to all concerned, especially the tenor-man, who now thinks Surprise 'great stuff'! The average age of the band was 19 years and all were under 22. They would be interested to know if they are the youngest band to ring a 720 Surprise in Kent.

The last tower was Birling, and on a left-handed peal of eight (tenor 12½ cwt.) call changes and Oxford and Kent Minor were rung, but the ropes were rather on the thick side. The tenor rope would do credit to Southwark tenor (50 cwt.). And so to bed, with happy thoughts for past and future trips.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ten peals were rung on the Devon tour, which concluded last week. There were only three failures. At West Teignmouth the fifth rope slipped wheel five times in a quarter of an hour; at Ipplepen the tenor was quite unpealable; at Ugborough the 7th clapper broke after 35 minutes.

After being a ringer at Disley, Cheshire, for 45 years, Mr. William Atkinson scored his first peal last Saturday at the age of 61. He rang the treble to seven 720's of Treble Bob Minor, in which 21 methods were spliced. In contrast, the peal celebrated the 21st birthday of another of the ringers, Mr. Stanley Arden.

Believed to be the youngest resident Dorset ringer to score a peal, Frank Hiscock, of Lyme Regis, took part in a peal of Doubles at Uplyme last week at the age of 14.

Archdeacon Howson, who has been such a good friend to the Lancashire Association, is leaving Liverpool, and a 'farewell' meeting is to be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on September 8th, when the Archdeacon hopes to meet as many members as possible.

With reference to the remarks respecting 'quick' peals at South Wigston in this column last week, 'E. M.' writes: 'As the ringer of the treble in the 2 hours 44 minutes' peal (which is commemorated by a tablet), I can only say it was 'perfect' and ably conducted by H. Broughton. Further, I am assured by the conductor of the 2 hours 43 minutes' peal recorded last week that that also was a good peal . . . nuff said!'

One hundred and fourteen years ago on Sept. 2nd next, the first peal was rung upon the bells of St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford. It was a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes, by the Junior Society of College Youths, and conducted by Henry Symondson, sen. It is recorded on a tablet in the belfry.

## MR. J. T. DYKE'S MOTORING ACCIDENT.

### POLICE WITHDRAW MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

The charge of manslaughter which was brought against Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, the hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, as the result of a motoring accident in which he was involved in Northampton, when a motor-cyclist was fatally injured, was reduced to one of driving without due care and attention and passing traffic lights at red, when the case came on for hearing at Northampton Borough Police Court on Wednesday week.

The police withdrew the more serious charge, the prosecuting solicitor stating that no evidence could be produced to show that Mr. Dyke deliberately and wantonly passed the traffic signals at red.

The evidence was that on a night of drizzling rain, Mr. Dyke approached the traffic signals, which turned to red just one or two seconds before he reached them. He collided with the motor-cyclist on the other side of the cross-roads. On behalf of Mr. Dyke, it was stated that he did not see the traffic lights at all. The drizzling rain obscured his windscreen and he was undoubtedly confused by the street lamps. He was horrified when he found he had passed the red light and hit a motor-cycle.

The magistrates, while agreeing that the police had done the right thing in not proceeding with the case of manslaughter, imposed the maximum penalty of £20 and costs.

## REWARDS FOR BEGINNERS.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I quite agree with 'Reflex.' There is, very often, no incentive to beginners to continue ringing after they have mastered 'rounds.' If certificates were issued for the first plain course, with spaces for the foreman to sign when the pupil has rung some other method or methods, this would lead up to a medal for the first peal and bars for each successive peal in other methods. I am sure this would put more heart into a learner and encourage him to continue ringing. The Central Council could issue the certificates to the foreman and charge a small sum for them—say 1d. for certificates and 6d. for medals.

Byways, Hurst.

I. H. ROE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at South Shields on Saturday, August 18th, when there was a fair attendance, members being present from Newcastle, Whickham, Chester-le-Street, Gateshead, Sunderland, Kirkby Stephen and West Hartlepool. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire and Shedman Triples, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

Tea was held in the Institute, and after enjoying the good things provided, the Rev. Hudson Barker heartily welcomed the ringers to South Shields. He said it was always a pleasure to him to be at ringers' gatherings. He was shortly moving to another living near Berwick, but he hoped always to be able to attend the association's annual meetings, as he had done for many years.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Gateshead on Saturday, November 3rd.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the ladies for providing tea concluded the meeting, after which the ringers made their way back to the belfry.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### UNIQUE GIFTS FOR AUSTRALIAN RINGERS.

When the band of English ringers who are to tour Australia leave these shores in a fortnight's time they will take with them among other things gift albums for Melbourne and Hobart. The albums contain photographs of Cathedrals and notable churches which, we feel sure, will be greatly appreciated by the ringers in the Commonwealth. The gifts have been organised by 'The Ringing World,' and will be taken out to Australia as a token of goodwill from the ringers of this country. Practically every ringing organisation has joined the scheme, so that it is completely representative, and the collection of pictures is not only valuable, but vividly illustrates all that is typical in English ecclesiastical architecture and historically important in the story of ringing in these islands, as far as photographs are available. The albums, indeed, are unique.

The ringing guilds and associations throughout the British Isles readily co-operated with the Editor of 'The Ringing World' in making up this very fine collection of pictures, and to those secretaries who have given their willing assistance and often gone to much trouble he expresses his sincere thanks.

### FAMOUS CATHEDRALS AND CHURCHES.

The collection has been made up in duplicate. One copy will be presented to the Melbourne Cathedral Society, at whose invitation the trip is being made, and the other to the Hobart Society in Tasmania. All the pictures are of whole plate size (about 8 inches by 6 inches), and they are mounted in loose leaf albums. They include all the famous cathedrals with rings of bells, from ancient Canterbury, York and Durham, to modern Truro, from St. Paul's Cathedral in London to St. Patrick's in Dublin, from St. Mary's in Edinburgh to Winchester in Hampshire. The beautiful spires of Lichfield, the mellow richness of Exeter, the massiveness of Hereford and Wells, and all the other glorious possessions which we own in our Cathedrals are mirrored in these albums. St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where the first peal was rung in England; Christ Church, Waterford, where the first peal was rung in Ireland; St. Bene't's in Cambridge, where Fabian Stedman rang; St. Bride's in London which knew Annable; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where Shipway was a ringer; Ilkley in Yorkshire, where Jasper Snowdon rests; Appleton, Painswick, Ashton-under-Lyne, Southwark, Loughborough, and St. Martin's, Birmingham, where many historic records have been made; these and others from 38 English counties, and from Wales, Scotland and Ireland form the collection of pictures—about 125 in each—which will be taken to our ringing brethren in Australia with the fraternal greetings of the whole of the Exercise in these islands.

In each of the albums will be a title page and a specially written introduction. The pictures have been arranged with the London Cathedrals and churches first, followed by those of the counties in alphabetical order, with the Cathedral (where there is one) coming first and the churches in alphabetical order of their place names. The albums are of the loose leaf variety, and the black and white prints are on black mounts, which show up the photographs to splendid advantage, while the captions are printed in white ink.

The following list of the organisations which have contributed to the albums shows how representative is the gift to our ringing brethren in Melbourne and Tasmania.

Ancient Society of College Youths.  
Barnsley and District Society.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.  
Bedfordshire Association.  
Bristol United Guilds.  
Chester Diocesan Guild.  
Cumberland Association.  
Devonshire Guild.  
Doncaster and District Society.  
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.  
Ely Diocesan Association.  
Essex Association.  
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.  
Guildford Diocesan Guild.  
Halifax and District Association.  
Hereford Diocesan Guild.  
Hertford County Association.  
Irish Association.  
Kent County Association.  
Ladies' Guild.  
Lancashire Association.  
Leeds and District Society.  
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.  
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.  
London County Association.  
Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.  
Midland Counties Association.  
National Police Guild.  
Norwich Diocesan Association.  
North Notts Association.  
North Wales Association.  
Oxford Diocesan Guild.  
Oxford Society.  
Oxford University Society.  
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.  
Rannmoor Society, Sheffield.  
Romney Marsh and District Guild.  
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.  
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.  
Scottish Association.  
Sheffield District Society.  
Shropshire Association.  
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.  
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.  
Society of Sherwood Youths (Nottingham).  
Suffolk Guild.  
Surrey Association.  
Sussex County Association.  
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.  
Truro Diocesan Guild.  
Warwickshire Guild.  
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.  
Worcestershire Association.  
Yorkshire Association.

### THE PRESS TAKES NOTICE.

The coming tour is receiving notice far outside ringing circles, and the Press is devoting attention to it, both in this country and the Commonwealth.

Last Saturday the 'Times' had an article upon the subject, in which was quoted many of the facts about Australian bells which have appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

The Press Bureau of the Church of England, in the weekly issue of 'Church Notes' to the Press, has included a paragraph which is prefaced with the remark that 'No visitors from the Motherland to Melbourne, Victoria, where the centenary of that city is being celebrated this year, are likely to have a warmer welcome than the party of English bellringers which leaves the Thames on Friday, September 14th.'

### A 720 IN NEW ZEALAND.

On Thursday, July 19th, at the Cathedral, Christchurch, New Zealand, 720 Bob Minor was rung on the front six bells by G. N. Sloan 1, G. A. Lighthurn 2, S. H. Barnett 3, G. H. Claydon 4, C. Wright 5, F. H. Crawley (conductor) 6. Specially arranged for Mr. F. H. Crawley, of Crewe, who was visiting New Zealand.

Christchurch Cathedral has a peal of ten by Taylor and Co., opened in 1881. The tenor is 32 cwt. and the 'go' is fair, considering the length of time the bells have been in.

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED.

At St. Thomas' Parish Church, Newport, Isle of Wight, on August 24th, on the 80th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of this church by the Prince Consort, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Walter Scott 1, Edward Drake 2, William Chambers 3, Arthur Drake 4, Walter Scott, jun., 5, Frank Taylor 6, William Upton (conductor) 7, William G. Scott 8.

## THE FIRST PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES GARTHON'S EARLY COMPOSITION.

The 'Belfry Gossip' note last week recording the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Norwich in 1718 is worth amplifying, for it is probable that few ringers of to-day have any real knowledge of that performance. It was the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung; indeed, as far as is known, only one true peal of any kind had been rung before it and that was the peal of Bob Triples at Norwich in 1715.

The production of a true peal of Grandsire Triples had long eluded all the best brains among the early composers. The peal board at St. Peter Mancroft belfry itself records that 'that Harmonious Peal called Grandsire Triples have been ye study of ye most ingenious men of this Age, who delight in ye art of Variations, but all their projections have proved errors until it was undertook by JOHN GARTHON, who with long Study and Practice have perfectly discovered those Intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all ringers in England.'

Whatever John Garthon's composition was, it was long lost sight of, and after a time its authenticity was doubted. Shipway in his 'Art of Ringing' (1816) remarked that the honour of having produced the first true peal was claimed by London and Norwich, and quotes the record produced above, but throws doubt upon it by the comment:—

'Without pretending to decide, I shall briefly remark that if the peal had been rung in Norwich in 1718, it appears unaccountably strange that information on so important a discovery had not reached London in 1751 and that the composition of the same peal should then have been considered original and generally attributed to Mr. Holt. It is also further remarkable that of the three peals, viz., Bob Triples in 1715, Grandsire Triples in 1718 and Stedman Triples in 1731, said to have been rung at St. Peter's Mancroft, not one can be found to ascertain the truth, whereas Mr. Holt's peals are universally rung and indisputably correct.'

At that time it was generally accepted in London that the first true peal of Grandsire Triples was Holt's Original, called from manuscript by the author himself, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 1751.

'Clavis Campanalogia,' published in 1788, in which Holt's peals were printed, said:—

'Ever since Grandsire Triples hath been discovered or practised, 5,040 changes manifestly appeared to view; but to reach the lofty summit of this great climax was a difficulty many had encountered, though none succeeded, and those great names, viz., Hardham, Condell, Anable, etc., who are now recorded on the ancient rolls of fame, had each exhausted their skill and patience in this grand pursuit to no other purpose than that of being convinced that either the task itself was an utter impossibility or (otherwise) that all their united efforts were unequal to it; and it is possible that had it not been for the author of whom we are now about to speak (Holt), this valuable piece of treasure would at this day be fast locked up in the barren womb of sterile obscurity.'

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the probable reason why Annable had not produced a peal of Grandsire Triples was because he declined to accept the use of singles in the method. He had applied himself to obtaining a peal by bobs and plain leads only, and it was nearly a hundred and fifty years later that this was proved to be an impossibility. Had Annable chosen to use singles it is not unlikely he would have been as successful as Holt, for his general knowledge of the science appears to have been much more extensive than Holt's.

But to return to Garthon. His composition, as we have said, was completely lost sight of, but in the middle of last century came to light from two different sources, which give it an authenticity which can hardly be disputed.

Henry Hubbard, at one time a member of the Norwich Scholars, and author of a work on Change Ring-

ing, went to live at Leeds about the year 1845, and the then conductor of the Leeds society showed him a copy of a peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by Garthon, of Norwich, which peal was said to be false. The figures had come into the hands of the Leeds ringer through William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor and celebrated leader of the Sherwood Youths, who had it from his ancestors, who were said to be in some way related to Garthon. Hubbard carefully went through the peal, but failed to find it false. This information was published in the sporting paper 'Bell's Life,' which, in the days before 'Church Bells' made its appearance, was the only medium of general ringing information.

But confirmation of the facts came to light very soon after when, in an examination of the Bowtell Collection of Manuscripts in Downing College Library, three volumes on bellringing were found among them. They were the work of Dr. Charles Mason, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Woodwardian Professor of Fossils, who died on December 18th, 1770, at the age of 72 years. The name book of the College Youths shows that he was admitted a member of that society in 1727. He was also a member of the Cambridge Youths and rang at least one peal at Great St. Mary's. Among the mass of ringing material in Dr. Mason's MS. are the figures of Garthon's peal, and here they are:—

### THE ORIGINAL PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY JOHN GARTHON.

234567	1	2	3	435267	1	2	3
247563	—	*	—	357462	—	—	—
273564	—	*	—	372465	—	*	—
734265	—	—	—	725364	—	—	—
345762	—	—	—	254763	—	—	—
452367	—	—	—	543267	—	—	—
427365	—	*	—	537264	—	*	—
275463	—	—	—	574263	—	*	—
753264	—	—	—	743562	—	—	—
534762	—	—	—	432765	—	—	—
342567	—	—	—	325467	—	—	—

The above twice repeated would come round at the quarter-peal, but by the substitution of a fifth place bob for the common one at the 30th course-end, the course-end 1435267 is produced.

The mark \* represents a fifth place bob.

The above ten courses twice repeated, with the substitution of a bob-single at the 60th course-end, produces 1432567, the end of the first half-peal. Both halves are called alike.

The bob single is made thus:—  
3145267  
1345276  
1432567

It will be seen that the peal was on the three-lead course plan and it may be that the reason why it was ignored in certain quarters was that it contained calls not recognised in the Grandsire method. When the composition reappeared in the '70's of last century considerable controversy raged round it, and there were many who held that, while the Norwich peal was the first true peal of 'Triples,' to Holt must go the credit of the first true peal of Grandsire Triples.

### CENTENARIAN'S DEATH.

At St. Margaret's Church, Horsmonden, on Sunday, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Minor was rung with muffled clappers as a token of respect to Mrs. Briscoe, aged 102 years, who died recently in Ireland. She was the elder daughter of the Rev. Sir William Smith Marriott, a former Rector, and aunt of the present Rector of Horsmonden. The ringers were Thomas Hoadley 1, Ernest C. Lambert (conductor) 2, Robert T. Lambert 3, Fredk. J. Lambert 4, Edwin Bromley 5. A. W. Durham 6.

## A TRIP IN SOMERSET.

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF G. W. F.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3rd.—Leaving London at about 3 o'clock, and travelling by road with S. H. G., my wife and I reached Wrington (after a few stops) at about 8.30. At the Golden Lion we found Canon Coleridge, Bert and his pipe, J. H. B., now of Haslemere, and the ever-smiling Joe. These had just returned from Chew Magna, where a peal of Bob Major had been rung, the band being Bert, J. H. B. and a Bristol friend, assisted by Stephen, Wilfred, Chris and Brian (bright young people, late of Cambridge) and a doctor by the name of Poole, who after many years has seen the error of his ways and has now returned to the ringing fold.

We also found out from a member of the peal band that some cider is brewed and some just made. The 'just made' variety did not seem to suit all tastes.

Of the party, Stephen, Wilfred, Chris and Brian and the worthy Doctor are staying at Cold Ashton; under the watchful eye of the Rector, Canon Wood, and, we understand, some of them are camping on the lawn (presumably to give the worms and mosquitoes a treat).



WRINGTON'S SPLENDID TOWER,  
WHICH CONTAINS A GLORIOUS RING OF TEN BELLS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th.—Was awakened by a mighty splashing and took my place in the queue. Judging from the various shapes and sizes of people, cannot understand how the water companies arrived at a depth of 5in. of water as being sufficient for a bath. Was greeted at breakfast by J. H. B., who had taken Canon Coleridge to Bristol, and S. H. G., who had taken the morning air (he complained of being disturbed by the heavy traffic).

To Chewton Mendip, where we awaited the arrival of the camping party, who were long delayed. Started for Stedman Triples, but these musical bells were not attuned to this method. Shame on me for not doing as my better half told me. Attempted a course of Stedman Caters in hand—minus handbells—to the great amusement of the party. In the afternoon to Ditchat, where, after a false alarm as to sickness hard by the church, the good Vicar gave us permission to start, and we rang a good peal of Cambridge with Wilfred in charge. After tea we enjoyed a most excellent tour of Shepton Mallet, Wells, Cheddar Gorge and Burrington Combe—a stately procession of four cars for the most part, although one took the wrong turning, whilst another, the second in order, stopped on the steepest part of Cheddar to the amusement(?) of those following. Stopped in Wells to let the engines cool down, and arrived back at Wrington to find the Canon back from his parish, where he had been to conduct a funeral. The camping party stayed to supper and the conversation was for the most part on ringing. Strange!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5th.—All to church, where the Canon celebrated at 8 o'clock. After breakfast rang for morning service, the first touch sounding very fine, and being at the Canon's request two courses of Bob Minor on the back six, with Joe on the tenor giving a fine exhibition of how a bell of 37 cwt. should be turned in. J. H. B. set off to pay a sick visit some 40 miles away, and S. H. G. went much the same distance to visit the land of his youth. The Canon went to church to hear somebody else preach for a change.

Only four to lunch, after which three slept whilst awaiting the return of the pilgrim, who was to convey us all to Cold Ashton. On reaching this rightly named place, were entertained by Canon and Mrs. Wood, to whom many thanks, inspected the small son and heir of our worthy Stephen, the Doctor settling the question as to whether he should be awakened. Rang handbells in honour of the occasion. After, to St. Mary Redcliffe in great haste and rain to ring for evensong. Attended service, but could not hear the sermon, being too far away. Rumour has it that some of the party slept. Afterwards rang Cambridge Royal. Were very grateful to our Bristol friends for making arrangements, and also meeting us. Back to Wrington by a different route in very wet conditions (raining), with some discussion as to whether we were going the right way.

After supper and talk (again mostly on ringing) to bed, when it was found that somebody had been busy plying needle and thread sewing up holes in legs and arms of sleeping garments. Some branches of a nearby monkey tree had also found their way into our beds (points for ringers). One member received scratches—commotion, hot water and iodine. Flour covered our pillows, whilst one of our number had no sleeping garments at all. Our good hostess came to the rescue in this case with a silk nightie, but the unfortunate one, although managing to get it mostly on, required the assistance of J. H. B. to get it off again. (A shoe horn is being taken on the next trip.)

MONDAY, AUGUST 6th.—Early astir and in the belfry at 9.30, where we rang an excellent peal of Stedman Caters with my better half conducting. Lunch, after which left for Trowbridge in S. H. G.'s car, with the strangest trailer ever. Terrific excitement caused in Wrington. Trailer detached and carried inside for the rest of the journey—very useful, and would form a useful addition to any household. Arrived at Trowbridge about 4 o'clock. A very pleasing twelve, but something must be done to control the sound. Service with address by Canon Coleridge. Tea with Salvation Army in charge. Overs at 4d. per lb. Trowbridge a place for all to imitate, all creeds and people help each other. Warned to stand in broadcasting touch—very nervous about it. Met lots of people. Met Sam for the first time. Hope listeners were not too critical. We were only a scratch band, as the Trowbridge men were 'starring' on the air. A wonderful afternoon. Chris and Brian very sportingly took us back to Wrington and afterwards returned to Cold Ashton (worms had a late supper). Party now one short, as S. H. G. has gone home.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7th.—To Wraxall, and again Stedman Triples was apparently unknown to many of us. Am giving my wife instruction in this method on my return home. The listeners were mystified. In and out of course—'nuf sed. Joe converts Stephen's three-cylinder car into one of four cylinders—brakes inspected. Bert's gone and Miss Williams has joined us. Lunch at Battleaxes. The Canon's gone—oh these partings! To Barrow Gurney. Bells neglected. All hands on deck (or bell frame). Spanners, oil, splicing, etc. (bell-founders' inquiries invited). Tenor rope very short. Search for suitable box to perch Joe on. This very weak, but hassocks inside prevented collapse. Only a single rope end for Joe, a petrol wash and a good peal of Double Norwich. Tea for the ladies. More good-byes. Nearly the end of the trip. Back to Wrington.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8th.—J. H. B. left this morning and we are the remnants.

We are all grateful for the many kindnesses of clergy and local ringers, who gave us such pleasure, and we must not forget Stephen, who planned the trip. We are looking forward to another visit to 'Ciderland' next year.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MORETON CORBET.

The most successful meeting of recent years was held on Saturday, August 11th, when over 70 ringers turned up at the six-bell tower of Moreton Corbet. Only half had notified the secretary, but the Rev. E. C. Pigot and his staff were equal to the occasion, and two relays enjoyed a most satisfactory tea.

While some were enjoying the pleasures of the Vicarage garden and bowling green, others were ringing on the delightful peal.

At the business meeting the Rev. T. Ealand, Coalbrookdale, presided. Very hearty thanks were accorded the Rev. E. C. Pigot for his hospitality, which made the meeting so very pleasant.

A letter from the Rev. F. Tennison thanking the society for the cheque received was read. The proposed visit of the Central Council to Shrewsbury next year was discussed.

Methods rung during the day included Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor. The next meeting is to be held at Market Drayton on October 6th.

### THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS—1934.

#### 'CONQUERORS' FROM KENT.

Thanks to the untiring energy and enthusiasm of Dick Jenkins, the Dartford secretary, a party of ringers and friends from Dartford and district repeated ancient history by making a successful attack upon Hastings on Saturday, August 25th.

An early start was made, and after collecting the would-be 'conquerors' at various points between Erith and Gravesend, the war chariot sped on its way. The first call was made at Brenchley, where the good old peal of eight were soon set going. Touches were brought round in various methods, but Cambridge came to grief after some quite good striking. The next stage of the journey carried the party to Horsmonden, and during the run an unusual kind of tobacco was brought into action, and rumour has it that a bit of the tail end of the massive tenor rope at Brenchley had found its way into a certain person's tobacco pouch.

At Horsmonden some of the inexperienced ringers found the slow time of the heavy six rather strange, and consequently the ringing was not too good. Once more the 'conquerors' came to grief at Cambridge Minor, but Stedman and Grandsire provided some good ringing. Saleshurst was the next stop, and here an amusing incident occurred. The bell ropes were lowered from the ceiling, and, after carefully trying one or two, it was found that the bells had been raised, so it was decided to get going to Grandsire. As the treble struck up, the 'big shot' on the tenor jokingly remarked that all the bells might not be up, and sure enough the front seven went off into perfect rounds, leaving the aforementioned 'big shot' frantically lugging at the tenor in hopes of getting it off, when it was actually 'down.' After some good ringing and another failure at Cambridge, another 'Eight Bells' were visited, where courses of meat pies were run through, and, as far as can be ascertained, there were no break-downs. The handbells were set going to finish off the ringing there.

The next stage brought the company's advance right on to the battlefield, where they dismissed for the afternoon. Some of the more venturesome, assisted by a certain bathing belle, decided to try the bathing pool, while others tried a trip on the briny.

After tea the massive tower of All Saints was visited and a fine ring of eight found there. Here, among touches in various methods, the elusive course of Cambridge was finally rung. The only stop on the homeward journey was made at Battle, where the ringing of the day was concluded on the peal of eight. The last touch rung was a fine one of Double Norwich, in which the heavy bells were heard to advantage. The rest of the journey home was by no means a dull affair, as 'well-oiled' throats, ably led by an 'old salt,' gave vent to some of the old favourites. Home was reached at about midnight, after what all voted had been yet another grand outing.

Thanks are due to all who had the bells ready at the various towers and to all who helped to make the day a wonderful success.

### ON THE BANKS OF THE THAMES.

#### SONNING DEANERY RINGERS VISIT THREE TOWERS.

Some 15 members of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild participated in an afternoon outing on Saturday, three towers being visited. South Stoke was reached at 3 p.m., when the party was welcomed by the veteran, Mr. J. Carter, and some of the local band. Various methods, including Cambridge Minor, were rung, after which the Vicar, who, by the way, is 89 years of age, and his son-in-law served the party with light refreshments, which kindness was much appreciated.

At Whitchurch the party was welcomed by an old friend, Canon Long, late of Wokingham. A bountiful tea was partaken of as guests of the Rector, who was heartily thanked by the branch secretary. Good use was made of the easy-going ring of six in its peculiar wooden tower.

The next tower visited was Goring-on-Thames, where three old friends were waiting to receive the party, viz., Messrs. J. Bower, A. Wiggins and E. Langley. After a photograph of the party, an hour and a half was spent in touches in the standard methods on this delightful ring of eight recently restored and augmented by Mears and Stainbank.

On the way home a call was made at the residence of Mr. Langley, in a bell-less parish, who kindly provided refreshments. A chat over old times and experiences was greatly enjoyed. The outing was a memorable one; kindness and a cordial welcome was received from all concerned. As one ringer expressed it, 'A lot of pleasure in a short space of time.'

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Washington on Saturday, August 18th, when 26 members were present, including two lady ringers, one from Capel, Surrey, and one from Wansstead, Essex. The following towers were represented: Arundel, Billingshurst, Hoene, Lindfield, Shoreham, Warnham, West Grinstead and Rudgwick. A very good practice was had, ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise Minor. An excellent tea was partaken of at Mr. Settatree's tea rooms, and Mr. Walter Charman presided at the subsequent business meeting.

After votes of thanks to the chairman and the Rev. Patrick for the use of the bells, another visit was paid to the belfry for further ringing.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday evening, August 26th, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Bob Major: W. W. Webb (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, C. S. Bird 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, A. Jones 6, F. C. Shorter 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. Kindly arranged, at very short notice, for the 7th ringer and the conductor.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. H. King 1, H. Ellis 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, C. W. Smith 4, E. H. King 5, M. Fonsom 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8. A birthday quarter for the ringers of 1 and 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, August 19th, for 11 a.m. service at the R.C. Church of St. Mary and the English Martyrs, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss V. Shorter 1, T. E. Dennis 2, J. W. Ward 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Corney (London) 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, J. W. Quinney 7, E. G. Hibbins 8. Arranged for Mr. Corney, of London.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—For evensong on Sunday, August 19th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on the front six, 720 Bob Minor: H. Williams 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, A. W. Brighton (London) (conductor) 3, W. H. Sleeman 4, C. E. Laxon 5, A. S. Roberts 6. The first 720 of Minor rung on the bells.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, August 19th, for evensong at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. F. Turner 1, F. F. Mortlock 2, A. Symonds 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 5, M. T. Symonds 6, L. Pryke 7, T. E. Slater (Glensford) 8.

### A RINGER'S WEDDING AT THAMES DITTON.

#### ARCHWAY OF HANDBELLS FOR BRIDAL COUPLE.

Members of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild residing in the immediate neighbourhood rallied in force at the Church of St. Nicholas, Thames Ditton, Surrey, on Saturday afternoon, August 25th, for the wedding of Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne to Miss H. A. Clarke. The bride was given away by Mr. M. Halsey, and was attended by her sister, Miss M. R. Clarke. The bridegroom's brother (Mr. H. W. Hawthorne) acted as best man.

The bridegroom, as assistant secretary of the London County Association and secretary of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is an ardent ringer.

As the happy couple left the church under an archway of handbells, a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the tower bells followed by a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor: G. Higgs 1, J. Howes (conductor) 2, C. J. Tricker 3, W. Massey 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, T. W. Taffender 6. This was followed by Stedman Doubles and more Grandsire Doubles. The Vicar looked in the belfry and thanked the ringers for sending their 'brother-string' on his way in proper bellringers' style.

The reception was held at the bridegroom's home in Queen's Road, and after the ringers had partaken of refreshment, Messrs. F. G. Goddard, J. Milner, Tricker and Ellingham settled down to entertain the guests for about an hour with tune playing on handbells in the garden, interspersed with courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples, Messrs. Hawthorne and Taffender taking part in the change ringing. One of the courses of Triples would certainly have won the F. E. Dawe Cup had it been rung at another place and the rules allowed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne received a rousing send-off, and the handbells were 'fired' as they left for their brief honeymoon.

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## NOTICES.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Uplowman on Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., business after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Budleigh on Saturday, September 1st. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (6) 2.30 p.m.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at the Victoria Hotel, Whitley Road, adjoining the church, at 4.45 p.m., at a charge of about 1s. each. This being the last meeting of the district prior to the annual general meeting of the association, the election of a vice-president and an hon. district secretary is required. Short service at 6 p.m.—K. A. Nicholson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Nuns Moor Crescent, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington (six bells) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, September 1st, at All Saints' Church, Rainford. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. This is an ideal tower for those ringers requiring Stedman practice. Please roll up.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Secretary.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone (eight bells) on Saturday, September 1st. A new peal tablet recording two long peals will be dedicated at this meeting. For tea (1s. 6d. each) please notify Mr. J. A. Brearley, Frank Hillcock Field, Deepcar. A good attendance is requested.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, September 1st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Clubroom at 4.30. Bells available from 2 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Reading and Newbury. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Ringing at Cosby (six bells) from 6.30 p.m.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Clifton Reynes (six bells) on Saturday, September 1st. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. All ringers will be welcome. Those for tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, September 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting alter.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A joint meeting of the Burton and Derby Districts will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Dis. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available at 1 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Charlbury on Saturday, September 1st.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—September meetings:—At St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday morning, Sept. 2nd, service ringing at 10 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 3rd and 17th, practices at 7.30 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Lambeth Palace, on Tuesday, 25th, practice, at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. — C. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on September 4th, St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 8th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at the Institute, Queen Street, 4.30. Service at 6 o'clock. Please note change of programme and send me numbers for tea by September 3rd.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dawlish on September 8th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s.). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by September 3rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d., arranged for all who send word to Mr. W. Billington, Hospital Cottages, Goosnargh, not later than Thursday. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 5th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. till 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., 3 Nall Street, Milnrow.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Wragby on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. J. Brewin, Foulby, near Wakefield, by Wednesday, 5th. All ringers and friends are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. F. Owen, 187, Falkner Street, Liverpool. Archdeacon Howson wishes to meet as many members as possible at this, his farewell meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Alsager (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by Sept. 5th at the latest?—Richard D. Langford, Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—A special meeting will be held at the Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 8th, to celebrate the jubilee of the opening of the bells. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. Those requiring tea please notify Miss D. R. Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield, by Thursday, Sept. 6th. All ringers welcome.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. 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 Road, Sandy.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Lavenham District.—A meeting will be held at Monks Eleigh on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please send names for tea to S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, Sept. 8th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Roman Catholic (8) bells available from 4 to 5.30 p.m. St. Mary the Great (12) from 6 to 8 p.m.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at North Marston on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Good bus service from Aylesbury. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Special practice at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, Sept. 10th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Double Bob. Plain Bob and Double Norwich. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Cramlington on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Will members who intend to be present notify the secretary at the undermentioned address?—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Wednesday, September 12th. Bells (8) during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Turkey Cock. All ringing friends heartily invited. Tickets for the Herts County Jubilee Dinner will be available.—W. H. Lawrence, Herts: H. Wacey, Essex Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The dedication of the new bell at Milton Regis, which has been added to the existing five, through the generosity of J. Dixon, Esq., will take place on Sunday, Sept. 9th, during the evening service, which begins at 6.30 p.m. On the following Saturday, Sept. 15th, a special ringers' service will take place at 3 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 9d. per head will be made. The tower will afterwards be open to ringers during the evening. All ringers are invited to be present

on each occasion, and those desirous of being provided with tea on Saturday are kindly requested to notify me in time to make the necessary arrangements.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30, with address by Col. R. Hall. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m. Please advise F. L. Lowes, Arnside, Preston, Hull, by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 9d. each. Please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 19, Medlock Road, Handsworth, Sheffield 9, by Thursday, the 13th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Election of officers takes place at this meeting.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at Newport. 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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale on Saturday, Sept. 29th. The Vicar of Rochdale has promised to address the meeting.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual Jasper Snowdon dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. It is hoped to arrange a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral to commence at 11 a.m. on that date, and any who would like to take part in the peal are asked to communicate with me as early as possible. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th.

Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

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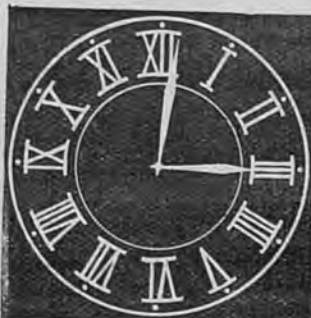
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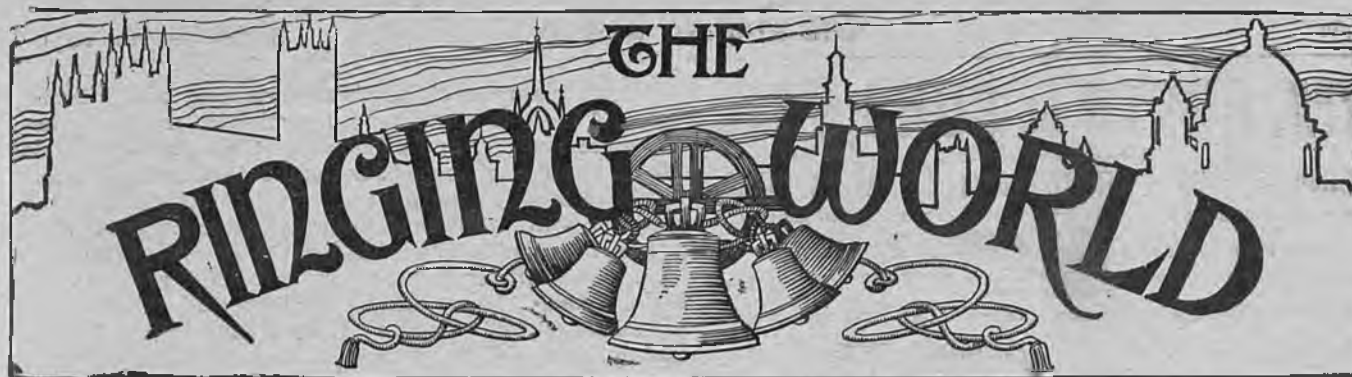
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There are some things in connection with church bell ringing which definitely ought not to be done. It ought not to be possible for a band of ringers to make themselves a closed society; still less ought paid ringers to stoop to the practice brought to the notice of a Guildford Diocesan Guild meeting on Saturday. There is one church in the area where there are six bells and six ringers. The ringers are paid a quarterly sum for ringing for service and the amount is divided between them, but instead of all the band turning up Sunday by Sunday and discharging the duty for which they are paid, the bells are only chimed by three of the members, who take alternate turns with the other three. We cannot imagine any grounds upon which such a course can be justified. It is argued, we believe, that the public do not know the difference between ringing and chiming; that as long as the bells are sounded they answer the same purpose whether chimed or rung, and that there is no purpose served in having six ringers present to perform what half that number can do.

The whole conception of this argument is wrong, and, what is more, it appears, if the facts are as related, that the ringers are taking money to which they are not entitled. To begin with, if the remuneration is given for the ringing of six bells, that condition is not complied with when they are only chimed and if the chiming is done because the appointed people are able to attend only on alternate Sundays then the obvious duty is either that the band should themselves recruit their strength or that the authorities should take such steps as will provide the necessary ringers. We say nothing here as to advantage claimed by having a paid band, but this case provides an excellent example of what can happen when a company is kept together by remuneration. They apparently only retain office for what they get out of it and they give in return as little as is possible. It is not surprising to know that on special days, such as Royal celebrations and weddings, for which there is additional payment, there is always a full muster and the bells are properly rung.

It is possible that the state of affairs mentioned is not peculiar to this tower—we wish it was. It is seldom that paid bands are of any benefit to the cause of change ringing. The trifling sum which they usually earn in return for ringing for Sunday service seems to be a bar to all progress. For fear of having to share the money with someone else, ringers of this type form themselves into a closed circle to which they take care no one else is admitted, and it is only when circumstances over which they have no control removes one of their number that

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they grudgingly teach another, purely out of self protection. And it is a curious thing that in many of these cases the ringers, and particularly the foreman, exercise such a strange influence over the incumbent that he seems afraid to move in the matter. New parsons are loath to interfere with traditional usages; old ones have either grown into the tradition themselves or are past caring. There is usually only one effective remedy, and that is to make a clean sweep. But, as we have said, the paid band is usually so well 'dug in' that the authorities have not the courage to dislodge them, even if they appreciate the error of their ways. We wish there was some method, first of making ringers, of the type referred to, realise their responsibilities, or, failing that, getting the church authorities to realise the duty which rests upon them.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS' 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 6
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 2	Cecil J. MATTHEWS ... .. 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 3	HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 9
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caterers. Rung after meeting short for Cinques, Mr. G. H. Cross kindly standing out. This peal was a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Pelly), this being the first successful attempt since his induction in June, others having failed owing to the 'go' of the bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS' 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*ALEX GAMMON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT GREEN ... .. 6
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW ... .. 2	†FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 7
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS... 3	JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 8
ARTHUR HAWES ... .. 4	EDWIN HIMS ... .. 9
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 5	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman Caterers.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROMLEY COMMON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOWERKEEPERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN., St. Nicholas', Chislehurst ... <i>Treble</i>	
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE, St. Mary's, Woolwich ... .. 2	
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS, St. John's, West Wickham ... .. 3	
HARRY WARENETT, St. Mary's, Lewisham... .. 4	
JIM HURRELL, St. John's, Eltham ... .. 5	
WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES, St. John's, Deptford ... .. 6	
JOHN E. LYDDIARD, St. Luke's, Bromley ... .. 7	
WALTER SMITH, St. George's, Beckenham ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES.

\* First peal of Grandsire. A birthday peal for W. J. Jeffries. Rung in honour of the Vicar of St. Luke's (the Rev. F. W. Hassard Short, M.A.) being made a Canon of Rochester Cathedral. The above is the first towerkeepers' peal for the Kent County Association, and was rung entirely by members of the Lewisham District.

## HEADCORN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	* JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 7
* WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 4	PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

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

\* 25th peal together. The composition, No. 403, is rung for the first time.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

## BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE KING ... .. 5
JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 6
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... .. 7
* ERNEST WELLER ... .. 4	* BRYAN BOOTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the local secretary, Mr. G. Pont, who was 60 years of age on this day, and also to celebrate the completion of his 47 years in the G.P.O. service. Mr. Pont was unable to stand in the peal owing to illness. The ringer of the treble has rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 6
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 4	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Prince George of England to Princess Marina of Greece.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. Treble	CHARLES A. LEVETT ... .. 5
ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 6
* CYRIL DRIVER ... .. 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. 7
FREDERICK DALLAWAY ... .. 4	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

\* First peal in the method.

CHESTER.—At the Cathedral on August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Metcalfe 1, R. Sperring 2, J. Griffiths 3, F. Hartman 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6, S. Jones (conductor) 7, P. Swindley 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 4, both of whom come from Mold.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES; MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

* BERNARD ADAMS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE RASEBROOK ... .. 3	* FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... .. 7
WILLIAM DENT ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal in the method.

## LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY ... Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING ... .. 5
FRED HAYES ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... .. 6
CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 3	EDMUND G. KETT ... .. 7
GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... .. 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on attaining his 75th birthday. He has rung a peal on these bells for his 72nd, 73rd, 74th and 75th birthdays.

## ROYSTON, HERTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT SMITH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM TACK ... .. 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 6
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 7
FRANCIS GLEAVES ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCE.

Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN BEEBE ... .. Treble	* LEONARD TREVOR ... .. 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 2	W. HARRY BUCKLER ... .. 6
WALTER H. THOMAS ... .. 3	D. HAROLD ARGYLE ... .. 7
ERNEST YORKE ... .. 4	† JACK MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. HAROLD ARGYLE.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

* WILLIAM HOEDEN ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 5
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 6
* NORMAN HOBDEN ... .. 3	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 7
W. CYRIL SMITH ... .. 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the 2nd has now 'completed the circle' in this tower. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Kippin.

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On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 1 treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
*JAMES FULLER ... .. 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 6
ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7
L. JOHN EVANS ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Major with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Midwinter and also on his retiring from the L.M.S. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. Peglar for their kind hospitality after the peal.

WORCESTER.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5
JAMES WOODYATT ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
*REGINALD ROWE ... .. 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method away from the tenor. Rung as the quarterly peal for this branch.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR NEWTON ... .. 5
*REGINALD BLABY ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 6
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 3	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.'

GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Treble	JAMES POWELL ... .. 5
JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 4	*CYRIL HAMMOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, parents of the treble ringer, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ted Hadlow.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*JACKSON EWBANK ... Treble	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... .. 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 3	KENNETH W. CHESMAN ... .. 7
*GEORGE GILL ... .. 4	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON

\* First peal of Major. † First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast into a ring of eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in November, 1933. The thanks of the visitors are due to Mr. and Mrs. Ewbank for their kind hospitality after the peal.

HALDSOWEN, WORCS.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	THOMAS GREENBALL ... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 7
WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 4	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sommers and Mr. and Mrs. William Lloyd on the anniversary of their weddings.

ELTHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 5
JACK DAFTERS ... .. 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Jeffries, the conductor; also to Miss Doris Brett, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, on her 21st birthday.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
JAMES ROSE ... .. 2	JOHN J. GREASY ... .. 6
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... Tenor	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOT ... .. 6
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 3	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM R. MADGWICK

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

EPHING UPLAND.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED RUMSEY ... Treble	FREDERICK SEYMOOR ... .. 4
CHARLES SANIS ... .. 2	EDWARD ROCHESTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM WEDLOCK ... .. 3	JAMES MANSFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

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On Monday, August 27, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Milton Surprise, Chester Surprise, Lincoln Surprise, Bucknall, Knutsford, Duke of Clarence and Combermere Treble Bob.

*STANLEY BOOTH... .. Treble	WILLIAM WHEELDON ... 4
CHARLES PRESTON ... .. 2	*JOHN WHEELDON, JUN. ... 5
*FREDERICK GROCOTT... .. 3	GEORGE HENRY BILLINGS... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES PRESTON.

\* First peal and first attempt. The peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Reginald O. Preston, one of the ringers of St. Mary's, who was married on the previous Saturday.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents, viz.: Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

AMBROSE MASON ... .. Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT ... .. 4
CHARLES W. BURTON... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 3	CHARLES BUTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday (August 30th) of W. Elliott. The conductor has now 'circled his native tower,' it being 38 years since he rang his first peal on these bells.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 4
HUBERT SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. BOWDITCH ... 5
WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 3	WILLIAM J. GROVES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Specially rung in honour of the wedding of H. Dennis W. Bishop to Edna M. Rutley (both are members of the local band), which took place at this church previous to the peal.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY... 2	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for Mrs. Humphrey, it being her first Surprise peal 'inside.' It was also a birthday peal for her and H. M. Day.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDWIN A. CRACENELL ... Treble	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... .. 4
BERTIE CHILVERS ... .. 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTILL ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal of Minor.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

In 21 methods, viz.: (1) Willesden, Marple, Newdigate, College Bob VI. and Old Oxford; (2) Braintree; (3) Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans and Charkwood; (4) Kent; (5) Ockley, Morning Star and Duke of Norfolk; (6) Norbury and College Exercise; (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 6 cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
*KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 2	*ALBERT V. REES ... .. 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in 21 methods. The ringer of the fifth had not previously rung any of the methods outside the Oxford group.

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. PETER'S GUILD, SYSTON.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*ALBERT E. HUBBARD... .. Treble	HARRY LIFFE ... .. 4
THOMAS W. FOSTER ... .. 2	J. ARTHUR TALHOOT ... .. 5
*GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Payne, of Syston.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 21 different 240's by Lindoff, Pitman and Morris. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES DAVIES ... .. Treble	†ERNEST SALMON... .. 4
*JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2	*G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 5
THOMAS W. ROWLEY, JUN. 3	ALBERT E. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first association with the above church, and his 100th peal as conductor for the Guild. G. J. R. Price's 50th peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
NORTHERN BRANCH AT LACEBY.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Laceby on Saturday, August 25th. There was a poor attendance, just a few 'regulars' being present. Towers represented were Bigby, Burton-on-Sather, Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Barrow, Barton-on-Humber, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby and the locals, also Mr. J. Flint, of Bolsover. The bells were kept going during the afternoon till service time. Owing to the Rector, Canon Knight, being on holiday, the Rev. J. Barber, Rector of Great Coates, who is a great friend of ringers, kindly conducted the service and gave an interesting address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ. After the service members adjourned to the Village Hall, where an excellent tea was served, 16 sitting down.

In the absence of the president, who was on holiday, Mr. C. W. Taylor was voted to the chair. It was decided to cancel the Barrow-on-Humber meeting till next year. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Atkinson to the Rector for the use of the bells and for arranging with the Rev. J. Barber to take the service, to the Rev. J. Barber for taking the service, to Mr. H. Rushby for presiding at the organ, to Messrs. Graham Bros. for catering, to the chairman and also those who had made the arrangements. On behalf of the members, Mr. Bray welcomed Mr. J. Flint. After the meeting the hand-bells were made good use of, while some adjourned to the tower. The bells were lowered earlier than usual, in order to avoid undue annoyance to the Post Office.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****'QUARTERLY' MEETINGS REARRANGED.**

The annual meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was held at Ashford on Saturday, September 1st, when members attended from Ashford, Aldington, Bromley, Headcorn, Hythe, Newington, New Romney, Sevenoaks, Tenterden, Tonbridge, Willersborough and Wye. Some splendid ringing of the standard methods was much enjoyed, interspersed with rounds for the beginners.

The association service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Lance, assisted by the Rev. G. S. Long, of Aldington, Mrs. Spencer presiding at the organ. After the service an excellent tea was provided by the association in the Parish Room. A collection was taken for the Benevolent Fund and amounted to one guinea.

At the business meeting Mr. P. Page was elected to fill the post of Ringing Master, Mr. E. S. Ruck having resigned after several years of useful work. Messrs. C. Tribe and E. S. Ruck were re-elected to serve on the Central Committee, and F. Conley was re-appointed as hon. secretary.

Owing to the quarterly meetings at present being far from what is usually meant by 'quarterly,' it was decided to hold them in future in March, June, September and December, instead of February, May, July and September, as this gives five months between September and February, and then three meetings in little over six months.

A by-meeting is to be held at Newington, Folkestone, on October 6th, with the object of bringing the band into the association. They are extremely keen, and it is, therefore, hoped that as many as possible will be present to give them a real welcome and to show them what the association stands for. Due notice of this meeting will appear later.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who did and some who did not deserve them, and were responded to by those concerned. After the business, a return was made to the tower, there to enjoy some more good ringing.

**CANTERBURY DISTRICT ENTERTAINED AT WICKHAMBREAU.**

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent at Wickhambreau by members of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association on Saturday, August 25th. The occasion was a by-meeting by the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. Abbey Tindall), who is a life member of the association.

Members attended from Broadstairs (St. Peter's), St. Lawrence, Littlebourne, Eythorne, Slurry, Ashford, Canterbury (Cathedral and St. Alphege), Brabourne, Goodnestone, Wickhambreau and one member from Huntingdonshire.

The bells were started at 3 o'clock in rounds by some of the younger probationer members, of which the Canterbury District boasts a good complement. Later the association service was held in the church, at which the Rector officiated, assisted by Canon F. J. O. Helmore.

The Rector gave an appropriate address and afterwards welcomed the ringers to Wickhambreau. Mr. W. E. Pittman, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ. During the service a collection was taken for the association's benevolent fund.

Subsequently the ringers adjourned to the Rectory, where the Rector had provided a splendid tea on the lawn and 40 members sat down.

At the conclusion of the tea Canon F. J. O. Helmore, on behalf of the members, thanked the Rev. Abbey Tindall for his very generous hospitality.—The Rector suitably replied.

Before adjourning again to the belfry, various touches were rung on handbells, and most the visitors took advantage of the Rector's invitation to walk round the beautiful Rectory grounds.

The next meeting is to be held at Throwley on Saturday, September 22nd.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**DOVER.**—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evensong at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. R. Millway 1, J. Eagles 2, R. T. Clark 3, H. Whitehead 4, E. J. Walker 5, F. Pervin, Coventry (conductor) 6, C. Turner 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

**LYME REGIS.**—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): F. Hiscock (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, C. W. H. Powell 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 4, W. Tyler 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8. The Vicar called this quarter-peal as a farewell to the Rev. R. L. Higham on the eve of his departure and in honour of his preferment to the benefice of St. Aldhelm's, Franksome, after nearly 12 years' ministry as assistant priest at Lyme Regis.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—At the Parish Church for evening service, 1,300 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Chaplin 1, G. Playle 2, T. Sparrow 3, F. Berry 4, J. Bullock 5, A. Chaplin (conductor) 6.

**LONDON.**—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, for Sunday service, 1,344 Bob Major: F. Chaplin (first quarter-peal) 1, L. Porter 2, T. Sparrow 3, F. Berry 4, A. Chaplin 5, G. Playle 6, J. Trimmer 7, J. Bullock (conductor) 8. Rung for the reopening of the church after repairs to the roof.

**RINGERS ENTERTAINED IN STAFFORDSHIRE.****GUESTS OF MR. W. W. WORTHINGTON.**

On Saturday, August 25th, by the invitation of Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, a band of ringers met at the grand Norman Church of St. Mary, Tutbury. By the generosity of Mr. Worthington, who gave a treble bell, and of Mr. Newton (Tutbury), who gave the remainder of the money, the peal has been increased to six. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have retuned the old bells and rehung them in ball bearings, etc., and have made a splendid job.

The bells were raised in peal, and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. The bells were then lowered in peal. Some visitors remarked upon the remarkable change effected in the bells since they first remembered them about 50 years ago.

A quick run was next made to St. Mary's, Utoxeter. Mr. George Burrows, the towerkeeper, met the visitors and had kindly raised the bells for them. Touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung, and, as time was limited, Mr. Burrows kindly 'dropped' the bells again. Then, travelling via Stone and Eccleshall, a visit was paid to Broughton, Staffs. Here is a fine peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt. approx.) hung in ball bearings and with all the latest improvements, acknowledged by the visitors as one of the finest products of the Loughborough Foundry. Mr. William Wetherby (Market Drayton), who had kindly raised the bells, met the visitors, and touches of Stedman Triples were rung, in which Mr. Wetherby took part. The party then reluctantly left Broughton and proceeded to St. Mary's, Stafford. After inspecting the beautiful interior of the church and the 'leather bottle' at the side of the organ, on which are inscribed the names of the Stafford ringers 1750-1786, the visitors made for the ringing room. Mr. J. Warrilow and his son had raised the bells in readiness, and a touch of Stedman Caters and three leads of Treble Ten, in which Messrs. Warrilow took part, were rung before the bells were lowered in peal. Then a quick run was made to the charming residence of their host. A visit was paid to the gardens, which are a beautiful sight at the present time. A sumptuous repast followed, after which Mr. J. Jaggar proposed the health of Mr. Worthington and added the thanks of the company for the splendid outing. Mr. J. Austin seconded and Mr. Worthington briefly replied.

During the evening Mr. Jaggar said he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz., to ask Mr. J. George to accept a present from a lady who had heard of the performances of this 'young' gentleman.—Mr. J. Oldham stated the lady wished to remain anonymous, but that she was dressed in blue.—Mr. George gratefully accepted the present, which he acknowledged in a vigorous speech.

A move was then made to another room, where tunes and touches on the handbells were rung. Mr. M. Swinfield tapped a touch of Stedman Triples on the piano, conducted by Mr. George, and also two courses of Duffield Major.

The best thanks of the ringers are due to Messrs. Burrows, W. Wetherby and Warrilow for their efforts to make the outing a success.

**RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

BY E. W. TIPLER.

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Bob 17864523

The first peal in the method was rung at Warfield, Berks, on August 22nd, 1934.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## USEFUL CHERTSEY DISTRICT MEETING.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Chobham on Saturday. During the afternoon and evening some 18 or 20 ringers put in an appearance from various towers—mostly outside the district. The district hon. secretary (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne) and the Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) attended, and some really useful practice was put in in the simpler methods. The local foreman came to open the tower, but nothing was seen of any of the other Chobham ringers, following their usual practice of studiously keeping away from any meeting held at their church. The Vicar (the Rev. F. T. Robinson), however, gave the visitors a cordial welcome and conducted the Guild's service, filling, in addition, the post of organist. He presided at the tea which followed at the White Hart Hotel, when 14 sat down. At one time it seemed as if the company would number only 13—much to the perturbation of the general secretary, who said this would be so unlucky that he would feel compelled to cancel his passage to Australia. But the fourteenth individual having been 'dug up' by the district secretary, all was well.

There was little business to do at the subsequent meeting, but the general hon. secretary took the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Hawthorne upon his recent marriage, and, on behalf of the Guild, wished him and his bride 'long life, health and happiness.' Mr. Goldsmith also offered similar congratulations to the late district secretary (Mr. H. Hancock), who was recently married to Miss M. Thompson, also a member of the Guild.

The Vicar referred to the forthcoming visit of English ringers to Australia, and extended to the hon. general secretary of the Guild, who is one of the party, the good wishes of the members for an enjoyable tour and a safe return.

A discussion took place with regard to one of the towers in the district, where the bells are chimed instead of being rung on Sundays, although there is a full band sharing a quarterly payment. The hope was expressed that the new Vicar, who had shown some interest in the bells, would take steps to have the bells rung on Sundays.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Nye, to the Vicar of Chobham for permission to ring, for conducting the service and for presiding at the tea and meeting.

Afterwards the ringers returned to the belfry and the Vicar was taken up the tower and shown the movement in the bell frame, which badly needs screwing up—if nothing else. The Vicar welcomed the information and advice offered.

## THE FIRST PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read the history of the first peal of Grandsire Triples in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' I take the pleasure of sending the account I received and also the figures I had sent to me some years ago from my friend, the late Mr. N. J. Pitstow, and trust it will be of some interest to ringers. Here are the figures of two peals and footnotes:—

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547362	—	—	347562	—	—
472563	—	—	472365	—	—
723465	—	—	723465	S	—
234765	S	—	235764	—	—
435267	—	S	354267	—	—
357462	—	—	457362	—	S
572364	—	—	572463	—	—
724563	—	—	723564	—	—
245763	S	—	234765	—	—
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These parts to be five times repeated with a hob instead of single at the third and sixth part ends.

Peal No. 1 is taken from Dr. Mason's MS. in the library of Downing College, Cambridge, where it is marked 'Vicars' 5,040.' This peal was the first peal composed true in the method and was rung at Norwich.

Peal No. 2 composed by Benjamin Annable.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Queen Camel bells, Somerset, the heaviest ring of six in the country—the tenor is 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.—have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Mr. Percy Amos is, we regret to say, lying in the accident ward of Northampton General Hospital as the result of a fall while working on his allotment on August 21st. He has a fractured leg and injured ankle, but the injury is progressing favourably.

Mr. Philip Hodgkin, the Kent veteran, although 71 years of age, rang the 24 cwt. tenor at Headcorn to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday week, and rang her well throughout. The ringers congratulate him on his performance.

Any youthful ringer capable of ringing a peal of Stedman Triples and whose age will be less than 16 years on December 31st next should communicate at once with Mr. F. E. Dawe, Allandale, Rosebery Crescent, Woking, Surrey.

Mr. Richard Woodley, of Lowestoft, who will be congratulated by everyone upon having attained his 75th birthday, has had the distinction of ringing a peal on his own Parish Church bells for each of his last four birthdays. We hope the sequence will not be broken for some time to come.

The peal at Bangor, North Wales, on Saturday, marked the birthday of Mr. James Midwinter, an old ringer at St. David's Church, and his retirement from service on the L.M.S. Railway. The band expressed their good wishes to him for better health and their hope that he would soon be able to stand in a peal again.

The district secretary has persuaded the Vicar of Milton Regis to rearrange the service of dedication on Saturday, September 15th, for 4 p.m., an hour later than previously advertised, to enable as many ringers as possible to attend.

This very fine tower, dating back to 1320, now contains a fine peal of six, and all members of the I.O.T.M. and kindred orders are specially invited. There is plenty of room for at least a hundred people in the ringing chamber, which is of massive proportions, and reputed to be one of the largest in England. Bus or train to Sittingbourne.

## TWO PEALS ON RINGING MACHINE.

**STEDMAN TRIPLES AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.**

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedburgh, Yorks, has subjected his ringing machine to another searching test. He has performed on it a peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks' Variation of Thurstans'), which definitely demonstrated that the bob making mechanism is entirely satisfactory, and on Wednesday of last week he got a 5,024 of Cambridge Surprise Major (one of Mr. J. W. Parker's compositions).

Mr. Woodhouse missed a peal of London Surprise after 4,000 changes through going to sleep and running past a bob.

It is really all very wonderful, but even with this marvellous machine the human element must not fail if perfection is to be achieved.

## OXFORD TREBLE BOB AT FINCHINGFIELD.

**HOW AN OLD RECORD DISAPPEARED.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of 'The Ringing World' a peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Finchingfield in Essex was recorded, and the report stated that it was believed to be the first peal of Oxford on the bells.

About 23 years ago we made up a band and went one Sunday from Coggeshall and rang at Wethersfield in the morning and Finchingfield in the afternoon and evening. We had dinner at the Green Man in Finchingfield, and in the room where we had dinner there was a splendid old peal board recording a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, 5,280 changes, rung by the Saffron Walden Company on Finchingfield bells. I cannot remember in what year it was rung, but the same men took part in it who rang the Double Norwich at Saffron Walden in 1817, conducted by E. Miller. How that board came to be in that public-house I could never understand. After a while the Green Man was burnt down and the peal board was burnt with it. Perhaps someone else may throw some light on it, but it was a shame that such a peal board was ever taken out of the church. I doubt if there are any ringers in that district who remember anything about it.

D. H. ELIJOTT.

Boxford, Suffolk.

## A KENT RING AUGMENTED.

Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, has recently rehung the five ancient bells and added a new treble to make a ring of six at the very historic and interesting old Parish Church of Milton Regis, near Sittingbourne, Kent. On Friday, August 24th, at the invitation of Mr. Howell, there was a 'try out' when 720 Bob Minor was rung: A. T. Boar 1, E. J. Dobbie 2, A. Howell 3, A. N. Olier 4, G. Kenward 5, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 6. The go of the bells was found to be excellent.

Particulars of the dedication of the bells and of a ringers' meeting at this church appears in our notice columns.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### RINGERS' DEPARTURE NEXT FRIDAY.

Next Friday afternoon the P. and O. liner 'Barrabool' leaves King George V. Dock, London, for Australia, taking with her the ringers who are to visit the Commonwealth in connection with the Melbourne Centenary Celebrations. The boat train leaves Liverpool Street Station at 1.50 p.m.

Those who constitute the party are the following, and they will meet at Liverpool Street Station at 1.15 p.m.:

Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, of Seafeld Park, Hants (Cambridge University Guild).

Mr. W. H. FUSSELL, of Slough, Bucks (Royal Cumberland Youths), (organising secretary).

Mr. J. S. GOLDSMITH, of Woking, Surrey (Guildford Diocesan Guild).

Mr. J. HARDCASTLE, of Bradford, Yorks (Yorkshire Association).

Mr. W. LINTER, of Fareham, Hants (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild).

Mr. G. MARTIN, of Maidenhead, Berks (Oxford Diocesan Guild).

Mr. R. RICHARDSON, of Surfleet, Lincs (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild).

Mrs. R. RICHARDSON (Ladies' Guild).

Mr. C. SHARPLES, of Blackpool, Lancs (Lancashire Association).

Mrs. Sharples is accompanying her husband, and they intend to visit their son in India on the return journey, detaching themselves from the main party at Colombo.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are taking their daughter Enid, who, although only ten years of age, is already able to handle a bell.

The party will also be accompanied by Mr. Maude, a son of Mr. Tom Maude, of Pudsey, Yorks. Mr. Maude, sen., is well known to ringers not only in Yorkshire, but also in many other parts of the country, for he is the organiser of the Yorkshiremen's party which usually spends the Whitsuntide week-end with the Central Council representatives wherever they meet. His son, mayhap, will be a ringer by the time he returns from Australia.

### THE ROUTE.

The route which the tourists will take is one which should be full of interest. After leaving London, the 'Barrabool' calls at Plymouth on the following afternoon, and then crossing the Bay of Biscay and passing through the Straits of Gibraltar, enters the Mediterranean Sea. There is a brief call at the island of Malta (2,300 miles from London) on September 21st before going on to Port Said, in Egypt, a distance of about 900 miles, where the vessel is due on September 24th. After passing through the 90 miles or so of the Suez Canal, the journey is continued through the Red Sea, reaching the sun-baked port of Aden on September 29th and going on across the Arabian Gulf to Colombo, in Ceylon. From Port Said to Aden is 1,400 miles, and from Aden to Colombo, where the boat is due to October 5th, 2,100 miles. There will be an opportunity to go ashore at Colombo and see something of the city and probably the spice gardens for which Ceylon is famous.

After this comes the longest 'leg' of the journey, for the next call is Freemantle, in Western Australia, 3,120

miles away without sight of land between. It is farther than from Southampton to New York and this section occupies ten days. It is on this stretch that the equator will be crossed.

The stay in Freemantle, which should be reached on October 15th will, it is hoped, be long enough to permit a preliminary visit to Perth, the capital of Western Australia, to try the eight bells at the Cathedral. The next stage of the journey lands the party in Adelaide in South Australia, a sea trip of 1,350 miles. A short stay here and then the 'last lap' of 500 miles to Melbourne, where the vessel is due on October 22nd and the party disembark.

There the serious business of the expedition will begin. The first week will be spent in and around Melbourne; the next ten days in visiting Tasmania (Hobart, their headquarters on this picturesque island, is more than 400 miles by sea and rail from Melbourne), returning to Melbourne in time for Armistice Day and the ceremonies in connection with it. Afterwards they will visit the cities of Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo in the State of Victoria.

On November 16th the tourists join the ss. 'Esperance Bay,' of the Aberdeen and Commonwealth line, and complete the journey to Sydney, which will be reached on November 19th. There will be the best part of five days to spend in and around this city, with a number of towers to visit, and then, on November 24th, the party sail for home on the P. and O. liner 'Bendigo,' which will give them opportunity of renewing acquaintance with Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Colombo, perhaps making an excursion to the Egyptian Pyramids, while the vessel passes through the Suez Canal, and reaching London, if all's well, on January 5th. From Sydney to London by this route is 12,270 miles.

It is almost a staggering programme for a band of ringers, and naturally every one in the party is looking forward with the keenest anticipation to a delightful and interesting time, full of new experiences.

Not only will readers of 'The Ringing World' be able to follow the doings of the tourists through the reports which will appear in these columns, but many ringers, it is hoped, may, after the return of the party, be able to see something of the tour, for some of the incidents will also be recorded on films, and Mr. Richardson's 'movies' will doubtless prove a source of great interest.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

#### NEXT MEETING SUGGESTED AT NON-AFFILIATED TOWER.

A very enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Rettendon on Saturday, 30 members being present. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. H. Woodfield, of St. George's, Manchester, in the absence of the Rector (the Rev. W. Norman). A splendid tea was served in the Parish Room, at which the Rev. Woodfield presided.

As there is a long interval to the annual meeting in late November or early December, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Pleshey on October 13th if permission could be obtained. Although this tower is not affiliated to the association, it was thought a meeting might be an encouragement to local ringers. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, the Rev. H. Woodfield for conducting the service and presiding at tea and business meeting, the organist for accompanying the service, the ladies for serving the tea and the local band for having everything in readiness.

The following towers were represented: Ipswich, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Springfield, Maldon, Great Totham, Broomfield, Fryerning, Corringham, Rettendon, Danbury and Ford End. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob Minor, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, New London, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and College Exercise.

## STEDMAN'S BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have been deeply interested in the correspondence that has appeared in 'The Ringing World' regarding the condition of the bells of St. Benedict's, Cambridge.

Our bells at Stagsden, Beds, underwent a similar scheme of rehangng two years ago, the oak frame was dismantled and new struts inserted throughout; a reinforced concrete corbel course was constructed to carry the reconstructed frame, and the bells rehung in completely new modern fittings.

Since that time the frame tie bolts and the main beam bolts have been regularly inspected and tightened when necessary once a month and the bells 'go' delightfully, while the frame is now perfectly rigid.

This proves that had the bells at St. Benedict's had the same attention there is no reason apparently why they should not 'go' as well to-day as they did when the work of rehangng was completed, and that the bellhangers are in no way to blame for what is after all due to neglect of maintenance.

It is to be hoped the authorities will see that the bells get the attention they need, after the ready response to the appeal to restore this famous ring.

PERCY C. BONNETT.

Stagsden, Beds.

## OLD PRINCIPLES QUESTIONED.

Sir,—The case of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, leads one to ask:—

1. Is there any need in these days of scientific bellhanging to hang bells on the old principle with straps and wood headstocks?
2. Why was so much importance attached to the cannons of St. Benedict's bells, while there are hundreds of others up and down the country that have had them taken off and seem none the worse for it?

3. Had the cannons anything more than a sentimental value, and did Stedman himself attach any importance to them?

Some time ago we heard something about commonsense before sentiment, but this does not seem to have been the principle in the case of St. Benedict's.

'RINGER.'

## RINGERS VISIT TO SAPCOTE.

### FIRST 720 OF SURPRISE ON THE BELLS?

On Saturday, August 25th, several of the Rugby ringers paid a welcome visit to Sapcote for an afternoon's ringing on the fine peal of six bells. They were met by the local captain (Mr. C. Brown) and other members of the band, which includes four lady ringers, all of whom were present, and rang a touch of Bob Minor with but two men to make up the band.

Mr. L. Woodburn and Mr. A. E. Rowley, of Higham-on-the-Hill, joined the party, as did Mr. H. Briggs, of Stoney Stanton.

Included in the ringing was what is thought to be the first 720 of Surprise ever rung on these bells. This was the extent of Cambridge Minor by C. Underwood 1, L. Woodburn 2, C. H. Webb 3, J. Fenton 4, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 5, L. G. Watkins 6. It was the first 720 in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6.

So successful was this venture that a return fixture was soon suggested and just as readily accepted.

## SHIPLEY AND IDLE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 25th, the ringers of Shipley and Idle with wives and friends joined in a half-day run into the country by the way of Culverley and Headingley to Wetherby, where the bells were rung to touches of Minor and Major. The party went on to Knaresborough for tea and afterwards the grand peal of bells at the Parish Church was placed at their disposal. Double Norwich, Superlative and Plain Bob were rung before setting out for Birstwith, where some of the local company gave the visitors a hearty welcome. The ringing on this fine peal made the visitors wish these bells were 'a bit nearer home.' Touches were rung in various methods, in which some of the local company took part. This opportunity is taken to thank the incumbents of the churches and also those who met the visitors and had everything in readiness.

## KIDDERMINSTER BELLS.

### APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY WORK.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—An appeal is being made by the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, with the support of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, in connection with the proposed peal of 12 bells at Kidderminster.

There are, no doubt, many ringers in various parts of the country, members of the association and otherwise, who would like to be associated with this effort, particularly those who have pleasant recollections of this tower and the men who made it historical some 30-40 years ago—to whose deeds 'The Ringing World' referred a week or two ago.

Donations should be sent to me as soon as possible.

K. SALTER.

The Berwyns, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster.

The appeal, which is signed by Messrs. C. H. Woodberry (Ringing Master, St. Mary's Society), K. Salter (secretary, St. Mary's Society), W. Short (Ringing Master, Worcs. Association) and J. R. Newman (lay hon. secretary, Worcs. Association), states that the present peal of eight is to be rehung in self-aligning ball bearings in the existing frame, and four new trebles, hung in a new wood frame above the present one, added to make a peal of twelve.

The sum of £500 has already been raised in Kidderminster for this tower and a contract placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon; the work to be commenced almost at once.

Certain items (e.g., new iron headstocks and fittings on the existing eight bells) are not included in this contract, and it is felt that if this work can be carried out it will make a thorough and lasting job. The amount required for these additional improvements is approximately £100, and a donation towards this amount from all interested is earnestly solicited.

The opportunities of members of the association to ring on twelve bells are extremely limited, and it is suggested this augmentation will fill a long-felt want and be an advantage to ringers in general and the association in particular.

An early response will be appreciated, as it will be necessary to decide in the very near future how much of this work can be carried out, and this can only be done in the light of promises or donations received.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association, through the Central Committee, strongly support this appeal, and have donated a sum of £5 towards these improvements.

## HINCKLEY DISTRICT RINGERS.

### TO HOLD A 'QUIET AFTERNOON.'

At the monthly meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association at Broughton Astley on Saturday, the question of holding a 'quiet afternoon' for ringers (as distinct from a ringing meeting) was discussed. The Rev. William Grome-Merrilees, of Theddingworth, spoke of one held at his church, and said he thought, if one could be arranged, he was sure that it would do a considerable amount of good in bringing ringers to realise the important part they played in the work of the Church.

It was decided to hold such a meeting at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, November 3rd, the Rev. R. P. Farrow kindly giving his consent. This will be conducted by the Rev. Grome-Merrilees, and further details will be announced later. It is hoped that the clergy will make an effort to encourage their members to attend.

The routine business of the district having been completed, Cosby bells were available, and many members made the short journey necessary.

## IPSWICH RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, August 25th, the members of the Rushmere, St. Andrew (Ipswich) band of ringers and friends had their first outing. The party included members of St. Clement's, St. Matthew's, St. Mary-le-Tower and Sproughton companies, who had assisted them at various times. The party left Rushmere by motor-coach for a tour of the Essex towers. After picking up the Ipswich party they proceeded via Holbrook and Stutton to Great Bromley (Essex) for a first ring on this good old peal of six (15 cwt.). After a short stay and look round from the top of the tower, a move was made to Thorington (six), where the ringing was much enjoyed on this good 'going' peal. The next stop was at St. Osyth (six), where the bells were soon in use. After a look round the fine old Priory Church and the village and partaking of tea at the nearby cafe, a move was made, via Great Clacton and Holland-on-Sea, to Great Holland to ring on the eight bells there. The return journey was made to Tendring (six), where the party were met by the local men. The noise in this tower is rather great. The last stop was at Mistley (six), where again the local men greeted the visitors. The 11 mile run home was made in good time. It had been a most enjoyable trip of 66 miles, and it is hoped it will be possible to continue these excursions annually. The ringers would like to thank all who met them and had the bells ready. They also thank their secretary (Mr. F. E. Wiseman) for the able way he had arranged the programme.

## GLORIOUS DEVON.

### NOTES ON A RINGING TOUR.

Poets, artists and tour guides all speak in glowing terms of this favourite English county, but none refer to the glorious bells stored in the old church towers scattered throughout its broad acres. During the week ending August 25th a team of church bellringers gathered together to enjoy its scenery, its harmony and its edible produce, by kind arrangements made by Mr. C. J. Pulett, of Paignton, where headquarters were ably provided for the week at the Pendragon Hotel.

The long journey down by car was made on Friday, some 230 miles being covered in 8 hours, and relieved by a 'hectic' half-hour at the White Swan at Trowbridge, where 'Wilshire Sam' drew attention to his new tenor bell striking 4 p.m. at the Parish Church.

The local Press described the visitors as Middlesex men, but later they became known as Jesse's 'Puplets,' and they are all duly recorded by name in the peal column. With three private motor-cars available, there was no difficulty in carrying out the full programme provided, in safety and with punctuality, and, thanks to the care and caution of the drivers, without a hitch all round to and from London. Readers will easily imagine, by reference to the list of towns visited, that the country lanes were not easy to negotiate in many places. Up over and down under are all very well, I prefer the former, but when you find 'in and out' tacked on to a section of 'round about,' it makes one wish to be seated in an aeroplane.

The majority of the men—having been 'past masters' on tour—soon settled down to the daily round. There were no 'beavers' with us, so the time table was as follows: Shaving water 7, breakfast 8, garage 9 a.m. Dinner at 8 p.m., clapping at 9, a moonlight walk on the sea front until 10 o'clock brought bedtime, or a half-hour's 'whist' before 'turning in.' Peal operations began on Saturday, August 18th, at Dawlish Church in the morning, where a stone in the belfry on the ground floor records: 'This church was enlarged and beautified in the year of our Lord 1825. John Davis Perkins, D.D., Vicar; Samuel Hill and John Tuckett, Churchwardens.' The present Vicar, the Rev. F. Simmonds, M.A., met us with good wishes, and the foreman (Mr. George Marchant) believed that our peal was the first on the bells. The dedication of this church, formerly St. Michael's, has recently been changed to St. Gregory. From 1729 the Rev. T. Prowse held the living for 60 years. The old ring of six bells was cast in 1784 by the Penningtons and rehung later by Aggett, of Chagford, and the parishioners got into trouble for sending their old ring of five bells away without a faculty. Trebles were added by Stokes, of Exeter, in 1912 for the Coronation of King George V., the cost being raised by public subscription.

Before ringing began here business had to be attended to, and on the proposition of Mr. F. Bennett, seconded by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, the following were elected life members of the Devon Guild: Messrs. G. R. Newton (Liverpool), S. E. Armstrong (Brighton), A. E. E. (Seven Kings), W. Henley (Farnham Royal), H. Wingrove (Beaconsfield) and G. Lindoff (Dublin).

### 'CATCH AS CATCH CAN.'

In most undertakings a good send-off is everything; 'good wishes' for a successful week were personally given to the team by Miss Norah Bibby, of Frodsham, on her way home after holidays; by the Misses Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, staying at Minehead; and by a letter of welcome from the president of the Devon Guild, the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Bramford.

Our meals at midday were generally taken in 'catch-as-catch can' style. At Dawlish the hunt of our appetites were softened by a caterer of the name of Brunt at about 2 o'clock, and the journey resumed to Kingsteignton, where we arrived at 3.30. This church is dedicated to St. Michael, like a good many others in Devon. It stands upon a prominent bank, has a tall grey stone tower of modern restoration, but the church retains its warm red sandstone masonry, reputed to be 600 years old. The south porch has rare features in the shape, its rich carvings of the jambs and its iron studded door.

The bells are all new, with frame and fittings, by Gillett and Johnston, and were dedicated April 20th, 1929, the old six bells by Mears, 1746, with a 10 cwt. tenor, being absorbed by the new octave. The total cost was £580, including muffles and ropes complete. Mr. Richard Cornell is steeplekeeper, and started chiming here at the age of 11 years. He is now over 70, and having, with the help of the local ringers, collected all the money for the job, it was his privilege to hand the cheque to the firm. The Rev. H. R. Cooke is Vicar and gladly consented to our visit. We found a well-kept ringing room, with boarded walls, matted floor and a false ceiling to soften the sound of the bells. It was an enjoyable peal—the first of Major on the bells—although our Devon warrior, on the tenor, had the bother of his rope-end becoming untucked early in the peal. Mr. Pulett broke a long rest in his peal performances and thus brought back memories of ringing in the London area 40 years ago.

Not a cloud all day, a very high temperature, and outside the tower a beautiful clear spring of water constantly flowing, reminding us of Tennyson's lines: 'For men may come and men may go, but I flow on for ever.'

### THE DAY OF REST.

Sunday was devoted to service ringing at Paignton in the morning, Buckfast Abbey in the afternoon and Babbacombe in the evening, in the area of the Mid-Devon Branch, which we visited under the guidance of Mr. H. J. Hole, the hon. secretary. My notes of the respective towers are as follows:—

Paignton.—Vicar, the Rev. H. Mackworth Drake, M.A. In the Parish Magazine appeared a friendly announcement of our visit, a coming event which cast its shadows 'behind.' In any case, it gave the heads of the hospital adjoining the church due notice to make allowances for the peal attempt on Thursday. Steeple foreman, Mr. Charles F. Austin, met us with the local men and Mr. F. Reeves, of Tring, and we raised the bells in peal, but not by any means with true Devonian efficiency. A good course of Yorkshire and of London Major were rung and the fine ringing room admired. Here is the only method ringing band in the district, due to the work of a Londoner with whom I frequently rang nearly 50 years ago, and whose work is commemorated on a brass plate as follows: 'In memory of A. M. Gover, and in recognition of the great services he rendered to the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.'

Of the local band we learn that Mr. A. L. Pope's family can be traced back to 1440, and Mr. Austin's as far as Domesday Book. One of the veterans, Mr. C. Drew, celebrated his 85th birthday on July 7th, 1923, by ringing to complete 60 years' service with Mr. E. W. Marsh, of Plymouth, as conductor.

Adjoining the churchyard is the ancient palace yard. A fine red stone tower is still left of the old ecclesiastical buildings. The tenor bell of Paignton was cast in the yard 300 years ago, and in the tower, some antiquarians state, Coverdale translated part of the Bible. The old ring of six were cast by T. Bilbie, at Collumpton, the treble being inscribed:—

'When I begin, then all strike in.'

Buckfast is reached by a delightful riverside drive amidst well-wooded hill country. We were shown over the Abbey by one of the monks and met by Mr. A. L. Bennett. The central tower is enclosed with scaffolding above the roof level, as this part of the building is being raised another 40ft. This will allow of a new ringing room and a better outlet for the sound of the bells. Several of our own cameras were busy, and nearly every visitor of the many coming and going took a snap of the west door. The whole building is a valuable record of steady perseverance from the date it was begun in 1882, yet on leaving the precincts I saw on the opposite side of the road a plain small Devon cubicle, having a stone in its gable bearing the words, 'Wesleyan Methodist Church. Erected A.D. 1881.'

As there could be no ringing until 5 p.m., we did not stay at Buckfast, having made other fixtures, and went on to Babbacombe, the drive taking us through Ashburton. All Saints' Church was built in 1867 to meet the needs of a growing population, and was consecrated by the Bishop of Oxford. It is of handsome, uncommon design, various marbles having been employed in the font, pulpit and columns. James Hewett was its first Vicar, 1865 to 1910. To him is due the building of it, and his is the only tomb in the small tree-lined churchyard that surrounds the church. The bells are a good ring of eight by Warner and Sons, London, tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. They were rung for the first time in 1874. Mr. W. H. Weeks (foreman) met us at the church. He has been here for 48 years. Touches of Major and Stedman were rung for another diamond jubilee. A well-kept and furnished ringing room, with good light, good circle of ropes and draught. The four large windows of the bell chamber have the lower half filled with stone panels instead of the familiar louvre. This barrier prevents the metallic clash of the clappers on the bells being deflected below. Some of the party viewed Babbacombe Bay from the cliffs, and the three cars came home after a round of some 40 miles by 8 o'clock, but I will not let my 'pen-dragon' by saying where they were lost in Paignton.

W. H. F.

### RINGERS MEET AT LEA.

#### A LINCOLNSHIRE GATHERING.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. Helen's, Lea, on Saturday, August 25th. Ringers were present from Branton, Gainsborough, Misterion, Upton, Willingham and the local tower, and the visitors included lady ringers from Gainsborough and Sutton-on-Trent. Some good practice was had by all, and the methods rung included Grand-sire, Stedman and St. Clement's Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Primrose and London Surprise Minor, and rounds for the less advanced.

The Rev. Nugent-Wilson, of Upton, gave a very interesting address at the service. He reminded ringers that, although they often work out of sight, they are not out of mind, and, realising the high calling of their work, should not make this an excuse for not attending the services.

Canon Fookes (Rector of Lea) and Mrs. Fookes kindly entertained the ringers to tea and invited them to stroll around their charming old-world garden.

At the business meeting hopes were expressed that the condition of the bells might be improved in the near future as a result of the recent visit of Messrs. Taylor's representative.

## AN ESSEX TOUR.

## LOUGHTON AND WOODFORD RINGERS' ANNUAL OUTING.

Glorious weather favoured the Loughton and Woodford ringers on Saturday, August 25th, when a party of nearly fifty, including Mr. W. H. Theobald and Mr. J. Moule, of the Leytonstone band, toured the Eastern and North-Eastern parts of Essex.

Danbury was chosen as the first halting place, and was reached via Brentwood and Chelmsford. As the coaches purred up the winding hill a noble prospect met the eye and the flatness of Essex began to be questioned. It would be hard to find a lovelier and more interesting situation. Danish raiders hailed this position for one of their strongholds and utilised and enlarged this prehistoric camp. The older part of the village clusters round the Church of St. John the Baptist with its tower and lofty spire, together 120ft. high, a landmark which has guided tired pedestrians as well as storm-tossed sailors.

Mr. W. Spokes, the vergor, welcomed the ringers, and in quick time the bells were going to touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob. The new treble by Mears and Stainbank has made the original five (cast by Miles Gray in 1622) into a tuneful six, tenor 11 cwt. The church is famous for its archaeological associations, and an interesting history of it has recently been written by J. M. Bull. The unique features are the three well-carved oak effigies, of the thirteenth century, which lie under recesses, two in the north wall and the third in the south. The effigies, all clad in ringed mail covered with a surcoat, are said to represent members of the St. Clare family who flourished in the reign of Henry III. Also the late sixteenth century Mildmay funeral helm, with its rampant lion crest; the carved images fixed to the pews, many of them representing badges of the British regiments quartered in the neighbourhood during the late war; and the fourteenth century hagioscope through the east wall of the north aisle.

On leaving the church, the Rector (the Rev. R. E. Fanshawe) gladly welcomed the party to the Rectory grounds, where the distant view embraced the valley of the Crouch and Langdon Hills to the silver streak of the Thames and the far shores of Kent.

Great Holland was the next objective, via Maldon, Totham, Tiptree, Colchester and Thorpe-le-Soken. Winding roads, country gardens, fruit farms and quaint old farm buildings, with freshly gathered corn stacked close by, provided passing thrills that are not experienced in crowded streets.

Mr. T. Bareham welcomed the party at All Saints', Great Holland, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on a new peal of eight by John Taylor and Co., given by the Barron Bell Trust in memory of the founder of the trust, Miss Emma Barron, of Great Holland, who died in 1930. The ringing floor, open to view, is reached by a perpendicular ladder and trap door, a novel if somewhat awkward arrangement. The stately early fifteenth century brick tower, the spacious chancel, the single row of well-proportioned pillars separating the nave from the north aisle, and the south porch are features that make the building interesting.

After dinner at Corby's Restaurant, Clacton, and a general survey of the sea front and its amusements, including the Martello Tower, no longer used by coastguards, the 'right away' was sounded for Coggeshall, via St. Osyth, Thorington and the new 'Avenue of Remembrance,' Lexden. On approaching Coggeshall, 'Dick Turpin,' out for quick business, proclaimed that the local carnival was being held, and the one-time famous place for cloth was rising to the occasion in good style. Thanks to Mr. E. Beckwith's assistance, the bells of St. Peter's ad Vincula, one of the outstanding churches in Essex, were soon going to Grandsire Triples, followed by Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major—a musical eight, 20 cwt.

The outstanding features of this well-proportioned edifice of flint and large pebbles, dating back to the 13th century, with fine Early English and Perpendicular workmanship, are the great number of stained glass windows, rich in design and colouring, dedicated to members of well-known local families; the alabaster reredos and the wonderful wood carving that adorns the beautiful chancel. Four brass figures are set into the north wall in memory of John Oldam, of East Tilbury, who died in 1599, and members of his family. Above these is a marble monument to Robert Townsend, who took part in Marlborough's campaigns and who was highly esteemed.

Tea was served at the famous 15th century Woolpack Inn, and 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. Morss (Woodford), the organisers of the very successful outing, and to Sgt. Thorpe (Loughton), who so energetically co-operated with the drivers throughout the day.—Mr. C. Morss suitably replied, and said that both he and Mr. Rann would be pleased to offer their services again, and invited those present to join in next year's excursion.

After a short interval the coaches sped along to High Ongar, via Wilham, reaching St. Mary's as the sun was setting. The bells are hung in a fairly modern brick tower, solid in design, erected on the south side of the ancient flint church renowned for its Norman arch and 13th century lancet windows. After another trap door experience, with Mr. H. Ordish as the local guide, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung on a well-sounding six, tenor 11 cwt., the

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## A TOWERKEEPERS' PEAL.

Eight towerkeepers of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Bromley Common.



THE EIGHT STEEPLE KEEPERS.

They are Messrs. T. Groombridge, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst; B. W. Aldridge, St. Mary's, Woolwich; A. S. Richards, St. John's, West Wickham; H. Warnett, St. Mary's, Lewisham; J. Hurrell, St. John's, Eltham; W. J. Jefferies, St. John's, Deptford; J. E. Lyddiard, St. Luke's, Bromley, and W. Smith, St. George's, Beckenham.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT BARNES.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, August 25th, at Barnes, when, in very fine weather, members and friends to the number of about 40 attended during the time at the disposal of the association. A little known tower, ancient, of old red brick (1212), subsequently restored at some time in the Tudor style, there were till 1897 three bells, which were augmented to eight in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1933 these eight, tenor about 12½ cwt., were rehung and tuned by Mears and Stainbank, with most pleasing results. The 7th bell was cast in 1575 by Robert Mot.

The proceedings commenced with a touch of Stedman Triples under the conductorship of the District Master, Mr. H. Mance. Other touches in various methods were rung until 5 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. W. Patrick Bott) held a short service and in an address briefly sketched the history of the church and bells. He pointed out that the south aisle is the remaining portion of the original church built in the 12th century. This has been restored to be as near as possible to the original work, although two tie beams have been preserved intact. These, in fact, are oak trees squared by adze.

Tea was partaken of at a local restaurant, and at the meeting which followed the Rector was elected a member.

The secretary was requested to write a congratulatory letter to Mr. F. Hawthorn, of Thames Ditton, assistant secretary of the association, who had been married that afternoon.

A movement was afterwards made to the tower for further ringing, and during the evening among the touches was a course of London, which was stated on almost indisputable authority to be the first ever rung on the bells.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in allowing the bells to be used for this occasion, and for his nice address at the service. Thanks also were expressed to Mr. Charles Hunt, steeplekeeper for many years, who welcomed the company in his usual breezy and pleasant way. Visitors came from Bletchley, Hillingdon, Ruislip, Enfield, Croydon, etc. At 8.30 the bells were lowered and a very pleasant function came to an end, the hope being expressed that acquaintance with such a 'topping little lot' might be renewed next year.

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treble having been recently added and the 5th recast, another testimony to Taylor's good workmanship.

By nine o'clock the day's ringing had ceased and the run home via Abridge soon followed. A happy day had been spent, the spirit of comradeship had been strengthened, and confidence gained by those who were setting out to master the art of change ringing. All offer their sincere thanks to the incumbents of the parishes for the use of the bells, and to the ringers who greeted the party at the towers visited.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 8th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at the Institute, Queen Street, 4.30. Service at 6 o'clock. Please note change of programme.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dawlish on September 8th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s.). — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. — J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. till 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., 3 Nall Street, Milnrow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. F. Owen, 187, Falkner Street, Liverpool. Archdeacon Howson wishes to meet as many members as possible at this, his farewell meeting. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. 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 Road, Sandy.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildsbrough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Usual arrangements.—Geo. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Lavenham District.—A meeting will be held at Monks Eleigh on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please send names for tea to S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Roman Catholic (8) bells available from 4 to 5.30 p.m. St. Mary the Great (12) from 6 to 8 p.m.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, Sept. 8th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The dedication of the new bell at Milton Regis, which has been added to the existing five, through the generosity of J. Dixon, Esq., will take place on Sunday, Sept. 9th, during the evening service, which begins at 6.30 p.m. On the following Saturday, Sept. 15th, a special ringers' service will take place at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 9d. per head will be made. The tower will afterwards be open to ringers during the evening. All ringers are invited to be present on each occasion, and those desirous of being provided with tea on Saturday are kindly requested to notify me in time to make the necessary arrangements.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Special practice at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Monday, Sept. 10th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Double Bob. Plain Bob and Double Norwich. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Cramlington on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Will members who intend to be present notify the secretary at the undermentioned address? — W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Wednesday, September 12th. Bells (8) during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Turkey Cock. All ringing friends heartily invited. Tickets for the Herts County Jubilee Dinner will be available.—W. H. Lawrence, Herts: H. Wacey, Essex, Dis. Secs.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30, with address by Col. R. Hall. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m. Please advise F. L. Lowes, Arnsby, Preston, Hull, by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 9d. each. Please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 19, Medlock Road, Handsworth, Sheffield 9, by Thursday, the 13th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Election of officers takes place at this meeting.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Staines (near G.W.R. Station), on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in the Church Room, Bridge Street. Book also Oct. 6th for Hillingdon (joint meeting and social with Oxford Diocesan Guild).—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hawkchurch on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting follows. Other towers open: Whitechurch Canonorum (8) and Chardstock (6). Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 11th.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davanty and Guilsborough Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Whilton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at Mr. Knight's Restaurant, Lombard Street, at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Sec., Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratton-St.-Margaret on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Please advise for tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brigg on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 5d.) 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. W. Atkinson, Bigby Road, Brigg, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Easton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me by first post Wednesday, 12th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will intending visitors please send numbers for tea to me by Wednesday previous?—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The September meeting will be held at Kirby Wiske on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 6 (tenor 10 cwt.) available for ringing during the afternoon. Teas provided at 1s. 3d. per head to those who notify secretary not later than Wednesday, 12th.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at Newport. 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.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenthall on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3. Short service at 4.45, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. Wilfred Goode. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements for ringing, etc., with tea in the Church Hall. Please let me have numbers for tea and notification of any business for the agenda by Sept. 19th.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Northampton, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, to commemorate the bi-centenary of the bells. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mrs. Taylor, 43, Edinburgh Road, Northampton, by Sept. 17th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, when the eight bells will be available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the Parish Room at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) at Wombwell's Café at 5 p.m., and it is essential that all requiring tea should notify Mr. A. Hill, 51, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by Wednesday, Sept. 19th. The general meeting will be

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Throwley, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. As the Vicar has kindly arranged to entertain the ringers to tea, it is particularly requested that all those intending to be present notify Mr. W. J. Page, Post Office, Throwley, near Faversham, on or before Thursday, Sept. 20th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale on Saturday, Sept. 29th. The Vicar of Rochdale has promised to address the meeting.—W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, with meeting following, 5 p.m., at the Victoria. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey, not later than Thursday, Sept. 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual Jasper Snowdon dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. It is hoped to arrange a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral to commence at 11 a.m. on that date, and any who would like to take part in the peal are asked to communicate with me as early as possible. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

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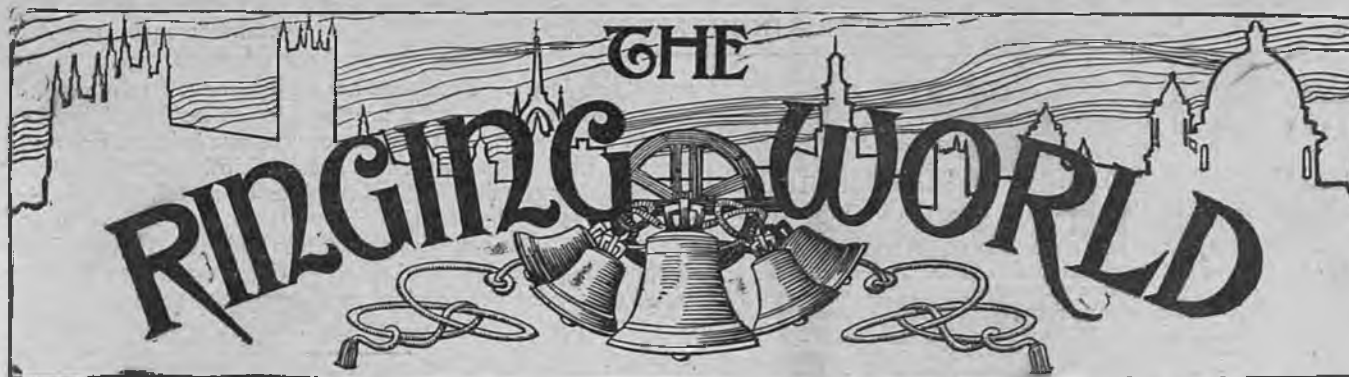
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## BELLS AND ANTI-NOISE CAMPAIGN.

The new Anti-Noise League, which has been established to wage war on the noises arising from the turmoil of modern life, is doubtless intended to serve a good and useful purpose. The imposition of 'silence zones' for cars in cities and great towns is a first step towards the suppression of some of the din which exacts its toll from the nerves of the public. The League is now turning its attention to other disturbing noises of everyday life, and it does not lack prompters. Every crank with a grievance or fad is urging the League to press for the suppression of his or her pet objection, and it is not at all surprising to learn that church bells are coming in for their attention. At present the agitation against bells is not very vociferous, but it may rise in a crescendo at any time. In some respects, of course, bellringing is protected against attacks, but it is well that ringers should not bury their heads, ostrich-like, in the sand. They should be prepared to resist any attempt to rush ill-considered legislation that might menace the very existence of the art itself. As far as service ringing is concerned, the Exercise would have the whole Church at its back; the danger in this matter is that some kind of departmental action might be hurriedly taken before the public had realised what had happened. We cannot imagine that church bells can be silenced by any action on the part of the Minister of Transport, who has imposed the silencing of motor horns, but in these days of bureaucratic government all sorts of things are done, and the man in the street knows nothing about them until he finds himself up against some new regulation further restricting his liberty. Ringers should watch carefully for any indication of the curtailing of ringing and should at once bring the matter to the notice of the Central Council.

At the same time, it is wise not to be blind to the fact that there are instances where the public may have a legitimate grievance against noisy bells. Ringers should never be so perverse as to ignore complaints where they are well grounded, for there is a remedy which can be adopted to allay the trouble. In fact, we would recommend ringers to take the initiative and not wait until there is a public clamour for stopping bellringing. There are now on the market various sound-absorbing materials which, at comparatively small expense, can be employed for stopping the louvres in the bell chamber. Ringers, in their own interests, ought to do it, particularly in populous districts, and no reasonable Church Council is likely to refuse. There is a further remedy which can be adopted to reduce any outside annoyance. There is a tower in the centre of London where last year over thirty peals were rung, and the number this year is likely to be

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equally as large. Yet there is no annoyance to the neighbours; indeed, the bells are hardly to be heard in the street. The secret is that the louvres are bricked up, and when a peal is attempted a special kind of 'muffle' is used, which consists of a thin plate of metal, lined with leather. It is tied to the clapper and has proved most effective in use. Early prevention will be better than eventual suppression, and we urge ringers at noisy towers to take time by the forelock and apply the remedies open to them.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDWIN J. RIDLER... ..	Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... ..	2	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... ..	7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... ..	3	ALFRED PEARCE ... ..	8
F. CECIL MOGFORD ... ..	4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... ..	9
JOHN AUSTIN... ..	5	JOHN H. LAMBLE... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*T. SYDNEY RANGLES... ..	Treble	JOHN A. RANGLES ... ..	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	2	ARTHUR PRINCE ... ..	6
FREDERICK R. EVANS ... ..	3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... ..	7
WILLIAM CATHRALL ... ..	4	*ALFRED C. HODGES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

\* First peal.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. H. GEORGE'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

T. SYDNEY RANGLES ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM JONES ... ..	5
ARTHUR PRINCE ... ..	2	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... ..	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	3	JOHN A. RANGLES ... ..	7
JAMES ALDERMAN... ..	4	ARTHUR TILSTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

The conductor has now called all the one-part peals of Grandsire Triples in the Central Council collection.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON... ..	Treble	*JACK BRAY ... ..	5
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... ..	2	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... ..	6
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..	7
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE

\* First peal in the method. This was the first Surprise peal rung on these bells, and the first peal since the retuning and rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on September 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Dix 1, C. Leman 2, W. Paul (conductor) 3, R. King (first quarter-peal inside) 4, W. Norris 5, S. Hoare 6, R. Bell 7, H. Cashmore 8.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
JACK BRAY ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells. The 100th peal rung by Mrs. Richardson, and the 150th by George Ladd.

WASHINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. 2	JACK BRAY ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... .. Treble	GORDON WEBB ... .. 5
WILLIAM FRIGHT ... .. 2	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 6
FRANK PERVIN ... .. 3	CHARLES TURNER ... .. 7
ALEC WEBB ... .. 4	* E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\* First peal. Mr. Frank Pervin (Coventry) was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

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

BENENDEN, KENT.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... .. 5
CHARLES TRIEBE ... .. 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 6
HARRY BAKER ... .. 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 7
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 4	HERBERT POPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss L. K. Stevenson, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE R. SIMMONDS ... .. Treble	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... .. 5
ALLISON PURDOM ... .. 2	JOHN FOSKETT ... .. 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 4	EDMUND MOUNTIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAFTERS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 5
ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 6
ALBERT SYMONDS ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd while on holiday in the district.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

T. SYDNEY RANGLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM JONES ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... .. 6
ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 3	JOHN A. RANGLES ... .. 7
JAMES ALDERMAN ... .. 4	ARTHUR TILSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN ... .. Treble	ALBERT FLEET ... .. 5
FREDERICK VICKERS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 6
ALFRED KING ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.  
Miss Steel's 200th peal. Also a compliment to Mr. T. Bull, Verger, on the birth of a son.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. 5
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... .. 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 6
* WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	HARRY CHAMEERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* 50th peal.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. Treble	ARNOLD FERNHEAD ... .. 5
JAMES CARTER ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 6
SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 3	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 7
THOMAS JONES ... .. 4	ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by B. THORP.

Arranged for Mr. A. Prince, of Bath.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
SYDNEY LODGE ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 7
ARTHUR WIGGINS ... .. 4	WILLIAM RAMPTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung on the Feast of the Nativity, B.V.M.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	E. GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 4	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Major. Great credit is due to the trebleman for the way he rang his bell. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE HARVEY ... .. Treble	FRANK AINSLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. 2	THOMAS STEPHENSON ... .. 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 7
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

\* First peal of Major. Rung by his brother ringers to celebrate the marriage of Mr. William Armour to Miss Janet M. Bailey, immediately preceding the peal, and also the seventh anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Thomas Stephenson.

BANBURY, OXON.

On Sunday, September 9, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

R. HIGHAM ... .. Treble	T. IMPEY ... .. 5
W. WATSON ... .. 2	J. SIMONS ... .. 6
E. PEARSON ... .. 3	H. IMPEY ... .. 7
W. TANDY ... .. 4	*W. H. ASTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. IMPEY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells by the local band of Sunday Service ringers. This peal was rung for the third anniversary of the institution of the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, M.A. Thanks are due to the Vicar and Mrs. Williams for entertaining the ringers after the peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... Treble	ARTHUR W. BOWLER, JUN. 4
FRED SEAR ... .. 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 5
ARTHUR BOWLER, SEN. ... 3	†HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

PENN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	†REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* 999th peal. † First peal of Minor in three methods.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service, on Sunday, September 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Roger St. John Smith 1, W. P. Stirland 2, A. Elliott 3, P. Walker 4, J. Murrell 5, W. A. James 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, J. Stirland 8.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

SYDNEY FOSKETT ... .. Treble	REGINALD WHIST ... .. 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4
ARTHUR GROUND ... .. 2	HARRY NICHOLS ... .. 5
GEORGE LADD ... .. 3	JOHN G. AMES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Croft, near Leicester.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 5
H. ERNEST COX ... .. 3	ALFRED NORMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

THOMAS HOADLEY ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	*JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal in more than one method.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

TOM WORRALL ... .. Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 4
*CHARLES JONES ... .. 2	*WILLIAM SHOTT ... .. 5
FELIX CARTER ... .. 3	*CHARLES HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MATTHEWS.

\* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Littledean.

WITHAM, ESSEX. — On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Butler 1, J. Shynn 2, B. Rawlinson 3, W. Mellin 4, V. Glass 5, A. Evers 6, W. S. Butler 7, E. Bright (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on an inside bell by ringer of 3rd, and first quarter-peal in the method by ringer of the 2nd.

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## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

The following peals were rung during the annual tour of members of Cambridge University Guild:—

## GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

On Sunday, September 2, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At HARELESDOWN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.  
Tenor size 11 in G.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3-4  
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

## OVER, CAMBS.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1934, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... Treble | REV. A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn) 5  
J. H. FREEBORN (Clare) ... 2 | B. J. E. WHITE (Queens') ... 6  
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3 | F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 7  
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 4 | C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

## ST. IVES, HUNTS.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) Treble | REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 5  
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (St. Cath.) 6  
S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) ... 3 | J. H. FREEBORN (Clare) ... 7  
REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) 4 | F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD (Trin.)

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

## CAMBRIDGE, CAMBS.

On Thursday, September 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At ST. PAUL'S ROAD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

\*E. H. LEWIS (Trin.) ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6  
\*C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4 | \*F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) 7-8  
\*S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) 9-10

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal of Double Bob Royal.

## THE FINCHINGFIELD PEAL BOARD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A party of ringers visited Finchingfield in 1890 and attempted to ring a peal of Bob Major, but the conductor, Mr. C. Sillitoe, of Sudbury, let the bells run home at the half way owing to their bad go. The late Samuel Slater was one of these, and he saw the peal board mentioned in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' by Mr. D. H. Elliott, and made a copy of it, and, of course, made enquiries concerning it. The landlord of the inn told him that at the restoration of the church, which took place after the peal was rung, the board recording it was taken down and put with a lot of old wood, which the landlord bought for firewood, but thinking it was too good to chop up, he hung it in the parlour at the inn. I cannot give you a copy of it, as the MSS. recording the incident are not at home at present.

When Samuel Slater went to Saffron Walden again he made enquiries concerning the peal which had been forgotten, and from the old ringers he gained this information. When the band met to start for the peal only seven men were there, and Matthew Adecock Ward, a young ringer, who had come to hear the peal, was asked to ring the treble and did so. He was so pleased with it that he wrote the board to record the peal and gave it to the church. When the inn was destroyed by fire the board perished with it. I am glad to find that other persons have seen the board.

I might also say that Samuel Slater did not find any peals rung on the bells by local men, so I do not think any peals were rung on them by a Finchingfield band.

Hunts Hill, Glemsford.

T. E. SLATER.

## A NEW SUSSEX PEAL OF EIGHT.

## GIFT OF THREE BELLS TO SLAUGHAM PARISH CHURCH.

In memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Secretan, formerly of Slaugham Park, Sussex, and of their grandson (the late Mr. Tim Stevens), the Secretan family and Captain and Mrs. Stevens are presenting three new bells and a new steel girder bell frame to the fine old Parish Church at Slaugham.

There is to be a new treble bell and also two heavier ones—a seventh and a tenor. This valuable addition will make a peal of eight bells in the tower—something which has been desired for a long time. The present five bells and the oak bell frame appear to have been erected 161 years ago, there being on them an inscription, 'Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.'

The bells will be rung as they were formerly, from the floor of the tower, and the match-boarded cupboards and deal staircase are to be removed. The present ringing floor is to be raised above the levels of the three lancet windows of the tower, thus making the west end of the church much lighter. The scheme of improvement has been carefully considered and approved by the Advisory Board responsible for the fabric and structure of ancient Sussex churches, and the necessary faculty has been applied for. The work is to be undertaken by the well-known Croydon bell founders—Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

To the Secretan family, and to Captain and Mrs. Stevens, all who love the old Parish Church are grateful beyond words.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## GOOD WISHES TO GENERAL SECRETARY.

About thirty members of the Guildford district met at Godalming on Saturday, and spent a pleasant time in spite of the fact that the belfry in the old central tower is without windows and efficient ventilation, and that the back bells, with a tenor of 24 cwt., despite rehanging a couple of years ago, need a lot of pulling. It was not the bell-hanger's fault; he was hampered in his task by the restrictions of the architect.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was directed by the Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Melville), and consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, with useful practice for many of the lesser advanced ringers.

Tea was served at the Church Hall, and the company was swelled by more than a dozen choirboys, who, on promise of tea if they came to the service, turned up in force.

At the subsequent business meeting, at which the Ringing Master took the chair, several new members were elected, the General Hon. Secretary proposing Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson in the hope, he said, that at least one of the handbell peals, if any, rung on the sea during the Australian tour, might be credited to the Guildford Guild.

Mr. C. Childs, captain of the Godalming ringers, and Mr. G. Grover, District Secretary, offered to Mr. Goldsmith good wishes for a successful and happy tour and a safe return from Australia. This was endorsed by the members.

In reply, Mr. Goldsmith said the party had the good wishes of many people up and down the country. Although they did not know what sort of bells they would meet in Australia, they were assured of a very warm welcome. As showing the spirit existing, Mr. Goldsmith mentioned that he had received a letter from the secretary of the society at Holy Trinity, Hobart, Tasmania, stating that among other forms of entertainment arrangements had been made with the Mayor to allow the visitors to ride free on the tramways during their time there.

Remarking that some difficult work was expected, Mr. Goldsmith said the party were taking with them 10 good bell ropes, a large tin of castor oil and lard mixed, and a 2ft. adjustable spanner, and if they could not make the bells in Australia go on that they would leave them alone (laughter). Incidentally, he was taking with him a set of mechanic's overalls, to be prepared for any job.

Thanks for the use of the bells were expressed by Mr. Melville to the Vicar of Godalming (Canon G. S. Richards), who, in reply, welcomed members of the Guild to Godalming, and said since their last visit the Parish Church bells had been recast, and he hoped were now in good order.

Before the meeting concluded some of the members took part in handbell ringing. In the evening a service was held in the Parish Church, the address being given by the Vicar. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham) read the lesson, and Mr. G. E. Wyeth was at the organ.

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## ANOTHER WEEK-END IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THREE SURPRISE PEALS.

One more pleasant week-end has been spent at Surfleet, that home of peal-grabbers, bulb growers, picture makers, and globe trotters, where is a place known to quite a number of ringers as the 'Lincolnshire rest house.' Whoever gave it that name must have done so before Rupert took up picture making as a hobby. Fortunately for his guests, on this last visit, the 'infernal machine,' otherwise known as a movie camera, was packed away in readiness for the globe trotting to Australia and other parts of the southern hemisphere, so that it was quite safe to sleep in a comfortable chair on the lawn without fear of being 'snapped' and shown to posterity, looking like anything but what you imagine yourself to be. Of course, if somebody else is a victim it is quite another matter—but we will return to that later.

The real business of the week-end was to ring peals at Sleaford, Harmston and Washingborough, and, as will be seen by reference to the peal columns, all were rung. At Sleaford, on Saturday, the method was London Surprise, and it was a real treat to see Bill Pye turning in the tenor in his own style. Long may he be spared to show us how to do it!

Sunday ringing, both morning and evening, was done at Surfleet, and the rest of the day was spent in 'resting,' except when the return match was on. The return match, it may be explained, was played on a tennis court, and it will no doubt be of interest to those ringers who were at Surfleet during the first week-end in August to hear that the 'victim' in a game of tennis on that occasion had an ample revenge. No 5-0 lead turned into a 7-5 defeat this time, but just a real, slap-up, win by six clear points. It matters not if the winner was down and out for the rest of the day; he won! The deciding game is, we understand, to take place after the visit to Australia.

The peal on Monday morning at Harmston was one of Superlative, with Tom Coles 'calling ye bobs.' It was the 100th peal rung by the hostess, a feat which has taken many years to accomplish. It is expected, however, that so many handbell peals will be rung on the 'Barrabool' on the way to Australia, and on the 'Bendigo' coming home, that the 200th will soon be on record. Whenever that peal is rung, the conductor of the 100th hopes to have the pleasure of acting in a similar capacity again.

Cambridge Surprise was rung at Washingborough to get the first in the method on the bells. Another Lincolnshire hostess, Mrs. Jack Bray, took part in this peal, and showed herself to be a very capable and safe ringer. Her husband, by the way, rang two tower bell peals in one day for the first time, although he once started for three.

Peals over, some sight-seeing took place. The Manor House of Washingborough, now the Rectory, contains hundreds of art treasures, many of which were inspected. The beautiful grounds were also visited, a pleasant hour being spent. After this interlude an important function took place—the 100th peal was celebrated. Rupert had his favourite drink (no prizes are offered for correct guesses), and the conductor had the best bitter he has ever tasted, at any rate, so he said. The toast to the hostess was 'Success in Australia, a safe return home, and the 200th peal.' We must not forget the 150th peal by George Ladd was also toasted, with good wishes for another hundred or so.

After supper a few pictures were shown on the screen, and some who had spent a sleepy Sunday afternoon were very thankful that the camera had not been in action that day. A certain well-known conductor from Birmingham was seen playing (?) tennis in 'plus-twins,' doing trick riding on a diminutive cycle, and acting as 'instructor' to a lady anxious to learn to ride. But the show piece was a close-up of a lady taking a siesta in a deck chair, oh, so comfy. We are quite sure that this picture would draw a record crowd if shown in any Birmingham cinema. Three grandmas and three grandpas (one grandpa rather over at the knees) made a very interesting picture, whilst more serious, but not less interesting, were many movies of celebrities of the Exercise snapped at Tewkesbury and Warwick.

Farewells had to be made on Tuesday morning with the knowledge of the long journey in front of the host and hostess and their little daughter. Once more we wish them a successful tour and a safe return.

Mrs. Richardson's peals are made up as follows: Bob Minor 4, St. Clement's Minor 1, Cambridge Minor 1, Minor in 2 methods 1, Minor in 3 methods 5 (conducted 1), Minor in 4 methods 1, Minor in 5 methods 1, Minor in 7 methods 4 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 2 (on handbells 1), Bob Major 11 (on handbells 15), Double Norwich Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, London Surprise Major 7, Bristol Surprise Major (treble) 4, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Caters 3, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Cambridge Royal 3, Stedman Cinques 8, Bob Maximus 2, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 3, total, on tower bells 84, on handbells 16.

**BORDEN, KENT.**—On Tuesday, August 28th, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Boorman 1, W. A. Cook 2, G. Kenward 3, E. J. Debbie 4, W. J. Walker 5, J. T. Webb 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8.

## A CORNISH TOUR.

## RECORD OF NOTABLE PEAL TO BE UNVEILED AT EXETER.

A peal ringing tour, by Mr. William Pye's party, chiefly in Cornwall, but also embracing Yeovil, in Somerset, and perhaps a tower or towers in Exeter, begins to-morrow.

The visit to Exeter, at the end of the tour, is in connection with the unveiling of a board recording the peal of Stedman Caters rung on the Cathedral bells on September 14th, 1903. At that time there were only ten bells in the tower, and Mr. William Pye rang the 72½ cwt. tenor single-handed—the only time it has ever been done for a peal. It was the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and was rung under the auspices of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The ringers were: John Thomas (Bristol) 1, Charles Mee (Ipswich) 2, Isaac G. Shade (Greenwich) 3, John Austin (Gloucester) conductor 4, Alfred W. Brighton (London) 5, Gabriel Lindoff (Dublin) 6, Charles Jackson (Hull) 7, William W. Gifford (Salisbury) 8, Ernest Pye (London) 9, William Pye (London) 10. Every other peal rung on the bells has a board in the tower, but this, the greatest performance of all, has waited more than 30 years to be fittingly recorded in the place where it was rung.

The following is the programme for the week's tour:—

Saturday, September 15th, Yeovil (Somerset), 3 p.m.  
 Sunday, September 16th, Looe, 12.30 p.m.  
 Monday, September 17th, Phillack, 9.30 a.m.  
 Monday, September 17th, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, 5 p.m.  
 Tuesday, September 18th, St. Enocher, 9.30 a.m.  
 Tuesday, September 18th, Kenwyn (not for peal), 2.30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, September 18th, Truro Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, September 19th, St. Anthony-in-Meneage, 9.30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, September 19th, Helston, 3.30 p.m.  
 Thursday, September 20th, Lanivet, 9.30 a.m.  
 Thursday, September 20th, St. Austell, 2.30 p.m.  
 Friday, September 21st, Gulval, 9.30 a.m.  
 Friday, September 21st, Penzance (St. Mary's), 2.30 p.m.  
 Saturday, September 22nd, Roche, 9 a.m.  
 Saturday, September 22nd, Exeter, for unveiling of peal board, at 4 p.m. Possibly a peal or peals may be attempted at churches in Exeter should time and circumstances permit.

## 'UNOFFICIAL RANDOM REFLECTIONS.'

BY A CANTANKEROUS CRITIC.

In what he terms 'Unofficial Random Reflections,' a cantankerous critic writes on a number of topics. Apparently having mislaid his sense of humour, he takes exception to the publication of part of the diary of 'G. W. F.' which alludes to the humorous side of the Somerset trip. He does not like references to such things as 'Bert's pipe, camping on the lawn, sewing up sleeping garments, and such doings, which are quite outside ringing.' Well, never mind, it takes all sorts to make a world. Then he goes on:—

Nothing seems to be doing in the Bankes James line lately. We were told that it was the desire of practical ringers from many quarters to ring this for peals, but where are the peals? Weeks and months go by, but still no records, not even by those Council members who spoke so much in its favour. What are they afraid of? Have they since discovered that a TRUE peal on ALL numbers shall in ALL cases start FROM and end with rounds. I wonder who named it Bankes James? Starting with rounds was known and rung in the days of Queen Victoria, and we used to try out all these freak arrangements, new and old, when we had an hour to spare, with the handbells, but for peals no, we always complied with the rules.

[By way of answer, the Bankes James Arrangement was rung at Market Deeping on September 1st. We do not think we are wrong in saying that our correspondent, whatever else he rang, never rang the Bankes James Arrangement or any part of it or anything like it on handbells.—Ed., 'R.W.']

Lately we have seen handbell peals published without the name of the umpire. Is this a sign of the times again? It is essential that a qualified person be given this important duty.

Much has been said and written on the question of beginners, but, like the six-bell question, it is a long way from a settlement. The fault is not with the beginner, it is with the instructor. The percentage of really qualified instructors is very small, and what is wanted is a series of lectures and practical exhibitions on 'How to instruct correctly.'

There is no doubt that many who try to instruct need lessons themselves in various parts of the instructing art, while some of them will never make instructors. Ringing peals in various methods does not qualify anyone for the task, neither does conductorship count. Too much 'push' is made use of, which is fatal; for learners should be treated, not as part of a system, but in many ways known only to the really gifted tutor.

The Australian tour is certainly being 'boomed' as much as possible, but there is one big difficulty regarding its outcome. Like all tours, they are interesting while they last, especially to those taking part in them; but Australia is so far away, and the ringers there so few, that close touch will never be possible. Anyhow, I wish those taking part in it a real enjoyable holiday.

**REV. C. W. O. JENKYN MEMORIAL FUND.  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.**

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions received	...	130	2	3
Special donation	...	2	5	9
Deficit	...	3	11	2
		£135	19	2
Payments.		£	s.	d.
Queen Anne's School Chapel	...	100	0	0
Memorial in Christ Church, Oxford	...	31	0	0
Secretary's expenses	...	1	7	6
Treasurer's expenses	...	2	10	8
Philip Palmer (printing)	...	1	1	0
		£135	19	2

I have examined all the books and vouchers relating to the above statement, and declare them to be quite correct.

E. C. COOKE, Hon. Auditor.

Sept. 3rd, 1934.

A. J. WRIGHT, Hon. Treasurer.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
NEWBURY BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Newbury branch was held at Thatcham on Saturday, September 1st, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham and Overton. Visitors were present from Reading, Swindon and Wokingham. The Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) also attended.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Daniel), who gave a very interesting address. Miss E. Mathews, of Bucklebury, presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. A. Smith, and 22 sat down to an excellent meal.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided over the business meeting.

The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 17th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. O. Daniel for his address and welcome to the ringers, to Miss Mathews for playing at the service, and to Mrs. Smith for providing the tea.

The tower was again visited, and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major.

**FAIRFORD RINGERS' LONG DAY OUT.**

The Fairford ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, August 25th. A start was made at 7 a.m., via Gloucester to Lydney, and on this route they were just in time to see the Severn bore. Lydney was reached at 9 a.m., and ringing on the peal of eight in the Parish Church was very much enjoyed. The party were met by two old ringers, viz., Messrs. J. W. Davis and O. Thomas.

Chepstow was the next stop. Here there is a much heavier peal of eight of lovely tone. These bells go the 'wrong' way round, but the party soon got used to that, and were able to ring for a wedding. Arriving at Monmouth at 12.30, the ringers enjoyed a hot lunch at Partridge's cafe before going to the church. Here there is another heavy peal of eight, which were going well. Goodrich was the next place on the programme, and the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Bickley), who gave them a hearty welcome. They rang on the light peal of six before going on to Bridgwater, where a light peal of eight just suited them. They were met there by Mr. Poston, sen., and Mr. Poston, jun. These bells were obtained in place of those at Ross, which were unringable. After tea at Hoskins' cafe, Ross, the party returned to Gloucester, where ringing was very much enjoyed on the six bells at St. Mary-de-Lode Church, where the visitors were met by Mr. J. Stephens and Mr. J. Gillett. The former congratulating the ringers on their good striking. After this 'do as you please' was the order, some going to 'pictures,' others to a bread and cheese supper at the Lamb, where they met several old Gloucester and district ringers, and the handbells were well in use during the evening, with tunes and change ringing. Mr. E. Davis, from Gloucester, kindly piloted the party round, and his help was very much appreciated.

A start was made for home at 10.20, and the party arrived at Fairford at 11.30, having had a very enjoyable outing through lovely scenery. The ringers wish to thank Mr. John Austin for his kindness, also the ringers who met them at the various towers, which helped to make the outing such a success. The methods rung on the trip were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob Major.

**A HALF-PEAL.**

At Bishopstoke, Hants, on August 27th, at St. Mary's Church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes): R. Clark 1, G. Hutchinson 2, S. Winkworth 3, G. Pullinger 4, G. Grant 5, E. Wheeler 6, J. Hill (conductor) 7, C. Ayliffe 8.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of C. Ayliffe. It was intended to attempt a peal, but owing to the late start time did not permit. Longest length by a local band.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

An important notice to correspondents appears in another column. Please read, and act upon it.

There is a small deficit on the Oxford Diocesan Guild Memorial to the late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, as it has been decided to make the donation to the Queen Anne's Chapel Enlargement Fund up to £100. We understand the deficit has been guaranteed.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was chaplain of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, and the enlargement of the chapel was a project which he had hoped to see carried out. It is now to be undertaken, at the initiative of the Governors, as a memorial to their deeply beloved chaplain.

We are pleased to record that Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, is making a good although slow recovery from his illness, but has not yet been able to leave the house.

Mr. Percy Amos, who has been in Northampton General Hospital suffering from a broken leg and other injuries, the result of an accident, is making satisfactory progress, and hopes shortly to be transferred to a convalescent home.

To-morrow, Mr. Fred. Walker, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, of 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham, is to be married at St. Martin's Church to Miss Marion Griffiths. Mr. Albert Walker is well known to the Exercise, and needs no further introduction. The bridegroom-elect has also done a little ringing.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Solihull, recorded in our issue of August 31st, was rung on August 20th, not the 13th as reported.

On Sunday next, at 7.55 p.m., the bells of St. Margaret's, Barking, will be broadcast on the National wavelength.

If 'Ajax' will forward his name and address, his letter will be inserted. Letters cannot appear in our columns unless they are accompanied by the sender's name and address, which need not necessarily be for publication.

A new treble bell, added to the existing five, through the generosity of Mr. J. Dixon, was dedicated at Milton Regis, Kent, on Sunday during evening service. To-morrow the bells will be open to ringers, and the proceedings will begin with a special service at 4 p.m.

## LADIES' GUILD PRESIDENT.

**MISS E. STEEL SCORES HER 200th PEAL.**

The congratulations of the Exercise will be extended to the president of the Ladies' Guild, Miss Evelyn Steel, upon ringing her 200th peal on Saturday, with a fine peal of Double Norwich at Dunstable, rung without a trip throughout.

Although a complete list of Miss Steel's peals are not at the moment available, it is safe to say they include more 7-method Minor peals than have been rung by any other member of the Ladies' Guild. They are considerably over 100, including over 30 peals of Surprise Minor.

## RETIREMENT OF MR. W. PICKWORTH.

**VICE-PRESIDENT OF MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION LEAVES SOUTHGATE.**

On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service, at Christ Church, Southgate, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,296 changes): A. R. Glasscock 1, D. Pink 2, G. Plater 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. W. Pickworth, who, on retirement, is removing to Hastings, after being a ringer at Christ Church, Southgate, for 38 years. It was also a compliment to Mr. J. E. Miller on the 42nd anniversary of his being elected a full member of the Southgate Society.

Before his departure from Southgate, Mr. Pickworth entertained the local ringers to an excellent supper on August 30th at the Cherry Tree. The Captain of the ringers, Mr. Miller, on behalf of the Society, presented to Mr. Pickworth a copy of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' by Ernest Morris, as a token of their regard and in recognition of his long membership of the Society, for 12 years of which he has acted as secretary and treasurer. Whilst expressing the regret of the Society at losing such an excellent member, they wished him and Mrs. Pickworth a happy and long retirement in their flat at the seaside, and hoped that whenever they were 'in town' he would not fail to renew his acquaintance with the bells of Southgate.

Mr. Pickworth, in returning thanks for the kind observations made in respect to his stay at Southgate, said he hoped to take part in further ringing on the melodious bells of Southgate when in future visiting the town and county. He also asserted that he should never forget the happy ringing time he had spent at Southgate.

During the evening tunes on the handbells were rendered by Messrs. Armstrong and Plater.

For many years Mr. Pickworth has been vice-president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in the North and East District.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### TO-DAY'S DEPARTURE.

#### The Great Adventure Starts.

To-day the great adventure begins. The P. and O. ss. 'Barrabool' leaves King George V. dock, London, this afternoon, and with her go the ringers who are taking part in the tour of Australia.

The names of the company who are thus making ringing history were given in our last issue. They assemble at Liverpool Street Station at 1.15 p.m., and the special train leaves at 1.50. It is expected that a number of ringers will be present to see them off, and handbells will be rung to speed them on the way.

The past week has been a busy one for the tourists, packing and dispatching baggage. They have not overlooked the difficulties they may find in some of the Australian towers, and are going prepared. They are taking



MRS. R. RICHARDSON,

The only lady ringer in the Australian Tourists' band. She has just rung her one hundredth peal.

with them ten ready-stretched bell ropes, kindly lent by the ringers of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, which will be long enough for any draught which they expect to find. A big tin of lard and castor oil and a 2ft. adjustable spanner (weighing about 12lb.—it will probably weigh much more than that if it has to be carried far) are being taken, and one member at least has had the forethought to equip himself with a set of overalls.

In addition to this the party are taking out with them many gifts to Australian ringers. Illuminated on parchment is the message of greeting from the Central Council, representing the ringers of England, to the ringers of all Australasia, and this will be presented at Melbourne Cathedral.

Then there are the very fine albums, containing photographs of the cathedrals and notable churches of the British Isles (collections organised by 'The Ringing World' and given by all the leading associations, guilds and societies). One of these collections will find a home at Melbourne and the other at Hobart. Other individual gifts are being taken to various churches, and collections of the Central Council publications will be presented to every tower visited.

### IN TASMANIA.

The details of the programme for the week which will be spent in Tasmania from November 1st to 8th, reached England on Monday. Throughout their stay in Hobart the visitors will be the guests of members of the congregation of Holy Trinity Church. They are to be received by the Governor-General (Sir Ernest Clarke) at Government House, who will entertain them to tea, and by the Bishop of Tasmania, at Bishops Court. His Lordship will also entertain the party. One day will be spent in visiting the National Park as guests of the Tasmanian Government, and another in visiting Mount Wellington, the island's tallest mountain. There will be gatherings and ringing with the local ringers, of whose society Mr. A. R. Wilson is the hon. secretary, and the visitors have been informed that the bells of Holy Trinity Church will be at their disposal whenever and for as long as they please.

### NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

During the absence of the Editor on the Australian tour, correspondents are particularly requested to

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What more could one ask?

The stay in Melbourne will be divided. The party arrive there on October 22nd, and ringing, entertainment and sightseeing will fill the programme until October 31st, when they leave for Hobart. On returning to the mainland they go to Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo, and return to Melbourne in time for the commemoration on Sunday, November 11th. They stay in Melbourne until the 16th, when they leave by sea for Sydney, where approximately five days will be spent before embarking on ss. 'Bendigo' for home.

Perth and Adelaide will be visited both on the outward and homeward journeys, and the travellers will also be able to visit, when passing in each direction, Malta and Ceylon, and, on the return they hope to go to Cairo and the Pyramids.

They are due in London on January 5th, but Mr. and Mrs. Sharples will be left at Colombo to continue their journey to India, where they are to visit their son.

# STEDMAN'S BELLS.

ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—There are a number of your readers who are interested in the correspondence referring to Stedman's bells, but nobody has yet given us a clear account of what actually is the trouble. Can someone enlighten us as to what has happened that after a restoration in 1931 it has been necessary to warn learners that there is a danger of breaking something more than a stay? After all, if one is to have ringers one must have learners. What is really wrong if, after a general tightening up by an experienced ringer, something wants further attention after a 720 has been rung? Remember that three years have not elapsed since the restoration. Why class all oak frames alike as requiring someone continually in attendance with a spanner? (Shrinkage, humbug!)

Neglect causes trouble whatever the method of hanging, and I have seen splendid jobs of modern iron and steel frames, not yet 30 years old, rapidly on their way to the scrap heap through neglect.

There is, in my opinion, no reason to expect trouble because the bells are hung on the old principle, to wooden headstocks by the canons. There must be many rings of bells so hung. I learnt to ring, with many more, on a ring (tenor one ton) so hung, and not a bell became loose, and nothing happened beyond a broken stay. This was in 1906. The bells were still tight in 1929, and never to my knowledge required tightening.

Now, will someone tell us what is it that gets loose?—the frame bolts or the headstock bolts? Is there no methods of locking the nuts so that they will not work loose after being tightened? Are learners warned off because the bells are apt to get loose on the stocks?

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Somerset.



STEDMAN'S BELLS HANG IN THIS SAXON TOWER.

## DEATH OF VETERAN CHORLEY RINGER.

### A FOUNDER OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Many ringers in Lancashire, especially in the Preston branch and district, will learn with regret of the death of Mr. John Marsden, of Chorley, which took place at his son's home, 145, Bolton Road, Chorley, on Friday, August 31st. Mr. Marsden was in his 82nd year. He had been connected with bellringing for 64 years, and was one of those who met in the National Schools, Chorley, on June 10th, 1876, in response to a circular sent out by Messrs. J. R. Pritchard, W. G. Mann and J. Aspinwall, to consider the forming of an Association of Change Ringers for Lancashire.

The result of that meeting is the present Lancashire Association. Of those present at that meeting we believe Mr. W. G. Mann is the only survivor. Mr. Marsden was also treasurer of the now defunct Lancashire Six-Bell Association up to the time it was disbanded.

The deceased had rung five peals of 5,000 changes, the first of which he rang when over 60 years of age. He had also been connected with other departments of Church work, particularly the Sunday School, and was the proud possessor of the bronze medal given to teachers for 25 years' honourable service. This was presented to him as far back as 1898.

The deceased had been associated with Chorley Parish Church all his life, having been baptised, confirmed and married there, whilst the first part of his funeral service was held there on Wednesday, September 5th. Four of his fellow ringers, including one of the churchwardens, Mr. F. Lofthouse, assisted as bearers, and another ringer, Mr. A. T. Parker, presided at the organ.

Among the many floral tributes was one in the form of a bell from the Chorley Parish Church ringers.

With the passing of John Marsden ringing has lost one of its warmest adherents and the church one of its most ardent sons.

The Parish Church bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the deceased for both services on the Sunday prior to the funeral, and also before and after the funeral service.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The recent meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild at Marlow was a great success. The bells have been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and over fifty ringers put in an appearance. Methods were rung to suit everyone, and after an enjoyable tea at the Two Brewers, the handbells appeared and were made full use of. Some of the visitors from long distances had to leave early, but the majority stayed until a late hour. That well-known Marlow veteran, Mr. J. C. Truss, was his usual cheery self, and was extremely glad to get his bells in order once more.

The next practices are at Stoke Poges, Horton, Hillingdon and Haddenham.

## NORTH STAFFS RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Bartholomew's Church, Norton-in-the-Moors, held their second annual outing on Saturday, September 1st, when they visited the churches of Hodnet and Calverhall in the Shropshire district. Included in the party were representatives of the Kingsley and Brown Edge towers, the company, numbering 34, leaving Norton at 2 p.m. On the arrival at Hodnet, the bells were soon 'going,' and touches of Biddulph, London and York Surprise were rung by the various bands, while the non-ringers enjoyed a game of bowls on the Bear Hotel green. At 5 p.m. the journey was continued to Calverhall, where an excellent tea was waiting at the Old Jack Inn. Afterwards the ringers made their way to the tower, and were joined by Market Drayton friends and also by Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet. Relays of ringers kept the bells going, and some splendid striking was heard. Before leaving Calverhall, votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicars of Hodnet and Calverhall (the Rev. T. H. Parsons and the Rev. C. E. Wilson), and also to Messrs. Berry and Franco for getting the bells in readiness. Further thanks were offered to the promoters of the outing for such excellent arrangements. Leaving Calverhall at 8.15, Norton was reached at 9.50, and every one voted the outing a great success.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS ITS ORIGIN.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In the early days of the eighteenth century there existed a company of ringers who called themselves the London Scholars. They were a distinguished society, almost the most important in the land, the rivals and equals of the College Youths, both socially and as practical ringers. Their peal book has long since disappeared, and so, with one exception, have all their peal boards; but, from the scanty contemporary notices of them which we still have, it is clear that they rang several very meritorious and outstanding peals. The last we hear of them is in 1730. Then they drop out of history and, to all appearances, came to an end. And that was the usual fate of all the old societies. They were very small bodies, consisting of one band held together by the closest personal ties of mutual interest, and it required only a very small thing—a quarrel, the death of a leading member, lack of interest—to break the whole thing in pieces.

But a hundred years later it was generally believed and stated that the London Scholars had not lapsed. They were said to have merely changed their name, and as the Society of Cumberland Youths to be flourishing and active. And how it all happened was as follows:—

In 1745 there occurred the Jacobite Rebellion. Charles Edward Stuart landed in Scotland, raised an army, fought some victorious battles, and was finally defeated at Culloden Moor by an English army commanded by William Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, the second son of George II., the reigning king. After his victory the Duke returned to London, where he was received with acclamations. As he approached the town by the old North Road the first houses he came to were at the hamlet of Shoreditch, where, just before, a handsome new church had been built (1736), and a fine new ring of bells installed by Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel (1739). Here he was greeted by the London Scholars with a merry peal, and the ringing so pleased the Duke that he sent and thanked the ringers. They, on their part, were so touched by his mark of royal condescension that they took the Duke as their patron and altered their name to that of the Society of Cumberland Youths, and so have continued ever since, except that, at a later period, they added the word 'royal' and got their present title.

That is the account which is now generally accepted as sober history. But when we come to examine it at all critically, we are compelled to the conclusion that, though there is a germ of truth, as the account stands it cannot be true. Like so many of the traditions of the Exercise it started with a fact, but the fact has been so overlaid with guesses and glosses that it has become a mere unsubstantial legend.

That the society got its name from the Duke of Cumberland is quite certain. In itself there is nothing impossible or even improbable in the tale of his personally thanking the ringers. But unfortunately not only is there no contemporary corroboration, but such evidence as there is contradicts it. The Duke returned to London in August, 1746, but the society was not founded until September 6th, 1747. If the ringers had been so impressed with the royal favour that they were impelled to alter their old and historical name they would not have delayed doing so for more than twelve months.

Again, the original books of the Cumberland Society are extant, and they have been very carefully kept from the earliest days till now. They simply say that the society 'began September ye 6th, 1747.' There is no hint that it had already had a long and distinguished career of, at, least, more than half a century, nor would the change of name have necessitated an utter destruction of all the records of the old society, peal books, name books, and the other property, which the ringing societies of the time usually possessed.

And when we search for any contemporary links between the two societies we find that they are entirely missing. No two companies at the time could have been much more unlike than the London Scholars and the Cumberlands. The London Scholars were a London society, who held their meetings and practised at towers in the City and West End. The Cumberlands were at first and for many years a local and suburban company. Their headquarters were at the Gun, in Shoreditch; they practised at St. Leonard's, and though, like all the rest, they went about peal ringing, they went to places out east like West Ham, and Hackney and Spitalfields. They, too, were a different and lower class of people to what the London Scholars had been—tradesmen and artisans who lived in the Shoreditch district. At no time were they socially quite the equals of the College Youths, at least not until the nineteenth century, when the older society fell on evil days.

To my mind there is not much doubt that the Society of London Scholars became extinct soon after 1740. At any rate, more than one member joined the College Youths about that time. The Cumberland Society was a new company, formed from local men to practise on the new bells of St. Leonard's. For the most part they were young men. The leader was George Partrick, who for many years was the chief conductor to the society. Quite likely he may have been a son of John Partrick, a member of the College Youths, and a noted composer in the last days of the seventeenth century. The difference in the spelling of the names is easily accounted for if Partrick spelt his phonetically.

Of the original members of the society only two names can be traced back to earlier times—Jeremiah Gilbert and John Harrington—both of whom had been friends of William Laughton and the Rambling Ringers. Gilbert for a time was a member of the Eastern Scholars.

Why the society called themselves after the Duke of Cumberland is easily explained. The Duke was, at the time, by far the most popular man in England, and there was quite a rage to call things by his name. The Cumberland Gates, Cumberland Terraces, Cumberland Lodges, and suchlike in the West End and Windsor and elsewhere are examples. And the scores of Duke's Heads that you find all over the country are reminiscences of the Duke's popularity. The Shoreditch ringers wanted a name for their new society; they were only following the general custom of the time when they called it the Society of Cumberland Youths.

But if there is no truth in the popular legend, why, we may ask, was it ever started or believed? That we cannot say. We know that such things do happen, and there is another legend connected with this rebellion of 1745 which I may mention. I quote from a letter written in 1861 by John Hopkins, a Birmingham ringer, a very worthy man and an early collector of historical informa-

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## JOHN BUNYAN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with interest what Mr. Trollope has said in your issue of August 31st, but in this matter I have not been much concerned with Puritan or any other opinions, but with the question: What was the state of Bunyan's own mind when he abandoned ringing? To answer this, it is necessary to turn to his own account of himself in his 'Grace Abounding.' Anyone who does this will form his own opinion, and I have stated mine. I think that for a time Bunyan suffered such mental distress that his reasoning faculty became obscured. Anyhow, in the end, his separation from Elstow steeple was caused by a fear of getting killed, which was irrational.

I quoted from Dr. Brown because I consider his words contain a correct summary of what we learn from Bunyan's statements. Mr. Trollope's reference to Dr. Brown seems to me to be—in form, doubtless not in intention—rather slighting. I therefore wish to say that Dr. Brown was a writer who is entitled to be mentioned with respect. There could hardly have been anything available about Bunyan or Puritanism which he did not know. He was minister at the Baptist Church at Bedford, and when publishing his 'Life of Bunyan' he stated in the preface that he had then been studying Bunyan for twenty years, and he must have thoroughly digested the 'Grace Abounding.' Of his scholarship, it is sufficient to say that he edited several of Bunyan's books for the Cambridge University Press and was chosen to contribute the chapter on Bunyan to that University's 'History of English Literature.'

I am not affected by the quotations Mr. Trollope gives. They only illustrate the Puritan narrowness, which is a matter of common knowledge. They do not touch my point. Any of your readers who choose to do so can refer to the 'Grace Abounding.' I do not dispute about it, but from what Bunyan has there left on record I feel no doubt that at the time of his ringing crisis his Puritan reading had so obsessed his mind with death and hell and damnation that he could not think clearly, and did not really know why he should not ring. But this trouble passed later on. I have no sympathy with Puritan theology, but I have great admiration for Bunyan as a man.

R. A. DANIELL.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS (Continued)

tion relating to bells and ringing. 'At the time of the Scotch Rebellion the bells of Carlisle Cathedral were rung. It so offended the Bishop, he ordered the bells not to be rung for one hundred years. At the Expiration of that time on the very day they rang Merrily' (B.M., add. MSS. 33206).

On the face of it the thing is absurd. Bishops of the Church of England have no power by their own dictum to punish bells for ringing contrary to the episcopal wishes. And if they had the power, such things are not done. Yet the legend was widely believed locally. Whatever the reason, the bells were actually silent for many years, and when 1845 drew near a band of ringers was got together to go and practise at Cockermouth, so as to be ready to ring them when the ban lifted. When the day did come they found (what they might have expected) that after so long a silence the bells had no wheels and were unringable. One wonders why they did not notice

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## THE MYSTERY OF A CHANGE COURSE.

AN INQUEST REOPENED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please grant me space to reply to the sarcasm contained in the extracts from the diary of G. W. F. on the Somerset Trip, following the sub-heading, 'Tuesday, August 7th.' I am certain that the wife of G. W. F. does not need any instruction in Stedman, but to infer that she, or, indeed, anyone, is incapable of making a mistake in the method is simply ridiculous. As to the listeners being mystified, I am not surprised. I happened to be the conductor, and I am still mystified, not about what happened, but how it happened. I know what happened, and wrote to three people concerned telling them what happened within about 24 hours of it happening, and not one of them has had the courtesy to reply or acknowledge the receipt. For the benefit of those listeners perhaps you will allow me to set out the calling in full.

The peal starts with a single at 2; then call five courses 5-6-7-8 with a single at 14 which brings the bells back into the plain course.

Then:—  
231456 S H L Q My diary of the peal so far as it went reads like this:—

(1) In the sixth six following this course-end the 6th tried to come in slow instead of quick.—Corrected at once. (J. H. B. smiling.—Why?) The row 1342567 came up at the fourth change of a slow six three sixes later, and 653214 came at the course-end.

(2) Nothing occurred in the course following this until the bob at 12 was called and the 7th went in quick, the 6th tried to lead a whole-pull wrong and was promptly told to make thirds and come back and do last whole-turn. The bob at 13 was called, and when the 7th got to 4-5 up he found the 4th dodging 6-7 down instead of up. Sent the other bell down first, in order to keep the

(Four times repeated).  
4th in sixth's place. Explained at once the 4th was a sixth's place bell last course-end and was kept there with 3-4-12-13.

(3) In the ninth six of the following course 1432567 came up, and this was the first intimation I had that two bells were over, and as I knew that the 4th was not one of them (and the ringing being good), I decided to go on to the part end. Several minor trips occurred—nothing to speak of—and were corrected almost before they were made. At the bobs at 3-4 in the last course 4-6 were behind, and 2175346 came up (as it should do, with 2-5 over). Without another call, and without, I believe, another word spoken, the part-end 453216 came up, and I called 'Stand.'

How 2-5 got over happened in this wise: The bob at 12 (which the 2nd should have made) was not made. The 2nd went on up into 6-7 and drove the 5th (who should have dodged 6-7 down with the 4th) down into 4-5. I, not being aware that the first of the two bobs had not been made (I have already explained that I was busy with the 6th at the time), forced the 4th to wait for me in 6-7. That part is simple. Now comes the baffling part. As I have explained, all went well until the last call had been made, but between the 5th six and the part-end another shift occurred (not in the slow), and instead of 423156 (as it should have been with 2-5 over), 453216 came up; the bells out of place being 1-2-5. Now 1-2-5 occupied the places of 5-6-7 in the sixth six. What happened I can only surmise. I can only say I was surprised to find the treble out of place, as she is one of the observation bells in the first part and was in her right place when she left the slow in the last course. I was so surprised to see the treble out of place that I could only point to 1-2 as the bells that were over. I expected to find the 2nd wrong, but not the treble. No sooner had I pointed at these bells than I was 'set upon' (there is no other word), literally set upon by the three 'experts.' I had dared to tell the 6th to do work that he ought not to have done (which was entirely false). I had to tell him that he knew nothing about it. The other two said so much, and said it in such a bad temper, that I have forgotten most of what they did say. But I do know they did not accuse me of calling a singleton bob. I do not think I replied to the two.

At the subsequent inquest (at which I was not present) I understood that a verdict was returned that 1-6 changed course. Absolute rot. Mrs. Murgatroyd!

Bristol.

W. A. CAVE.

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that before. John Hopkins, by saying the bells rang merrily on the very day, was rounding off the legend and adding just his little bit. And he was writing only a few years after the event.

The most curious fact connected with these bells (it is an actual fact and not legend), is that when the Duke of Cumberland and his victorious army entered the city he sent a certain Major Balfour to the Dean to demand the bells as a perquisite of the train of artillery and was with difficulty dissuaded from treating them as loot.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—At Milton Regis, on Saturday, Sept. 15th, a special ringers' service will take place at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 9d. per head will be made. The tower will afterwards be open to ringers during the evening.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30, with address by Col. R. Hall. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 9d. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Staines (near G.W.R. Station), on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in the Church Room, Bridge Street. Book also Oct. 6th for Hillingdon (joint meeting and social with Oxford Diocesan Guild).—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at Mr. Knight's Restaurant, Lombard Street, at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Sec., Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Easton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The September meeting will be held at Kirby Wiske on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 6 (tenor 10 cwt.) available for ringing during the afternoon.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district ringing meeting will be held at Stradbroke on Saturday, September 15th. Ringing about 3 p.m.—G. Filby, Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Exton tomorrow, September 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. All ringers invited.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brigg on Saturday, September 15th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 5d.) 5 p.m. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The re-opening and thanksgiving service will take place at Littleport, nr. Ely, on Wednesday, September 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at Vicarage. The bells, rehung by Taylor & Co., are a splendid ring of eight. A peal is being arranged, if possible, for Wednesday, September 26th. Those wishing to stand in please let me have names by Monday, 24th. A full diocesan band is hoped for, but others will have every consideration. If possible Cambridge Surprise Major will be rung.—F. Warrington, Central Branch Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at Newport. 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.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3. Short service at 4.45, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. Wilfred Goode. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements for ringing, etc., with tea in the Church Hall. Please let me have numbers for tea and notification of any business for the agenda by Sept. 19th.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by September 18th to Mr. F. B. Titcombe, Church Oakley, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, when the eight bells will be available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the Parish Room at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) at Wombwell's Café at 5 p.m., and it is essential that all requiring tea should notify Mr. A. Hill, 51, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by Wednesday, Sept. 19th. The general meeting will be held in the Parish Room immediately after tea. Buses leave Waterdale, Doncaster, every twenty minutes for Nottingham, Worksop, Mansfield and Chesterfield, and the return fare to Tickhill is 1s. A corporation bus, No. 17, also leaves All Saints' Square, Rotherham, at 1.30 p.m., and return buses to Rotherham leave Tickhill at 6.15 and 9.15 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Throwley, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. As the Vicar has kindly arranged to entertain the ringers to tea, it is particularly requested that all those intending to be present notify Mr. W. J. Page, Post Office, Throwley, near Faversham, on or before Thursday, Sept. 20th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on September 22nd. Bells (6) open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea by invitation. For tea please notify me by the 18th. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Wigston Magna on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For same, notify Mr. Joseph S. Carter, 75, Newton Lane, Wigston Magna, by Tuesday previous. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Horton (six bells) on Saturday, September 22nd, at 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than September 17th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURRY PORT, CARMARTHENSHIRE.**—The restored ring of five bells will be reopened on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. M. Rice Lewis, Belmont, Church Road, Burry Port, not later than Wednesday, September 19th.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shroton on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Iwerne Minster and Childe Okeford bells also available. All ringers welcome.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sunningwell on Saturday, September 22nd.—Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Westhoughton Parish Church on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Peter Crook and William O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Llandudno on Saturday, September 22nd. Service at 3 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Bells available 2 to 6.45 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know as soon as possible? All ringers welcome.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 22nd. Will all who intend to be present notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, not later than September 19th?—A. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting on Saturday, September 22nd, at Disley. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. T. Marsland, Buxton Road, Disley, not later than the 18th.—Arthur Whiting, Hon. Sec.

**HOLMFIRTH, YORKS.**—On Wednesday, September 26th, at 7.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Wakefield will dedicate the new ring of eight bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Rochdale, Saturday, September 29th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Rochdale Parish Church (8 bells), Balderstone (8), Milnrow (8), and Hamer (6). Service in Parish Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. S. Hutchinson, M.C., M.A., Vicar. Tea in schools in Coventry Street 5 p.m. at about 1s. 6d. Names please to Mr. J. W. Ormerod, 5, Chapel Street, Platting Lane, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Business meeting in school 6 p.m. P.S.—Bring some money for your dinner tickets for Manchester on October 27th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, September 29th. Bells from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by the 25th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Bispham, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, Branch. Sec.

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**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, with meeting following, 5 p.m., at the Victoria. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey, not later than Thursday, Sept. 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. each, and meeting Drewes Arms, 5. All ringers cordially invited.—John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

**ESSEX, HERTFORD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Victoria Hall 6 p.m. In order that adequate arrangements can be made for tea, will all those intending to be present advise E. J. Butler, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, without fail?—E. J. Butler (Essex Association), W. H. Lawrence (Hertford Association), C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), Edith K. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild).

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held in the Small Hall of the Public Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, September 29th, at 6 p.m. The Master, Mr. W. Short, will be in the chair. The bells at All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Nicholas' (6) will be available at 4 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from members of the committee, the branch secretaries and the undersigned, and should be applied for before September 24th.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual Jasper Snowdon dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. It is hoped to arrange a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral to commence at 11 a.m. on that date, and any who would like to take part in the peal are asked to communicate with me as early as possible. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

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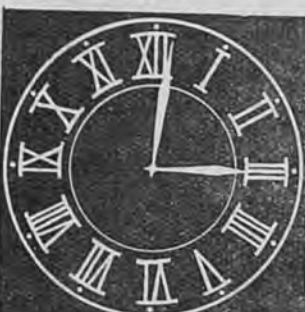
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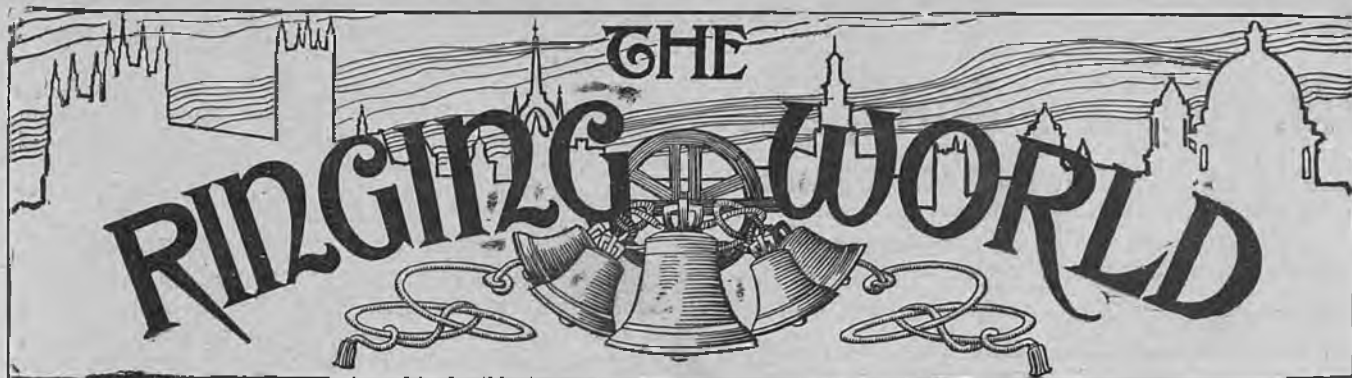
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Now, however, comes a time when this long chain of weekly articles will be broken, although only temporarily, we hope. The Editor is one of those privileged to make the ringing tour to Australia, and when these lines appear in print the voyagers will be somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea. With the ever-increasing distances which the travellers are daily putting between themselves and the homeland it would, of course, be impossible for one of them to fill this column with contributions on current topics. It has, therefore, been thought best, even after such long-established custom, to make a definite break in the series. In the interval this column will be filled with notes from another pen, which we have no doubt will prove completely acceptable to our readers. For the succeeding weeks, until the return of the travellers from the other side of the world, we leave this column with confidence to other hands. The material with which it will be filled will be diversified and interesting; it may even be provocative—we don't know—but we are sure the readers of 'The Ringing World' will find in it new matter for thought. Indeed, it is perhaps just as well that, after all these years, some other mind

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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

### THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

More than two hundred years ago Benjamin Annable and a party of College Youths landed at Calais and rang a course of Cinques on the handbells. Since that time several bands of ringers have gone abroad and done some ringing or other; but never has there been a tour so far-flung and so ambitious as that which started from the London Docks last Friday in such fine weather and with such a hearty farewell. The party take with them the affection and the good wishes of the whole Exercise. They go to take our age-old art to a country that was not heard of till long after ringing was a well established English institution. They are assured of a cordial welcome and the success of the tour is almost certain from the first. What they will be able to do in the way of peal ringing remains to be seen. The conditions are totally unlike a peal ringing tour in England, the proportion of lost peals through bad going bells is sure to be very much higher, and there are not many towers to pick and choose from. But to ring peals is not the main object of the journey. Whether few or many are rung is a minor thing. What we are hoping for is a big advance in the practice of change-ringing in the towers of Australia.

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Conducted by JACK STUBBS.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

RYDE, I.W.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evensong at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Flower 1, W. Collett 2, F. W. Pervens 3, H. R. Passmore 4, P. Long 5, W. A. Siver 6, A. Brading 7, A. R. Ward (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor (Mr. A. R. Ward), who wishes to thank the visitors ringing 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 for making a touch in this method possible.

**EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Stephen,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	†NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 2	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 3	†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 7
*CHARLES POULTENAY ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 249).

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob.

**WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Benedict,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... Treble	*LESLIE KEY ... .. 5
HARRY HILL ... .. 2	†HENRY L. LANGLEY ... .. 6
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 7
THOMAS J. MARTIN ... .. 4	JOSEPH DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside'. Quarterly peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Stafford.

**UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HALFORD ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	*GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 6
*ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7
SYDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

**LELSTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES WHITING ... .. Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 5
*WILLIAM C. BUNN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. E. Bailey, son of the ringer of the 4th, on the eve of his 21st birthday. Also to oblige the conductor whilst on a week-end visit from London.

SHAW, NEWBURY, BERKS.—On September 9th, for the harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) with ten different callings: E. A. Palmer 1, S. Quintin 2, T. Fisher (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. W. J. Bird 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5, F. J. Owen 6. Rung after evensong.

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WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,  
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 6
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 7
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (417). Conducted by J. CHARNOCK.  
First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... Treble	*JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	EDWARD C. GOSBY ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
\* 50th peal. The composition has 4-5-6 only in 5-6, except two courses when 3rd is in 5th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five 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 of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WEYBROW ... .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 4
FRED THURBORN ... .. 2	ROBERT SMITH ... .. 5
FRED C. GINN ... .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4
HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 3	GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal in six methods on the bells.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS BEVAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 4
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 5
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

LITTLE OILART, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes of Stedman, 2,640 of Grandsire and 960 of Plain Bob, 20 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*MRS. JEFFREY PACK ... Treble	WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... 4
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 2	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
MISS GLADYS PACK ... .. 3	†FRANK J. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores with ten callings.

PERCY CUNNINGTON ... Treble	LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... 3
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 2	FRANK C. TYSON ... .. 4
TOM BARTRAM ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

The ringers thank the Rector for providing tea after the peal.

EVERTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY ... .. Treble	C. RONALD SMITH ... .. 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... .. 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.

First peal and first attempt by the treble ringer. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Swindin, of Everton, Mr. Swindin being a member of the local band.

STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*ERNEST SALMON ... .. Treble	*ALBERT HURCOMBE ... .. 4
†ALAN GWYNNE ... .. 2	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 5
FRANK DOWNES ... .. 3	HENRY TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

GREAT MISSENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... Treble	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 4
HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in more than one method on the bells.

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FELKIRK, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents in the following order: Capel, Sandal, Burton, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Kent and Oxford.

HAROLD CHANT ... .. Treble	JOHN R. MATTOCK ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	DANIEL SMITH ... .. 5
GEORGE LORD ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to W. Palmer, of Manor Farm, Badsworth, who was married at Ackworth on the same day. The band wish him much happiness. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent, Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. Treble	GEORGE T. DOBBS ... .. 4
MARTIN WALKER ... .. 2	JOSEPH ATKINSON ... .. 5
GEORGE ATKINSON ... .. 3	WALTER M. GODDARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

First attempt for a peal as conductor on tower bells.

**A SOMERSET WEEK.**

The following peals are the result of a week's tour in Somerset:—

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 10, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ST. EDWARD,  
KING AND MARTYR, AND THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal in the method in the county and by the association.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 6
KEITH HART ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of London on the bells. 200th peal by the ringer of the treble.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1934, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROGERS ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

CORSTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells. 200th peal by the ringer of the 2nd.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, September 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, & SUPERLATIVE  
 SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Being 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.  
 Tenor 13½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... ..	... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	5
KENNETH SNELLING ... ..	2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... ..	6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... ..	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

First peal of Spliced Surprise in the county and by the association.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..	... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... ..	6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... ..	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	8
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... ..	4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... ..	9
NELSON ELLIOTT ... ..	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells and by the association.

**CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND  
 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	5
KENNETH SNELLING ... ..	2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... ..	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

**RINGERS WHO ARE PAID.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your excellent leading article on 'Ringers who put money first' is most opportune; but there are other aspects to the subject. In addition to paid Sunday service bands, is it not time the practise of giving honorariums to or paying instructors was also discouraged? To receive payment of this kind, to my mind, shows a grabbing spirit. For instance, I know of two ringers who unhesitatingly hold out an open hand for an annual sum for teaching a band change ringing. One evening a week a car is sent to fetch these two ringers to the tower in question, where a short practice takes place, and provision made for their return journey. This part of the business is all right; but what these men are paid to do has been going on now for well over four years, and still the tower is with only four ringers to ring its eight bells! In contrast to this, there is another tower in the same neighbourhood which had two voluntary instructors to teach a band a little over two years ago, and in this case ten ringers take part each Sunday in the ringing of its five bells.

A short time ago I heard of another case where a tower foreman formerly paid for every member of his band to go to an annual commemoration dinner. Two years ago he decided to test their spirit, and dropped his practise. Each year since only one of the band has put in an appearance at this dinner. Are such men any good to the cause of change ringing?

P. AMOS.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**PRAYERS FOR AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS.**

The thoughts of many ringers are extended to the Australian tourists. At the half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Brigg on Saturday, a prayer was included at the service on behalf of those who had started on the Australian tour.

The attendance was disappointing, but there was no lack of enthusiasm among the 29 members present. The following towers were represented: Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Gainsborough, Grimsby, Lincoln, Scotton and Scunthorpe, in addition to the local company. The bells, a nice light ring of six, were available, but, owing to illness near the church, ringing during the evening was cancelled.

Owing to the temporary closing of the church for the installation of a new heating apparatus, the service was held in the Parish Hall, at which the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry (Grimsby District president) officiated in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. F. Burgess), who was away on holiday. Mr. G. H. Moody presided over the musical part of the service. The Archdeacon gave a very homely address.

An excellent tea at the Central Cafe was followed by the business meeting, at which Archdeacon Parry presided. Apologies of absence were received from the following: Canon H. R. Burrows (Grimsby), Messrs. George Chester, J. A. Freeman, J. Walden (Lincoln), E. Dawber (Gainsborough) and R. Richardson, Surfleet (Guild Ringing Master). Mr. J. Bray proposed that the next half-yearly meeting be held at Louth, with Scunthorpe as an alternative. Mr. C. McGuinness seconded and this was agreed to.

At the previous (annual) meeting Mr. C. H. Baker gave notice of his intention to propose at the next half-yearly meeting a resolution re grants to various towers from the branch. Not having done so, this did not appear on the agenda, but the members agreed that he should be allowed to submit his motion. The resolution was: 'That the committee be asked to consider ways and means of fixing a limited sum of £5 to any application, each one to be considered on its own merits, and the mentioned sum to be the maximum.' Mr. H. Morgan seconded. As an amendment Mr. F. W. Atkinson, jun., proposed: 'That when the balance of the branch's funds is below £50, no grant should be made, and that when a grant is made it should not exceed £5.' With the consent of the members, Mr. Baker then withdrew his resolution and seconded Mr. Atkinson's amendment. As a further amendment Mr. Bray proposed and Mr. McGuinness seconded: 'That a definite reserve fund of £50 be fixed, and when near the margin of that amount no grants be made, and when above cases should be dealt with on their merits.' After a considerable amount of discussion, Mr. Bray's amendment was carried.

A letter was then read from Mr. Richardson in regard to the branch's proportion toward the cost of the photos for the Australian tour. These consisted of two photos each of the Cathedral and Louth Parish Church. This was agreed to by the members and unanimously carried. The business meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks, after which, through the kindness of Archdeacon Parry, the members were able to proceed to Bigby, where touches in various methods were rung during the evening. The methods during the proceedings varied from Bob Doubles to London Surprise Minor, also rounds for the less advanced.

**BENHILTON RINGERS' OUTING.**

Benhilton ringers had an enjoyable outing on September 8th, when ringing took place at the following towers: St. Mary's, Staines; St. Paul's, Slough; All Saints', Maidenhead; and the Parish Church at Windsor. Everyone was puzzled over the stained glass window at Slough with its problem picture, and wished that Mr. Fussell was there, as no doubt he could have explained it. All were struck with the magnificence of Windsor Parish Church, which is said to hold 1,300 people. Some of the patriots of the party thought that they would like to sit in the King's pew, and accordingly sat in the large pew with the coat of arms. Imagine their disappointment when told that they had merely occupied the Corporation seat! Home was reached soon after 11 p.m., everyone being pleased with the outing. The opportunity is taken here of thanking all the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the local men met on the tour for their cordial hospitality.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A by-meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Froyle on Saturday, August 25th, when members were present from Alton, Blackmoor, Bishopstoke, Froyle, Farnham, North Stoneham, Portsea, Petersfield, Steep, Soberton, Wickham and visitors from Ash, Farnham and Godalming, 32 in all. The bells were rung from 2.30 until 4.30, when the Guild's office was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Sangster.

The members were kindly entertained to tea by Sir Hubert Miller at the Shrubbery House, after which a short business meeting was held. This over, Sir Hubert personally showed the party round his beautiful grounds, which were greatly enjoyed and admired.

Ringing was resumed afterwards, the methods ranging from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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**BURNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.****FOUR THAMES-SIDE TOWERS VISITED.**

The 'very first' of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks, took place on Saturday, September 8th. Leaving the tower at 1.30 p.m., the 'Beech-nuts' travelled by coach via Wargrave to Henley, and were met by Mr. Appleby at 2.30 p.m. Ringing until 3.15. Everyone aboard and away across country to Goring, Mr. Bower to meet us. Ringing 4.15 till 5 p.m. Across the river again, the coach sped us on to Stone's Cafe for 5.30 tea at Pangbourne. Ringing at Pangbourne, being met by Mr. Webb, from 6.15 until 7 p.m. Away again to Sonning, where Mr. Wright was awaiting us for ringing from 8 until 8.45.

This young society (formed April, 1932) did remarkably well on these four fine rings of bells—Henley with its 22 cwt. and Goring 8 cwt. tenors. Not once during the day did any touch come to grief, and although the party was only eleven strong, one member is 12, one 13, two 14 and one 16 years of age. Triples only were rung at Henley and Sonning. At Goring a course of Bob Major was aspired to and rung. On the Pangbourne six, Kent and Plain Bob Minor and one 120 of Bob Doubles, treble 16, second 12, third (conductor) 14, fourth 14, fifth 13 and tenor 62 years of age. (Look out, F. E. D.)

Favoured by glorious weather, beautiful scenery, splendid bells, a cordial welcome at all towers, a time table kept with military precision and a coach that seemed to have an unending supply of fruit, crisps, biscuits, ginger-pop for the younger element (and, of course, the older members were also catered for), two mandolines, a concertina and banjo and some lusty voices, there was never one sagging moment. When Burnham was again reached just before 10 p.m. there was a chorus of 'When do we have our second outing?' Our thanks to all incumbents and steeplekeepers for giving us a day that will always be fresh in our memory.

**DEATH OF A RINGER'S WIFE.****MRS. A. T. BAKER, OF ILKESTON.**

After a long and painful illness, patiently borne, Mrs. Annie Baker, wife of Mr. A. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor'), of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, passed to her rest on September 4th, by a strange coincidence the birthday of her husband. Mr. Baker, as many of our readers know, is afflicted with blindness, and the death of his wife is a double blow. Mr. Baker has left to him his daughter Muriel, who has courageously borne the heavy task of watching over and nursing both her parents.

Mrs. Baker, who had a great love of bells, was laid to rest last Saturday close to the tower of All Saints' Church, Kirk Allum, where she was married.

**MR. H. WINGROVE'S 200 PEALS.**

	Rung Conducted	
Stedman Cinques	2	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	
Stedman Caters	2	
London Surprise Major	23	3
Bristol Surprise Major	11	
Cambridge Surprise Major	*49	11
Superlative Surprise Major	32	4
Yorkshire Surprise Major	4	2
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	
Rutland Surprise Major	1	1
Lincolnshire Surprise Major	2	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	4	2
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Spliced Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	29	5
Bob Major	6	5
St. Clement's College Bob Major	1	
Stedman Triples	*17	2
Grandsire Triples	1	
Oxford Bob Triples	1	
Surprise Minor in seven methods	1	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	3	1
Minor in seven methods	1	1
Minor in three methods	2	1
Bob Minor	1	
Total	200	40

\* Includes one non-conducted.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

The bells of Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber, were rung on Saturday last for the wedding of Mr. James Wright and Miss Ethel Crowder, second daughter of Mr. W. Crowder, who has been nearly 40 years a ringer. The weather was glorious and the following ringers took part: Ed. Stainton 1, Frank Elliot 2, Ed. Fowler 3, Thomas Johnson 4, J. Barrick 5, H. E. Dannatt 6. Afterwards the ringers were entertained at the bride's home, and at 5 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal as the bride and bridegroom left Coxhill Station en route for Scotland, where the honeymoon is being spent.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the oppressive heat and visitors gaining access to the ringing chamber, the band of ringers from London and Newcastle were not successful with the peal of Stedman Triples at Durham Cathedral on Saturday. The band, unfortunately, came to grief after 1 hour and 30 minutes of good ringing.

This week we record two ringers who have rung their 200th peal—Mr. Nelson Elliott, a member of the Somerset tourists' party, and Mr. Daniel D. Cooper, a member of the Surrey Association.

We understand that the trouble at St. Benet's, Cambridge, will shortly be put right.

There are now living eight men who have rung one thousand peals. They are W. Pye (now in the last hundred of his 2,000), G. Williams, F. Bennett, G. R. Pye, J. George, A. H. Pulling, J. E. Davis and W. H. Fussell. We shall expect to hear that they intend to attempt a peal together, though that will have to wait until the party returns from Australia. Three other men, now dead, also reached the 1,000 mark—the Rev. F. E. Robinson, E. Pye and A. R. Shade.

The band that rang the peal of Cambridge at Washingborough wish to withdraw the note stating that it was the first peal in the method on the bells.

## THE EXERCISE AT BRISTOL.

### DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS ANNIVERSARY.

To-morrow (Saturday), September 22nd, is the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich Caters. The peal was rung by members of the St. Michael's Juniors Society of Gloucester, at the Church of St. Stephen, Bristol; it was conducted by John Austin, who had in the previous year (on March 11th, 1893) conducted the first peal of Major on the bells, also Double Norwich.

If the history of ringing in Bristol be carefully examined, there can be no doubt whatever that the ringing of these peals had a great beneficial effect. Ringing had reached a low ebb, what peal-ringing there was done was chiefly in the Grandsire method, an exception being the peal of Treble Bob Major at All Saints' in 1890, which was conducted by G. T. Daltrey, now the worthy churchwarden there.

The formation of the St. Stephen's Guild soon after the St. Michael's Juniors had rung their peal of Caters was the first step in the upward movement. There were other good ringers in Bristol who were outside the association, and the progress that was being made at St. Stephen's roused their mettle. While the St. Stephen's Guild failed time after time to ring a peal of Stedman Triples, the non-association men met at All Saints' and rang several peals, generally on Tuesday evenings, the St. Stephen's practice night. The writer listened to the last hour or so of several of the peals, and can vouch for the accuracy of the striking. The same may be said of the ringing at St. Stephen's, neither band could or did criticise their rival's striking.

The first local peal of Double Norwich Major was rung by the same band in 1898, and then came the struggle for the first peal of Superlative. Time after time both towers attempted peals on the same night, and after one band had broken down, the first thing they did was to listen if the others were still ringing. After a long time it was rung at St. Stephen's on January 16th, 1899. The other band did not try again.

The outcome of this struggle was excellent in every way. The two bands united for practice of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, and the first peal was completed on the last day of 1899, or very early in the morning of the next day.

Cambridge Major at St. Stephen's in 1900, London at All Saints' in 1903 and Bristol at St. Stephen's in 1912 are further steps in the advance of ringing in Bristol.

ANON.

## THE FINCHINGFIELD PEAL BOARD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I am much obliged to Messrs. D. H. Elliott and T. E. Slater for their letters which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' with regard to the above. I may say that I had not seen the board and was under the impression by remarks made by Mr. W. Smith, of Dunmow, who rang the 7th in the peal on August 25th last and who had seen the board, that it recorded a peal of Kent, but this is not so. By the courtesy of Mr. C. H. Howard, who has supplied me with the information, I am now able to give full particulars. On the 30th May, 1925, was rung at St. John's Church, Finchingfield, Essex, a peal of 5,120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 17 minutes: Matthew Ward 1, James Bennett, jun., 2, James Bennett, sen., 3, Thomas Rannow 4, David Smart 5, Samuel Francis 6, Richard Miller 7, William Spicer 8. Called by Mr. Miller.

This will, I think, set all doubts at rest about a previous peal of Oxford on the bells, and, I may add, Mr. Slater's letter gives us the information as to how the board came to be removed out of the belfry. I am informed by Mr. Howard that an offer was made to the landlord of the inn to replace the board in the belfry, but, alas, before this good intention could be carried out, it was destroyed by fire. I think that the Essex Association might with advantage give the matter their attention, viz., the care of old peal boards so as to prevent any destruction of any in the future.—Yours truly,

Rye Lane, Peering.

W. KEEBLE.

# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

## THE VOYAGERS SET SAIL.

SS. BARRABOOL: Saturday.

'The great adventure' has begun. We are in the English Channel, making for Plymouth, which will be our last contact with the homeland before we head south. Whatever lies before us, yesterday will be a day of great recollections. What excitement; what a send off!

An unexpectedly large gathering of ringers assembled at Liverpool Street Station to bid the tourists farewell, showing the extraordinary interest which this epoch making trip to Australia has evoked. Each of the travellers received a more than cordial greeting on arriving at the departure platform entrance, where the sound of the handbells soon attracted a large crowd. Newspaper reporters were active with their interrogations, and Enid Richardson was to them the heroine of the hour. We left amid rousing cheers.

A number of those who had come to see the departure travelled with the tourists to King George V. Dock, and boarded the liner, which towered above the quayside. All the bustle associated with the departure of a big steamer was a source of great interest and intermittently the handbells were to be heard. They created a great deal of interest among the passengers and the visitors, many of whom had been able to come aboard the ship.

At length the warning bell sounded and the visitors left the vessel to assemble on the dockside, where patiently they waited in the hot afternoon sunshine till at length, something like an hour later, the 'Barrabool' was pulled away from her berth by tugs, and cheers from the watchers on shore and the din of handbells clanged over the vessel's rails.

But it was not the last we saw of many friends. The vessel had to pass through the lock into the Thames, and while this operation was in progress familiar figures were to be seen among the waiting crowd until at last, with a whoop from her siren, the good ship was hauled into the river and turned her nose towards the sea. And as she did so, and London slid by on either side, and Greenwich and Gravesend were passed, it was inevitable that thoughts should turn to loved ones left at home.

Our send-off had been truly great. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotterell and Mr. Tom Maude came from Yorkshire to see us depart; Mr. James George travelled specially from Birmingham to represent St. Martin's Guild; Mr. J. Corbett made a journey to London to bid farewell to a co-officer of the Guildford Guild; ringers from all corners of London turned up in force; the Secretary of the Central Council (in the absence of the President, who was in Belgium but sent a letter of good wishes) was present to wish us 'God speed' on behalf of that body. And so we feel that we have started under the happiest auspices.

As the glorious September day drew to its close, with the sun sinking, a golden orb, through the haze that marked where London lay, we slipped past Tilbury and away into the night.

We have a full ship and among the passengers are thirty boys and thirty girls from Dr. Barnardo's Homes going to a new land to begin a new life. They are bound for Australia.

### MISSING THE FIRST MEAL.

Almost before we left the dockside we knocked up against a rule of the ship which has, I think, made a lasting impression. At any rate, I shall not forget it. Anxious to see the last of the many friends who came to

the docks to see us off, we stayed on deck to ensure seeing the last of them—and lost our tea. Afternoon tea 'comes off' at 4.45, and no amount of cajoling would induce the stewards to produce at 5 o'clock even so much as a cupful for the, by this time, very thirsty travellers. But, of course, there is always the bar. Some of us had made up our minds—subject to what Father Neptune has to say about the matter—not to miss a meal, and here we are, everyone of us having missed the very first meal of the cruise! It won't happen again from the same cause!

We had one pleasant surprise before we left the dock. Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon, and Miss Nora Johnston came on board in the final minutes to wish the travellers 'bon voyage' and brought with them a truly magnificent box of chocolates for the ladies of the party and the gentlemen 'if they are good.' Up to the present the gentlemen do not seem to have been good enough.



THE TOURISTS ON THE SS. 'BARRABOOL.'

Reading from left to right: Mr. W. Linter, Mr. G. Martin, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. R. Richardson, Miss Enid Richardson, Mr. J. Harcastle, Mr. C. Sharples, Mrs. Richardson and the Rev. E. Banks James. It is to be regretted that only the left hand of Mr. W. H. Fussell appears.

[Photo by courtesy of the 'Daily Sketch,' London.]

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR

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At dinner we all turned up wearing the sprigs of white heather 'for luck,' very kindly distributed to the travellers by Miss Hilda Mills before we left London. Prior to the evening meal, however, we had been assembled at boat stations for lifebelt instruction. Rupert now knows that you do not climb into one of these contraptions feet first. He could not by any possible means pull it up over his waistline.

### ORGANISING SECRETARY'S HECTIC DAY.

Last Thursday Mr. W. H. Fussell, the organising secretary of the tour, rang his one thousandth peal. It was a peal of Superlative Surprise at Slough, conducted by George Martin, and was rung as a farewell to these two ringers before their departure. To-morrow is 'Old Bill's' birthday, and the double event is going to cost him something. He found his bed well timbered last night, and to-day the ship's mail has taken back a consignment of wood to a certain Cookham builder, who left a message on the miniature plank, 'I wood do something silly.' He'll think so when he has to pay the excess postage.

We have had an official meeting this morning, when the O.S. presented the many telegrams and letters of good wishes he has received. To all those who have sent these messages to the tourists, either individually or collectively (they are too many to acknowledge separately), the travellers tender their sincere thanks. By the way, the steward awoke 'Old Bill' from his beauty sleep last night to give him the last batch of telegrams. But he didn't mind. The doings of the great day had left him entirely happy.

After our official meeting this morning four of us started for a handbell peal of Bob Major on the upper deck in the sunshine. It was not long, however, before a fog came down and the bells went on to the intermittent accompaniment of the ship's foghorn. Presently the hooter called one hob too many for us, and a 'wrong' came up where a 'home' ought to have been. And that was that. By the way, we have bought this little corner of the upper deck from the shipping company—at least, we have got it on approval.

### LATEST NEWS.

Since the peal attempt the O.S. has been teaching Barnardo's boys to ring handbells.

## MYSTERY OF A CHANGE COURSE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Cave's explanation of how a peal of Stedman Triples went out at the top (it makes very interesting, or is it amusing, reading), anyway we know now what happened, 'or don't we'? Will some of the other merchants in the attempt say something about it. Please do. It will be a lot more interesting than seeing records of peals rung. Personally, I am rather fond of inquests. It was good fun the last time I was on the jury, until they fastened it on to me. Even so, why worry. Someone has to be the culprit if a peal does go up in the attempt. Further, who will worry about it in 50 years' time. Smile, Mr. Cave, smile!

F. H. DEXTER.

Grandison, 4, Stuart Street, Leicester.

## FIRST 720 IN ARGYLLSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 11th, at Dun a Bhuilg, Achnamara, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: Dilys M. Lewis 1-2, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 3-4, E. H. Lewis 5-6. Believed to be the first 720 in the County of Argyll.

## A GREAT SEND OFF.

SHOWERS OF COPPERS FROM BYSTANDERS AS HANDBELLS SOUND ON PLATFORM.

It is not easy to say how many ringers were present at Liverpool Street last Friday to bid farewell to the band starting for Australia, but there were certainly more than fifty. They came from many parts and represented many associations. Among them were Messrs. George W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel Foundry, treasurer, Ancient Society of College Youths), E. P. Duffield (Master of Essex Association), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Messrs. G. Steere (treasurer Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association), A. W. Coles and J. A. Trollope (vice-president of Middlesex Association), J. Corbett (hon. treasurer, Guildford Diocesan Guild), J. Parker (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) and the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild. Mr. James George came up specially from Birmingham to represent the St. Martin's Guild. Other ringers present included Mrs. Deal, Mrs. Barker, Messrs. E. J. Butler (district secretary, Essex Association), J. E. Davis, W. T. Elson, H. Kilby, C. C. Mayne, R. Saunders, E. C. S. Turner, C. W. Pipe, J. Bennett, F. W. Thornton, W. J. Nevard, T. Fowler, J. Cornford, H. Hodgetts, A. J. House, A. P. Cannon, A. McCombie, G. B. Lucas, G. R. Simmonds, F. W. Housden, G. Dawson, A. Prior, L. A. Jones, E. O. Goldsmith and C. S. Burden, Mrs. C. T. Coles, Mrs. Deal, Mrs. G. E. Barker, Miss B. M. Mills, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Renshaw and others.

### 'ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL.'

Mr. Rupert Richardson produced his handbells, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the platform by Mrs. R. R. Richardson 1-2, J. A. Trollope 3-4, R. R. Richardson 5-6, Mrs. Fletcher 7-8, G. W. Fletcher 9-10. Considering the excitement and the circumstances, it was quite a good course and drew a shower of coppers from bystanders, which, sad to say, disappeared before the band had finished and could collect them. Inside the barrier there was a small army of Press photographers waiting, and then Mr. Fussell, mounting on a luggage truck, proceeded to sing. We thought it was going to be 'Auld Lang Syne,' but it turned out to be 'All things bright and beautiful.' Whether Liverpool Street Station, the Great Eastern Railway and London by the Docks are to be included in the things bright and beautiful is a point open for discussion.

Quite a number of friends went on further to the Docks and saw the party safe aboard. Here they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell, of Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. T. Maude, of Pudsey, and Mr. F. J. Cullum, of Erith. The cabins were inspected, and cameras and Rupert's 'movie' were busy, and the handbells brought into use. A course of Bob Royal was started, but the ship's people dropped what seemed like several tons of coal into the hold just behind the tenor man, and whether the treble kept right and all the others went wrong, or whether the treble was wrong and all the rest kept right, or even if all were wrong and none were right, no one knew or ever will know. So a course of Stedman Triples was rung instead.

### THE FINAL SCENE.

After about an hour and a half the bell sounded for visitors to leave the ship, and we waited on the quay for the final scene. Further along another party was seeing friends off, singing what we took to be hymns, while one gentleman with a mighty voice and a megaphone at intervals inquired of some other person or persons in the far distance if he were saved. Then the moorings were cast off, and with hats waving and handkerchiefs fluttering the great ship slowly moved away from the quay while the music of Grandsire Triples reached us, fading away as the 'Barrabool' passed down the dock.

We had one further glimpse of the party. Going through one or two streets we met the boat again as she passed out of the dock into the river. More waving of hats and handkerchiefs, and then the ship slowly swung round and headed for the open sea and the uttermost parts of the earth.

## SUTTON CHARTER DAY RINGING.

Sutton (Surrey) received its Charter as a borough on Wednesday of last week, and to celebrate this the bells of All Saints', Benhilton, were rung a lot during the day. In the morning the locals attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but a halt was called after nearly an hour's ringing, due to a shift course. After some Stedman, a good quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: G. Rayner 1, G. Reed 2, F. Randall 3, H. Good 4, G. Chiverton 5, E. Enticnap 6, W. C. Smith 7, R. Foreman 8. In the evening Mr. O. H. Kippen conducted a peal of London Surprise Major, this being the first in the method on the bells.

## RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING

On Saturday afternoon, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Catherine's, Pontypriid, to commemorate the silver wedding of the leader of St. Catherine's bellringers: John Hallett (conductor) 1, Fred J. Thyer 2, George Kerney 3, Edward Ern 4, John Darch 5, George Mead 6, William Lambert 7, Bert Sheldon 8. First quarter for ringers of 6 and 7.

## MISS EVELYN STEEL'S 200 PEALS.

As stated in our last issue, Miss Evelyn Steel has completed her 200 peals. They include the first peal rung by ladies only, which, although it was 'only' Grandsire Triples, was an outstanding landmark in the history of the Exercise. Miss Steel has been President



MISS EVELYN STEEL,

President of the Ladies' Guild, who rang her 200th peal at Dunstable on September 8th.

of the Ladies' Guild since 1926. The following is the complete list of the peals:—

Two methods Doubles	2
Stedman Doubles	2
One to six methods Minor	20
Seven methods Minor	71
Seven Surprise methods Minor	26
Cambridge Surprise Minor	2
London Surprise Minor	1
Grandsire Triples	5
Stedman Triples	8
Bob Major	11
Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	22
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	7
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	3
Superlative Surprise Major	10
Grandsire Caters	3
Stedman Caters	1
Bob Royal	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1

200

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Wednesday, August 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, 10½ different callings): M. F. Oakshett 1, H. Mackinder 2, Mrs. H. Oakshett 3, A. S. Richards 4, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 5. Great credit is due to the treble-man, as, with the exception of two 120's of Bob Doubles, it was his first touch away from the tenor.

**LLANGOLLEN.**—On August 27th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. C. Ellis 1, J. Bailey 2, E. Wyse 3, N. Horspool 4, J. Jones 5, R. G. Park 6, A. Bailey (conductor) 7, O. Downham 8. This was the first quarter-peal by the band.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT BEWDLEY.

## A CHANGE OF OFFICERS.

A new Ringing Master and a change in the secretaryship was the principal business at a meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association meeting at Bewdley on Saturday. The bells were available to the members until the service in church, conducted by the curate (the Rev. D. W. Rowe), in the unavoidable absence of the Rector (the Rev. C. Raymond Hollis).

At the business meeting the Rev. D. W. Rowe presided and gave the association a most cordial welcome to Bewdley. Mr. H. F. Martin (Bromsgrove) said he wished to relinquish the office of Branch Ringing Master, and Mr. T. Hemming, of Brierley Hill, was elected to the vacancy. Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Selly Oak) was unanimously elected branch secretary in place of Mr. A. J. Skelding, who also wished a change. Mr. W. H. Webb, of Halesowen, was re-elected branch representative on the Central Committee. It was recommended that Canon M. S. Newland, of Stourbridge, and the Rev. T. C. De la Hay, Vicar of Bromsgrove, be considered for election by the Central Committee to be clerical vice-presidents.

The secretary referred to the death of the Rev. T. A. Cooper-Slipper, Vicar of Kinver, honorary member of the association, and it was proposed that the secretary write a letter of sympathy to the family. The members also stood in silence for a brief period. He also mentioned the serious illness of the Vicar of Kidderminster, Canon Sladen, and it was agreed that the secretary send him a letter with the best wishes of the members for a speedy recovery. Several new members were elected. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers for their good work on behalf of the branch.

A special appeal was made by Mr. H. G. Bird asking members and outside friends to do all they possibly could to help the Kidderminster band to raise the £100 needed to make the bell restoration a complete success.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. D. W. Rowe for presiding and taking the service, and also to the organist (Mr. H. Cullam) for his services. Thanks were also expressed to the Rector for the use of the bells and allowing the meeting to be held at Bewdley. The Chairman, replying thanked the members sincerely for their very kind vote of thanks.

## STEDMAN'S BELLS.

## To the Editor.

Sir,—By his remark (shrinkage humbug!) is Mr. Osborn going to ignore the laws of nature and tell us that wood is not subject to shrinkage? In quoting his case of a restoration in 1906 where the bells were hung on wood headstocks, he seems to overlook the fact that timber put into buildings 30 years ago was far different to what is used to-day. The bellfounders themselves have more than once been heard to admit that to get well seasoned wood is now almost a thing of the past. True enough there must be hundreds of rings hung on the old principle, but how many in recent years? If the old principle is satisfactory, why is it that the foundries nearly always take the cannons off and relang in iron headstocks nowadays? Like many others, I am of opinion that had this been done at St. Benedict's, the bells would have gone many more years without complaint.

'RINGER.'

## MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT STAINES.

## RETIREMENT OF MR. W. PICKWORTH.

The delightful weather of the present Indian summer prevailed on Saturday, when a meeting of the South and West District was held at Staines. The river was indeed an attraction, and the non-ringing visitors spent several happy hours on its banks.

The tower of St. Mary's has for many years been of secondary importance on these ringing occasions at Staines, but this year the whole of the proceedings took place there. The bells were rung from 3.30 until after 8, with an interval for service and tea, etc. Methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major were rung under the direction of the R.M., Mr. Tom Collins. Shortened evening and an address took place at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar's deputy, the former being on the sick list. Tea was served in the Church Hall and the business meeting followed. The Rev. H. E. McLeod, of Shepperton, was elected an hon. member, and Mrs. C. J. Matthews became a ringing member. Details of the next meeting at Hillingdon on October 6th were given, and it was decided to hold a meeting at Acton in November, probably on the 3rd.

Mixed feelings of regret and good wishes were expressed about the news of the retirement and removal to Hastings of Mr. W. Pickworth, vice-president of the North and East District. His value to the association both officially and unofficially has been immense, and would be realised more and more as his absence became felt. All wished Mrs. Pickworth and he a happy retirement. Thanks to the local authorities and ringers concluded the meeting.

Upon learning that the wife of Mr. W. Parker, a veteran member of St. Peter's band, had been interred that day, the evening visit to that tower was cancelled and St. Mary's revisited.

**'DOWN SOMERSET WAY.'****TWELVE PEALS IN A SUCCESSFUL WEEK.**

Following the successful tours of the past two years by the young band, it was decided that the venue this year should be Somerset, with the Golden Lion Hotel, Wrington, as headquarters. Arrangements were duly made by Mr. F. W. Rogers, under the guidance of Mr. J. T. Dyke, and by train and motor-cycle the tourists, seven of whom were bachelors, duly met on Saturday, September 8th, at Barrow Gurney. There proved, however, to be an early disappointment, as the peal could not be attempted owing to the non-arrival of Mr. G. Williams, who, at the last moment, had to absent himself from the tour owing to a family bereavement.

There being no bells available for a peal attempt on the Sunday, after ringing for morning service at Wrington, the opportunity was taken of accepting the very kind invitation of the Rector of Blagdon to ring on the bells there during the afternoon and for evening service and to partake of an excellent tea at the Rectory, and the tourists attended evening service. The tourists very much appreciated the very pleasant afternoon and evening at Blagdon and wish to thank the Rector for the invitation.

The two Monday towers originally selected, Chew Magna and Chewton Mendip, were cancelled at practically the last moment owing to illness near the church in each case, much to the regret of the party, as both these peals have a fine reputation. Arrangements were quickly made, however, for Barrow Gurney and Blagdon as substitutes, and the peals were duly rung.

Details of the week's performances will be found elsewhere, and 12 peals, all in a Surprise method, were rung with no failures. The striking during the week was splendid and a good standard was kept up throughout in spite of numerous blisters which had to receive nightly attention. The conducting was very ably shared by Messrs. Roberts and Rogers, no one else being keen on calling. During the week quite a number of local ringers turned up at the various towers to wish us success, a few of them taking part in the peals, and the tourists very much appreciated the kind thoughts.

**PRaise FOR LOCAL BELFRIES.**

Long draught of rope and heavy weight predominated, but the tourists' general impression was of the grand impressive peals and the usually good state of the bells, ropes and belfry. Only in a few cases was it found necessary to do any splicing or oiling.

Our local guide and friend was Mr. J. T. Dyke, who helped us with suggestions owing to his knowledge of local conditions. Transport facilities were awkward, as there was no cars in the party until Mr. Bayley turned up on Wednesday, and Mr. Rogers and his bus time table were inseparable, he generally finding a bus for the occasion.

The ringers were very sociable and there was plenty of fun between peals. Mention might be made of a plant of the 'cactus' variety which a certain member found in his bed one night, and the Saturday midnight walk to the Harvest Home at Redhill by all the party under local guidance. Just up the road in Somerset seems to indicate about three miles, but it was very pleasant, although one of the party lost his prize on the Bridgwater Road.

The Golden Lion fully lived up to its reputation as a home from home for ringers, everything was good, especially the food, and this means a lot to hungry ringers. Sunday service ringing during the week was performed at Wrington, Blagdon and St. Stephen's, Bristol.

In conclusion, the party wish to record their great appreciation of Mr. Rogers' untiring efforts in all the organising and arranging. He always had things planned out, and to show their appreciation he was presented with a fountain pen. The party eventually broke up with the knowledge of something attempted something done, and wended their various ways homeward with the happy thoughts of a pleasant week spent 'down Somerset way.'

C. E. S.

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**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3. Short service at 4.45, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. Wilfred Goode. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Leatherhead District. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements for ringing, etc., with tea in the Church Hall.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. — J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — A general meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, when the eight bells will be available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the Parish Room at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) at Wombwell's Café at 5 p.m. The general meeting will be held in the Parish Room immediately after tea. Buses leave Waterdale, Doncaster, every twenty minutes for Nottingham, Worksop, Mansfield and Chesterfield, and the return fare to Tickhill is 1s. A corporation bus, No. 17, also leaves All Saints' Square, Rotherham, at 1.30 p.m., and return buses to Rotherham leave Tickhill at 6.15 and 9.15 p.m. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Throwley, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Wigston Magna on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Horton (six bells) on Saturday, September 22nd, at 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURRY PORT, CARMARTHENSHIRE.**—The restored ring of five bells will be reopened on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available for ringing from 3.30 p.m.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London. — The usual monthly ringing will take place on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, at 5.30 p.m. Visitors will be very welcome on this and any other fourth Sunday in the month. *Please note my new address.* —James G. A. Prior, 8, Chapman House, Lower Chapman Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sunningwell on Saturday, September 22nd.—Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Westhoughton Parish Church on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Peter Crook and William O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marham (Norfolk) on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Shouldam, King's Lynn.

**ST. MARTIN'S-BY-LOOE, CORNWALL.**—Ring of 6 (tenor 9½ cwt.) rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston. Re-dedication by the Rev. W. S. Picken, M.A., on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

**HOLMFIRTH, YORKS.**—On Wednesday, September 26th, at 7.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Wakefield will dedicate the new ring of eight bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—In connection with the re-opening of the bells at Littleport, near Ely, rehung by Taylor and Co., a peal is being arranged, if possible, for Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Those wishing to stand in please let me have names by Monday, 24th. A full diocesan band is hoped for, but others will have every consideration. If possible Cambridge Surprise Major will be rung. — F. Warrington, Central Branch Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Rochdale, Saturday, September 29th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Rochdale Parish Church (8 bells), Balderstone (8), Milnrow (8), and Hamer (6). Service in Parish Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. S. Hutchinson, M.C., M.A., Vicar. Tea in schools in Coventry Street 5 p.m. at about 1s. 6d. Names please to Mr. J. W. Ormerod, 5, Chapel Street, Platting Lane, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Business meeting in school 6 p.m. P.S.—Bring some money for your dinner tickets for Manchester on October 27th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, September 29th. Bells from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by the 25th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, with meeting following, 5 p.m., at the Victoria. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey, not later than Thursday, Sept. 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome. Tea, 6d. per head, for those who notify me by Wednesday, 26th.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Bispham, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, Branch. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. each, and meeting Drewe Arms, 5. All ringers cordially invited.—John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

**ESSEX, HERTFORD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Victoria Hall 6 p.m. In order that adequate arrangements can be made for tea, will all those intending to be present advise E. J. Butler, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, without fail?—E. J. Butler (Essex Association), W. H. Lawrence (Hertford Association), C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), Edith K. Fletcher (Ladies Guild).

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held in the Small Hall of the Public Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, September 29th, at 6 p.m. The Master, Mr. W. Short, will be in the chair. The bells at All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Nicholas' (6) will be available at 4 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from members of the committee, the branch secretaries and the undersigned, and should be applied for before September 24th.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**—The annual cup contest will be held at Gamston on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Contest commences at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The bells (6) open to visitors after tea. All who require tea must notify Mr. R. Ashforth, Gamston, Retford. Good bus service from all directions. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Beauchamp on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, but those requiring tea please inform D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wool on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Bere-Regis and Puddletown bells also available.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke-Regis, Weymouth.

**FOBBING, ESSEX.**—On Saturday, Sept. 29th, the Bishop of Barking will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the peal to six. Service 3.30 p.m.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all branches of the Ely Association, when the bells will be re-opened for ringing after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Joint meeting.—A general quarterly meeting of each will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at Duffield. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Committee meeting (M.C.A.) at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, in the Church Institute, at 5 p.m., followed by the general meeting. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. S. Dawson, Tamworth Road, Duffield, not later than Sept. 25th.—Ernest Morris and (Miss) I. B. Thompson, Secs.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Budworth on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those who intend to be present kindly notify.—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Owing to the bells being under repair the quarterly meeting, fixed for September 29th, at Bramshott will be postponed for several weeks.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea can only be supplied for those who let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 26th.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me *not later* than Wednesday, the 26th?—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 57th annual meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 4 o'clock. Festival Service, with address by the Rev. F. R. Hedley, in the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, and short Memorial Service for ringers who fell in the Great War. Dinner, followed by the annual meeting, at the County Hotel, Neville Street, at 6 o'clock, concluding with a social evening and musical programme. The bells of the Cathedral, St. John's, and also St. Mary's, Gateshead, will be available at 3 o'clock.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea (price 1s. 3d.), followed by business meeting, at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea by Wednesday, 26th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—Come out, 'tis now September, to Abbots Langley (6 bells). Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsbury Episcopi on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

**BISHOP'S LYDEARD, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—The ring of 8 (tenor 24 cwts.) restored by Gillett and Johnston will be re-dedicated by the Rev. F. C. Fitch, M.A., on Sunday, Sept. 30th, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

**ALFORD, LINCS.**—On Friday, Oct. 5th, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Lincoln will dedicate the new ring of six bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, Oct. 2nd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a six-bell contest at Northowram, Halifax (on Oct. 6th. A set of medals have been offered by Canon G. Watkinson. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those requiring tea, 1s. each, must send not later than Sept. 29th. — L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Oct. 6th. Bells (6) will be available at 2.30. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Bus service from Colchester every half hour. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Oct. 4th?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (S. and W. District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). — A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) from 3-15 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea in the St. John's Hall at 5.15. Social evening in hall from 7.45 p.m. All ringers and their friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District. —A by-meeting, with the object of bringing the Newington band into the Association, will be held at Newington (Folkestone) on Oct. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. F. T. Harden, Dibgate Cottages, Folkestone, by Thursday, Oct. 4th.—F. Conley, Hon. Dos. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea by Oct. 3rd.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hampton, Evesham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous?—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brill, Bucks (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15, tea 4.30, free to all sending me names by October 3rd. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Market Drayton, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by October 2nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Preliminary Notice. —The annual Jasper Snowdon dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. It is hoped to arrange a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral to commence at 11 a.m. on that date, and any who would like to take part in the peal are asked to communicate with me as early as possible. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The usual travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. Sidney F. Palmer is now Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Heathfield, Totley, near Sheffield.

#### RIPPINGALE BELLS FUND.

Dear Fellow Ringers,

Our Bells Fund competition closes on Sept. 29th, and up to now the response has been very disappointing. Only one-tenth of those written to have so far replied. May I appeal to all of those who have received our letter to please reply at once? Our need for your help is very great and we rely on you to support us to the best of your ability.

J. E. WILLIAMS, Rector.

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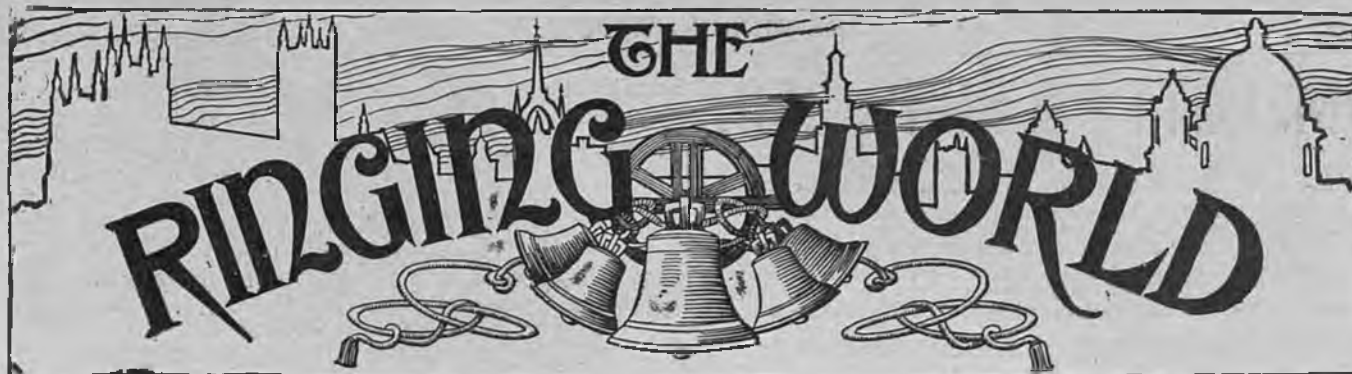
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One of the most encouraging signs of progress in the Exercise is the number of new methods that are rung. Not many weeks go by nowadays before another peal in a fresh method is recorded, and in this respect the last four years have seen as much advance as did fifty years in the middle of the nineteenth century. But it is noteworthy that all this progress is in one direction only. All the new methods, or very nearly all the new methods, are Surprise methods.

That we can understand. In ringers' estimation the Surprise methods are the aristocracy of methods; for two hundred years or more the term was applied to any complex method; and men think much more of ringing a peal in one of them than in any other system. Unfortunately, however, in the general tidying up of things which the Central Council undertook in its early days, it was thought necessary to define the word, and to lay down a strict rule as to what is and what is not a Surprise method. It was a very clever definition, and at the time a very effective one. But since then knowledge of methods has enormously increased, and we can see now that there are many methods outside the Surprise class, which are equal to any inside it. Indeed, apart from a very few of the simplest, most of the methods that rank as Treble Bob are more complex than those that rank as Surprise. But they stand no chance of being rung, just because they cannot be called Surprise. Very many Plain methods, too, are just as good and just as interesting as the Surprise methods. They, too, are neglected because the name of their class is against them.

Now, since there are so many methods to choose from, all this, so far as eight bells are concerned, does not matter so very much. But with ten and twelve bells there is a very real danger of loss. For the very definition of a Surprise method is such as must exclude the best Royal and Maximus methods. To say that there are no really good ten and twelve bell Surprise methods would seem, in the face of Cambridge, an absurdity. But Cambridge (with its variations Yorkshire and Pudsey) is really an exception to a general rule, and even it is not ideal. After all, one of the objects of peal ringing is to produce something for outsiders to listen to, and for that you should preserve the regular beat of the big bells. That is a thing which Surprise methods can do but imperfectly. Plain methods are the best for ten bells and still more so for twelve bells, and they will give you all the interest and all the complexity your heart can desire. There have been many warm arguments as to what is really Superla-

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Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qt. 7 lb.

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*O. NEVILLE CURTIS ... .. 2	*FREDERICK MORSELL ... .. 7
D. C. WILLIAMS, Mus. Bac. 3	*HARRY REEVES ... .. 8
†ALFRED E. NEWMAN... .. 4	REGINALD BROWN ... .. 5
*THOMAS W. THIRKELL ... .. 5	†JOHN ELLIOTT ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN W. FAITHFULL.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. First peal on the ten bells and by the local band at the first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except ringer of the 3rd.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CYRIL W. HAMMOND... ..Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5
LESLIE T. STACEY ... .. 2	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 6
JOHN BURLS ... .. 3	JAMES BAILEY ... .. 7
*JOSEPH H. WICKS ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... ..Tenor

Composed by E. J. BEER.

Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

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CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. 2	FREDERICK HUGGINS ... .. 6
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Tenor 28 cwt.

SIDNEY PROCTOR ... ..Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 5
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*FRED C. TOWELL ... .. 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 7
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Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

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RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... .. 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. Tenor

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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

*ALBERT GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 5
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... .. 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. GORRINGE.

\* First peal, aged 16 years.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORACE FOX ... .. Treble	HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 5
HAROLD DYSON ... .. 2	CHARLES BROWN ... .. 6
JOHN H. LENTON ... .. 3	HARRY BROWN ... .. 7
FRED NEWTON ... .. 4	HARRY MELLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

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Tenor 20 cwt.

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WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor

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JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 2	REGINALD BROWN ... .. 6
D. C. WILLIAMS, Mus. Bac. 3	JOHN A. HILL ... .. 7
*HARRY S. SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

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\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major. Longest length on the bells and by all the band.

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WALLACE DOBBINS ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
*ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 4	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

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Tenor 7½ cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Treble	FRANK W. LACK ... .. 5
ELLIS CLARKE ... .. 2	ROBERT SMITH ... .. 6
HARRY PARKER ... .. 3	HERBERT FIELDS ... .. 7
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†GEORGE WALKER ... .. 4	CECIL E. CARR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ 100th peal.

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Tenor 10 cwt.

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Tenor 14½ cwt.

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RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7
FRED PRICE ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RHODES ... .. Tenor

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. Treble	PETER CHARMAN ... .. 5
ALFRED H. PULL ... .. 2	JOHN COOK ... .. 6
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 7
THOMAS ADAMS ... .. 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Warnham (the Rev. F. D. Farebrother) and Mrs. Farebrother on the 21st anniversary of their wedding; also a birthday peal to W. Charman and T. Adams.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	PERCY J. JERVIS ... .. 5
*WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 6
JOHN W. SYKES ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. TORTON ... .. 7
WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 4	THOMAS E. LEE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\* 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. This composition (composed in September, 1891) is now rung for the first time.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KNAPTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 30 extents of Grandsire (ten variations) and 12 of Bob Doubles (four variations). Tenor 5½ cwt. in B flat.

AUBREY LUBBOCK ... .. Treble	CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 3
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	CLIFFORD T. BORTON ... .. 4

\*CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Doubles.

SUDBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MISS MARJORIE J. SWAN ... .. Treble	HERBERT W. ABBOTT ... .. 3
W. REGINALD BUTCHER ... .. 2	J. JOHN BAILEY ... .. 4

BORLEY P. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BORLEY P. MORRIS.

\* First peal.

BASINGSTOKE.—To mark the end of the Bishop of Winchester's pilgrimage, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, for evening service: G. Ballard 1, \*F. Munday 2, C. J. Munday 3, H. Balaam (conductor) 4, \*H. Garrett 5, \*E. Austin 6, J. Chesberman 7, J. Woodley 8. \* First quarter-peal in the method.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Martin's Church for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. M. Kilby 1, G. Lovegrove 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Bunce, sen., 4, J. Bunce 5, W. S. Beaumont 6, Tom Collins (conductor) 7, S. Ewer 8. First in the method as conductor, and first of Stedman Triples in the tower by an entirely local band.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE HODSON ... .. Treble	ROBERT SMITH ... .. 4
BERT HODSON ... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
HAROLD WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancaster, Stamford, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

*B. JACK STUBBS ... .. Treble	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 4
ALBERT E. BALL ... .. 2	FRANCIS BALL ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\* First Surprise peal.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 changes of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and 1,440 changes of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY BARRELL ... .. Treble	HERBERT JILLINGS ... .. 3
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 2	ROBERT GARDINER ... .. 4

\*CECIL GOODWIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung in connection with the harvest festival.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... .. 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by FRANK PERRENS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.  
700th peal by Ernest Morris, of which he has conducted 350.

BARNEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT 9, BEVERLEY ROAD,

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

EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5-6
HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ... .. 3-4	SIDART SANDFORD ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire—Mrs. G. H. CROSS.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by the association and by all the band except the conductor.

ON THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
ON BOARD S.S. 'BARRABOOL,'

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES:

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... .. 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

First peal on the Mediterranean Sea. First peal in the method rung on the sea.

## A WEST COUNTRY TOUR.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 9
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal on ten tower bells. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal in the method by the Guild. First peal of Royal on the bells.

LADOCK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LADOCK,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

First peal in the method on the bells and by the Guild.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

ROCHE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GOMANDAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

First peal of Major on the bells.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 9
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DUNS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Royal in the county.

ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal on the bells.

## HELSTON, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 7
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## LANIVET, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NYVET,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

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

First peal of Major on the bells.

## ST. KEA, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN ... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 7
*CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 4	*WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 25th year of the ministry of the Rev. R. H. Sowell (Vicar).

## PENZANCE, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. ERNEST V. COX ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

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

First peal of Major on the bells.

## ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNEL, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## HEAVITREE, EXETER.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

## PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

## GREAT PERFORMANCE OF 31 YEARS AGO RECORDED.

A tablet to record the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Exeter Cathedral on September 14th, 1903, was unveiled and dedicated on Saturday last, just over 31 years after the event. The dedication was performed by the Dean of Exeter (Dr. W. R. Matthews) in the presence of a large company, which included the six surviving members of the peal band, Messrs. J. Austin (conductor), William Pye (who rang the 72½ cwt. tenor), A. W. Brighton, J. Thomas, C. Mee and G. Lindoff. Amongst the many others present were Messrs. T. Laver (hon. secretary, Devon Guild), T. G. Bartlett (hon. treasurer, Devon Guild), C. G. Glass (chairman, Exeter Branch), J. Sandover, A. Mitchell and other Cathedral ringers; also G. R. Pye, C. T. Coles, R. T. Hibbert, L. C. Wightman, E. P. Duffield, L. W. G. Morris, C. Lawson, W. J. G. Brown, G. M. Rashbrook and A. J. House, members of the party ringing in Cornwall during the week; J. T. Dyke, A. E. Reeves, J. Waugh, R. Cousins and W. C. Wakley.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. T. Laver, who spoke of the occasion as a unique one, seeing that they were met to honour a performance of over 31 years ago. He was glad to welcome the six survivors of the band, and they would remember the four departed members, the late W. W. Gifford, E. Pye, C. Jackson and I. G. Shade, in their prayers. As regards the peal which they were now permanently recording, he could not do better than quote the following, which was taken from the 'Bell News' of September 18th, 1903:

'A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Exeter Cathedral on Monday, September 14th, 1903, when William Pye accomplished the great and unprecedented feat of ringing the large tenor bell (72½ cwt.) single-handed throughout. The performance was remarkable for its evenness and excellent striking. The time hardly varied from 21 changes per minute from start to finish, the homecoming courses being especially good. It is also worthy of note that the ringer of the treble cycled from Bristol, a distance of 75 miles, on the morning of the same day. The way in which the smaller bells held up over the big ones was really grand, and produced such music that made it a pleasure to listen to.'

It is hoped that a durable tablet recording the performance will be provided, to be placed in the tower, with the permission of the Dean and Chapter. Such a peal as this was not an ordinary performance, and, being in a certain sense historical, ought not to go without a permanent local record.'

Mr. Laver concluded by asking Mr. Austin, the conductor of the peal, to unveil the tablet.

Mr. Austin then unveiled the record, and in the following words presented it to the Dean and Chapter: 'Rev. Sir, we are met here to-day to commemorate the unveiling of a peal tablet recording a peal of Stedman Caters on these bells 31 years ago, which was undoubtedly a grand performance; and as the authorities will not allow the tenor to be rung single-handed in future, it will stand as a unique performance. I am pleased six of the band are still with us, and, on their behalf and also those who have departed, I pray you to accept and take into the safe keeping of this Cathedral Church this tablet.'

The Dean then accepted the tablet with the following words:—

'We do now accept for safe keeping in the belfry of this Cathedral Church of St. Peter this tablet, placed here to record the peal of Stedman Caters rung on these bells by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to the Glory of God.'

'Ye shall take heed that these bells have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses, that they may ever and only be used in God's service and for His Glory.'

The Lord's Prayer and other appropriate prayers then followed, and the service was concluded by the Dean pronouncing the Blessing.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, on behalf of the company, thanked the Dean for his kindness, and Dr. Matthews said it was a pleasure to him to come amongst them on this great occasion. He added that he was going to London shortly to take up duties at St. Paul's Cathedral, where he understood there was also a fine peal of bells, but, he added, 'not so good as at Exeter.'

The tablet is of lightly stained oak, with black enamelled lettering, and is surmounted with the arms of the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.

After the ceremony the bells were rung for the purpose of giving the many visitors an opportunity of a touch at the Cathedral, after which peals were attempted at Heavitree and St. Thomas', Exeter. That at Heavitree was completed, but the attempt at St. Thomas' failed in the fourth part of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT HANDSWORTH.**

Handsworth, Sheffield, was the venue selected for the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association for their quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 15th. The visit was memorable—glorious weather, an excellent peal of bells, a hearty welcome, a splendid tea, a good variety of methods and excellent striking.

Members were present from Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Rannmoor, Ecclesfield, Norton, Bolsover, Rotherham, Eastwood, Rawmarsh, Doncaster, Arksey, Nottingham and the local company, and the methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise.

At the short business meeting which followed tea, Mr. G. R. W. Hooton, of Willingham-by-Stow, Gainsborough, was elected a life member of the association.

The meeting accepted the hearty invitation of the secretary to hold the next meeting at Arksey, near Doncaster. He gave two reasons for the invitation—the completion of 15 years' service as secretary and also that December would mark his silver wedding. The invitation was coupled with a desire expressed by Mr. F. Clark to entertain the members to tea. The secretary was heartily thanked for his kind offer. Will all members who were not present please take this as an invitation and so provide a record attendance?

Votes of thanks to the Rector, the ladies for their services at tea and to the local company concluded a very happy and enjoyable meeting.

**RINGERS WHO ARE PAID.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Very reluctantly, but duty bound, I must disagree with my friend Mr. Amos. Being only a working man, does Mr. Amos expect me (or any other gentleman) to run all over one's district to teach or instruct without payment? I suppose my expenses these last 10 years engaged in ringing amount to £200—some for pleasure, but not always. My receipts are nil. Does our friend expect one always to carry on? No, I hope not, and we are not expected to, but who is going to pay? Will Mr. Amos give three nights per week on an average and travel 10, 15 or even 20 miles at his own expense? In my humble opinion, there is nothing wrong with paid ringing; it is greed or selfishness with a small percentage which by slow degree the associations and guilds will wipe out.—Yours,

F. WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

**LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS VISIT CELEBRATED FOUNDRY**

Ringers and friends from Lea and neighbouring towers visited Messrs. Taylor's Bell Foundry, Loughborough, and South Notts on Thursday, September 13th. Mr. Lindoff and his son and Mr. C. V. Cade, of Scothern, Lincoln, also accompanied the party. On arrival at the foundry the party was conducted round, and the complicated art of bell casting and tuning was explained. The retuned and augmented peal for Alford, Lincs, was seen nearing completion. The ringers were then conducted to the foundry's light ring of ten, and a very enjoyable hour was spent ringing, or, rather, trying to ring, these little bells. After dinner some visited the war memorial carillon and others the Parish Church.

Long Eaton was the next call, where the party was joined by Miss Thompson and Mr. Bailey. The bells were up ready and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on this light octave. The next call was Beeston, a ring of eight, tenor 19½ cwt., providing a change after the previous light rings. With touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, time passed all too quickly, and Beeston was left reluctantly for Nottingham, where arrangements had been made to join the St. Peter's company in their practice. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung on this good-going ten, tenor 21 cwt. This was the last call of the day, and home was reached at 11.30 p.m., everybody voting the outing a huge success.

The party wishes to thank Messrs. Taylors and the tower secretaries for obtaining permission to ring, etc., Miss Thompson, and all who contributed to the success of the trip.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 8th, 36 members and friends attending from the following towers: Mayfield, Ringmer, Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Lewes, Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, Mr. Haig, of Itchingham, and Mr. Preston, of Christchurch, Hants, together with members of the local band. The bells were kept going until late in the evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Grahame Clarke), who gave a most interesting address. He also presided at the tea and meeting at the Star Inn. At the short business meeting which followed, the secretary (Mr. A. G. Pankhurst) announced that the next meeting would be held at Hailsham. Mr. A. R. Miles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and also to Mr. Piper for bearing part cost of the tea. The members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Within a week two Surrey boroughs have received their Charters of Incorporation. Last week we recorded the great day of ringing the band at All Saints', Benthilton, had, which included a peal of London Surprise Major; doubtless London Surprise was selected as a compliment to the Acting Lord Mayor of London (Lord Ebbisham), who presented the Charter to Sutton and Cheam. At Mitcham, on Wednesday, September 19th, the ringers' activities were confined to a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. The Mitcham band will probably provide the celebration peal at an early date.

In regard to the Finchamfield peal board, Mr. W. Keeble informs us that the date of the peal should read May 30th, 1825, not 1925 as published in our last issue. We hope the Essex Association will note Mr. Keeble's suggestion as to the care of old peal boards.

The bells of St. Bene't's, Cambridge, have now been put in proper order, and, in answer to numerous inquiries, no blame can be put on the bellfounders.

The Rev. E. Bankes James, who composed Bristol Surprise Major as far back as 1897, has now rung his first peal in the method. Bristol is the one modern method which up to now has made good its claim to rank as a standard method.

With the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Margaret's Church, Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday, Mr. John H. B. Hesse has completed the circle in this tower. Reminding the Editor of this achievement, our correspondent adds: 'And he never smiled once!'

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, of Forest Hill, London, spent last week-end with Peterborough Diocesan Guild ringers. He conducted quarter-peals of Oxford Treble Bob at Raunds and Kent Treble Bob at Finedon, and thus completed 50 quarter-peals as conductor in 50 different towers and with 348 different ringers in 21 counties. Mr. Cannon thanks all those who have made this possible. During the week-end he also conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Thrapston.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### UNEXPECTED BRIDAL COMPLIMENT.

The quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Broadchalke on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringers from Salisbury, Wilton, Britford, Berwick St. John and other neighbouring towers arrived shortly after 3 p.m., to find a wedding in process. Nobly rising to the occasion, they rang the bridal pair out, after the ceremony.

In spite of the inclement weather, there was quite a good attendance, and the bells were kept going until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Fuller).

Tea followed in the school, after which the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple) presided at a short business meeting, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine). One new member (F. Shergold, Wilton tower) was elected. It was resolved that the extra meeting, decided upon at the last annual general meeting, should take the form of a practice meeting only, and be held at Tisbury on November 24th. It was proposed that the annual general meeting be held at St. Paul's, Salisbury. The branch secretary mentioned that the Devizes Branch had proposed another joint practice meeting, this time at Heytesbury. The matter was referred to the annual meeting at Salisbury.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the Guild service, and to Mr. Barter for his services at the organ, also the organ blower. The members returned to the tower, where ringing was resumed.

## ENTHUSIASM IN KENT.

### LARGE GATHERING OF RINGERS AT THROWLEY.

In spite of the very inclement weather, a large number of ringers attended the meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association, held at Throwley on Saturday, September 22nd, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. B. Somerville). Towers represented were Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphego, Dover, Sturry, Wickhambreau, St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, Littlebourne, Ashford, Whitstable, Teynham, Queenborough, Tunstall, Frittenden, Gravesend, Egerton, Northfleet, Smarden and the local tower.

Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock and continued until 4.15 p.m., when the association form of service was held in the church, at which the Vicar officiated and gave the address. Mr. E. Spice read the lesson, and Mr. Masters presided at the organ, while the singing was led by a small choir of local ladies.

After the service the ringers and their friends, numbering over 50, adjourned to the Vicarage, where a splendid tea had been provided. Before leaving the Vicarage, Mr. Spice, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Rev. Somerville for his kind hospitality and also Mr. Masters for his help at the organ. Mr. Spice also made reference to the probability of an instructor going to Throwley soon, to teach the local company the art of change ringing. Several touches were rung on handbells before an adjournment was made to the tower.

Ringing continued until late evening, the following methods being rung: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The annual meeting will probably be held on October 27th at Canterbury.

# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

## The Voyagers at Sea.

### NEWS FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Some of the incidents on the first stage of the voyage to Australia are recorded below. The dispatch was sent off from Malta, where the s.s. 'Barrabool' arrived on Friday morning.

S.S. 'Barrabool,'

Mediterranean Sea.

This part of our story begins at Plymouth. To be nautical, we slipped our moorings in the Sound, where we had remained all the afternoon, about 6.30 p.m. on Saturday (September 15th), and headed for the open sea. I have got Old Bill and George as cabin companions. You will hear more of these two as we go along. It is astonishing how intimate you get when you are cabin companions. You may know quite a lot about a man, but you can never realise all his good—and bad—points until you have sailed with him, occupied the same cabin with him and seen him asleep.

Our first Sunday at sea was a day of very varied interest. We steamed all day across the Bay of Biscay into the teeth of a stiff, cool breeze. There was no sea to speak of, but it took its toll among the passengers, and our party did not escape. There were vacant places at the meal tables, and at dinner time both married couples were missing. But let us draw a veil over that.

We have a Colonial parson aboard, and to him has been allocated the conduct of the Sunday services. There was an early celebration of Holy Communion, morning service at 10.30 and a children's service in the afternoon, with an undenominational service after dinner in the evening. The padre, who declared himself a parson from conviction and not by profession, is on his way back to his Australian parish, and in his sermon he made an appeal to all on board to unite in a great effort of uplift while they were together and throughout life to work for the ideals of the Christian faith.

Some of the ringers had their first experience of a service at sea, and, although it is but a simple affair, devoid of all ceremonial, it does not fail to impress. The table, which serves for reading desk, lectern and pulpit, is covered with the Union Jack. The usual form of morning prayer is abbreviated, but its essential features are retained. The hymns, led by a piano, are general favourites, and the whole service, including the address, is over in less than three-quarters of an hour. I have never seen a more earnest congregation, and the special prayer for the safety of the ship and those sailing in her brings home to everyone the fact that wherever they may be, on land or sea, they are in God's hands.

The people are summoned to the service by the ringing of the ship's bell, but as a preliminary and for the first time, probably, in history, a 'service touch' was rung on handbells on the ocean. It was two well-struck courses of Stedman Triples. After the service, on another deck, the first course of Treble Bob and the first course of Grandsire Caters on the Atlantic Ocean were rung.

As I told you in my last dispatch, this was Old Bill's birthday. He completed his 73rd year, and the event, together with the completion of his one thousandth peal a few days before, were duly celebrated by all those capable of sitting up and sharing in the festivity. And Bill went to bed that night supremely happy. 'This has been the happiest day of my life,' he told me, as he crawled into his bunk. 'I never dreamed I should spend a birthday on the ocean on my way to Australia, but I've done it and I'm going to bed to dream about it now.'

And, my word, he kept his promise. The snores that came from that lower bunk must have disturbed even the occupants of Davy Jones' locker.

It took Old Bill 52½ years to ring his thousand peals, but he was 73 years reaching Sunday's anniversary. He is a good old war horse is Bill, and a few facts about his peal ringing will not be amiss. He is a life member of all the Diocesan Guilds and County Associations, and has rung peals for 44 societies in Great Britain. He was one of the first men to ring a peal in the four countries of the British Isles. He was the first to ring a peal in every county in England and in Wales (except Anglesey). Altogether he has rung peals in 65 counties and has scored peals on three 'royal' rings of bells—the Curfew Tower, Windsor; the Chapel Royal, Devonport Dockyard; and the Alexandra Bells of the Imperial Institute, London.

He has himself conducted Holt's Original 20 times, and among the many conductors who have kindly enabled him to complete his four figure list he specially has to thank George I. (Newson), George II. (Williams), George III. (Martin) and George IV. (Pye).

He has never broken a stay or a slider; never been run in by the Police Guild or 'sent down' by the College Youths. He never wants to ring a peal with a band of 'Pussyfoots,' but he just completes an octave of ringers alive who have all rung a thousand peals. When he comes up from 'down under' perhaps it will be possible for them to ring a peal together.

Something of a catastrophe threatened our own parson, the Rev. E. Bankes James. We left London on Friday. On Sunday he had not yet found his baggage! It is a somewhat awkward predicament for a parson to be in, and he was still hoping against hope that it might be in one of the holds. He took it very philosophically, however, but it will be a bit awkward if the baggage fails to turn up. He has brought an altimeter with him (one wag has suggested that that is to enable him to know when he is 'up the pole'), but what is the use of an altimeter if you have not got a clean shirt!

We have spent a lot of our time since Saturday in altering our watches. In one fell swoop on Saturday night they put the clocks

back an hour and 23 minutes—the summer time hour and the 23 minutes for longitudinal correction. That would probably have been a matter of indifference to most of us had it not been that it put breakfast back an hour and 23 minutes as well! Then on Monday we put the clocks on ten minutes; on Tuesday we put them back a quarter of an hour; on Wednesday we put them back 30 minutes, and so we shall go on monkeying with our timepieces every day until, when we reach Melbourne, we shall be ten hours in front of English time. Old Bill says it is no use messing about with his watch; he will only have to alter it back again when he comes home.

It is astonishing how small the world is. An old Essex ringer, Mr. Samuel Ward, and his wife (who is a member of the well-known Essex ringing family of Prior) are travelling back to Australia in the 'Barrabool' to settle down near Sydney, where they formerly lived for many years. Mr. Ward used to ring at Stansted and Bishop's Stortford.

Another passenger who made himself known to us is Mr. Lawrence, a cousin of Mr. Stephen H. Wood, who is travelling to Malta, and who introduced himself by saying, 'This change ringing is a fascinating game, isn't it?' Donald Melville, son of the late Vicar of Exhall, Warwickshire, brother of Malcolm Melville, and himself a young ringer, is making his first voyage in this ship as a cadet in the P. and O. Company.

The passengers and members of the crew have shown themselves intensely interested in the ringing which we have done. They have, indeed, been too pressing in their attentions, and we have not yet found that secluded spot we so much desire. We have decided not to take the freehold of the corner on the upper deck, which we had secured on appro. It is close to the swimming tank, and, as nearly as much water comes over the sides of the tank as remain in it when bathing is in progress, we have found it desirable to give it a wide berth.

Sunday was *dies non* for peal ringing. We could not have started if we had wished, for some of the experts were hors de combat. They were out of mess during the day, but on Monday when this part of the Atlantic was on its very best behaviour—sunshine and the



MR. W. H. FUSSELL.

blue vault of heaven above; blue seas, as smooth as the proverbial mill-pond, beneath us—they came up for their meals at the double.

Two attempts were made for peals on Monday, the first in the morning, carried on under the eyes of a constantly changing crowd of spectators and to the accompaniment of a gramophone and singing and all the life of a happy company at sea. This 'went west' at the end of twelve courses. The second attempt, sandwiched in the evening between tea and dinner, lasted 15 courses, before going the way of the first. But this time the crowd could not be blamed. Numbers came to look on, it is true, but the breakdown was a real crash on the part of the ringers. Some good practice, however, has been put in, and every one of the party will be able to say that they have rung touches on the Atlantic Ocean.

Tuesday was another most interesting day, for we got our first sight of the African Coast and passed through the Straits of Gibraltar. We passed the frowning Rock about lunch time, and soon after all that could be seen of the coast line was the high mountains of Spain, whose peaks remained above the horizon until they faded into the mists of night.

A last effort was made in the morning to ring an Atlantic peal. A new situation in the forward part of the ship was found and nearly a new band, but again it slipped from the grasp, principally owing to a well-meaning chief officer inquiring for Mr. Fussell to give him a message. A particularly interesting point about this ringing was that it took place in Trafalgar Bay. But it was no victory to record—England expected, that day, but it didn't come off.

While the attempt was being made some of us rummaged in the baggage room for our ringing padre's missing luggage. We found it at last, much to his joy, and, soon after, he reappeared on deck, easy in mind, his body refreshed and reappareled, and, as he said himself, 'a different man.' Incidentally, in the baggage room we found that

### PEAL RUNG ON THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The Australian tourists have now found their sea legs. On Monday morning we received a radio telegram from the s.s. Barrabool announcing the successful accomplishment of a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes. According to records only one handbell peal has been rung previously at sea—a peal of Stedman Caters on the Irish Sea in 1901. This is therefore the first peal in the method on the sea.

The peal goes to the credit of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The ringers hope to ring under the auspices of other guilds during their tour. The honour of the first peal on the tour goes to Mrs. R. Richardson, Mr. Rupert Richardson, the Rev. E. Banks James and Mr. John S. Goldsmith.

our spare ropes were safely aboard, as also are the publications sent by the Central Council for distribution among the towers of the Commonwealth.

The people in the ship are beginning to take a more than passing interest in us. Many quiet inquiries have been made, and our party have not been slow to take the opportunity of explaining some of the rudiments of the art, how deep in interest it is and the meaning of the long journey we have undertaken.

We have now, we hope, secured a better spot for our ringing. Capt. Sheepwash, the Commander of the 'Barrabool,' has given us permission to use the space reserved in connection with the isolation hospital in the stern of the ship on the upper deck, where we may hope to be free from interruption, and we have released our rights to all other claims pegged out.

There must be a Jonah amongst us. That first handbell peal will not come. With all the determination possible, one hand or another sets about the task, but so far it has eluded our efforts. The most promising attempt yet made was on Wednesday, September 19th, in the new quarters which we have found. The attempt was made in really businesslike fashion, and, according to the umpire, produced the best ringing yet. But, alas, after 48 minutes 2 and 3 inexplicably turned over.

I am not sure that, even if the slip had not occurred, the peal would have been successful. The ringers took advantage of what shade was available from a deck house, but as the sun got higher in the heavens, they began to get a grilling, and when they stopped the tenor man was gradually melting in his seat, and he stood the risk of disappearing, like a tallow candle in the sun, and dissolving into a pool of grease. So perhaps it is just as well the ringing stopped when it did.

The self-styled 'second eleven' with the 'first eleven' conductor made an effort to break the evil spell in the evening, but it soon came to grief. Unless the luck changes soon someone will have to be thrown overboard as a sacrifice. But we are getting a lot of fun out of this handbell ringing. It is giving us an 'object in life,' when

we might otherwise succumb entirely to the bewitching spell of the life of ease amidst which we are travelling, and in which the less one does the less one wants to do.

For instance, during most of Wednesday we travelled along the shore of Algeria, with towering mountains as a background and wild and inhospitable looking scenery. To lol in a deck chair, with the sun turning the sea into molten gold and flickering blue; a noble prospect of mountain and gully, low scrub and rugged cliffs, with an occasional tiny habitation, or scattered village, to indicate where men dwell, passing as a panorama before one's eyes—well, why worry about ringing? Presently, perhaps, in the great open spaces of the ocean we may be more successful with our ringing, for there may be nothing better to do; although, if one chooses, there is even now an activity aboard that threatens to become hectic. Most of us have already entered for games competitions—games about which we do not, at the moment, know the most elementary rules.

Old Bill and George began rehearsals on Wednesday for a forthcoming concert, in which they are billed to appear. At dinner that evening they heard that the show was to come on the same evening, so there was another hasty rehearsal in the cabin, and Bill carefully arranged the collar of George's cricket shirt so as to show it off to the best advantage.

The tune playing was one of the 'star' turns of the programme. Bill produced some laughter by his explanation in humorous vein of what it was proposed to do. He first assumed the role of town crier and, hastily seizing the dinner bell which stood by, rang it in the orthodox fashion of town criers and began his announcement with an 'Oyez, oyez, oyez!' I am beginning to think that this must have been one of his past professions. Then wedding bells were rung in the shape of rounds, queen's and titmums, followed by 'Washing Day' and 'The Blue Bells of Scotland.' Bill was a good showman, and the unsuspected talent brought forth rapturous applause. Indeed, when the chairman, later on, said the end of the programme had been reached, there were loud demands for the bells, and Bill and George duly obliged again, this time with 'The Vicar of Bray,' in which the audience joined—the best proof that they had enjoyed the turn. So Bill and George went to bed happy in the knowledge that they had done at least one good deed for the day.

Yet another handbell peal was lost on Thursday morning, after nearly an hour, but here again it was just as well, for, soon after, rain, the first we have seen since leaving England, came down heavily and would have necessitated the abandonment of the attempt. Luck is against us, but, in view of the rain, we have not yet cast lots to see who is to be sacrificed.

### LATE NEWS.

The Editor has been taking navigation lessons on the bridge. He hopes when he returns to England to know sufficient to sail a toy boat on Clapham Park Pond.

The chocolate box has been only sparingly passed round among the gentlemen, so, I presume, they have not behaved themselves too well.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT GREAT EASTON.

#### RECTOR'S APPRECIATION OF RINGERS' SERVICES.

A kindly compliment was paid to the North District of the Essex Association at their meeting at Great Easton on Saturday, Sept. 15th, by the Rector (the Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington, R.D.). 'It was the best thing done for generations,' he said, 'the putting of the bells in the best possible repair, and I am most grateful to our ringers. They are important and very necessary in the parish.'

Although a thunderstorm broke over the district during the afternoon, it was not sufficient to damp the spirits of 30 ringers who attended from the following parishes: Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Broomfield, Braintree, Great Bardfield, Great Easton, Sible Hedingham, Springfield, Ohelmsford, Dunmow, Ford End and Brentwood. Some very good ringing was enjoyed on this beautiful peal of six, and methods from Grandire Doubles to London Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening.

At the service an excellent address was given by the Rector, and the lesson was read by the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell). Tea followed at the Village Hall, the Rector presiding, for which the thanks of all present was accorded the ladies who prepared the meal.

The District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) presided at the business meeting. Braintree was agreed upon for the annual district meeting on November 10th.

The District Master's suggestion for the annual meeting being held at Braintree each year, in view of its central position, was approved, and it was decided to bring the matter forward at the annual meeting. The District Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and his excellent address, and also to the ladies who prepared tea. The Rector suitably replied.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Wednesday, September 19th, at the Parish Church for the Charter Day celebrations, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): D. Wright 1, C. Potchecary 2, L. Greenhow 3, H. Tourle 4, W. H. Joiner 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, W. S. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Sparkes 8.

## BEACONSFIELD'S JUBILEE.

### REMINISCENCES OF 50 YEARS AGO.

Four members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who were privileged to be present at the dedication of the bells at Beaconsfield in 1884 were present on Saturday, September 8th, when the jubilee was observed. They were Canon Coleridge (Master of the Guild), Mr. J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough) and Mr. A. S. Bagley, who has been a member of the local band.

About 60 ringers attended from Surrey, Middlesex, Beds, Herts and Essex, as well as members from various branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and were kept busy with rounds and various touches, concluding with a course of Bristol before the service.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Osborne. Mr. O. H. Hickman (organist and choirmaster) was assisted by a small orchestra brought from High Wycombe by the Rev. C. E. Wigg. The hymns included the one dedicated to ringers, 'Unchanging God Who liveth,' 'We love the place, O God' and 'Now thank we all our God.' The Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild) gave a practical address. He said they were met there that afternoon on the occasion of the jubilee of the opening of the bells at the Parish Church of Beaconsfield as a peal of eight. But the history of those bells extended much further back than 1884. They knew that there were five bells at least as long ago as the beginning of the 18th century, and in 1772 they were recast by Henry Bagley, of Reading. At least four different firms of bellfounders have had a hand in bringing their fine peal to its present condition. The 4th of the old peal was recast by Lester and Pack in 1760, and 54 years later a treble was added by Thomas Mears. That bell was the second of the present ring. Finally, in 1884, the firm of Mears and Stainbank were entrusted with the work of recasting four of the old bells, adding a treble and tenor, and rehanging the whole peal in a new frame. The whole of the necessary money for the work was contributed by the inhabitants of Beaconsfield.

The treble bell in the peal, he said, was dedicated to the memory of that great statesman, Edmund Burke, who had his country estate at Beaconsfield, and bearing the motto of his family, 'One King, one Faith, one Law.' That inscription was a simple reminder that in spite of inevitable dangers of thought and custom, certain trusts must always remain for us important and fundamental.

What of the ringers of the future? he asked. The men and women who would carry on the work of God in reminding people of their religious faith and duties—through the voices of the bells? They heard much nowadays of the difficulty of maintaining a band of ringers for service ringing in many towers. It was true that the sort of training received by young people to ring did not seem to produce in them that spirit of dogged perseverance which refused to be beaten, and which alone enabled a beginner to get over the difficult and early stages of his ringing career. The lack of enthusiasm among young ringers to-day, which was more evident in some parts of the country than others, was a challenge to both the young people themselves and to their elders who instructed them. To them he commended the motto which was placed upon the tenor bell when half a century ago it was hung in the tower and dedicated to the memory of Benjamin Disraeli. It was his family motto, 'Forti nihil diffido'—To the stout-hearted man nothing is too difficult.

### TOLD BY 'THE VETERANS.'

After the service tea was served in the Old Rectory, and the company settled down to listen to the reminiscences of the 'veterans.' The Rev. Canon Coleridge spoke of the beautiful service and complimented the orchestra. It was the first time, he said, he had heard one at a service of bellringers. He referred to the time when he and others had to walk anything from three to ten miles to ring at Beaconsfield in the early days, and recalled many names of ringers who he had met there. He thanked the members of the local band, on behalf of the assembly, for inviting them to such a meeting.

Mr. J. J. Parker gave some of his interesting experiences, and Mr. W. H. Fussell recalled how Mr. Parker and himself had to walk from Farnham in a snowstorm to assist in ringing at Beaconsfield.

Mr. A. S. Bagley gave many historical details concerning the church and bells. For many years previous to 1884, he said, the peal of six had been in need of attention, both as regards the tone of the bells as well as the bearings and fittings. The ringers, under the presidency of Mr. H. L. W. Lawson (the late Lord Burnham), formed a committee for the purpose of raising a sufficient sum to renovate the bells. The Lord of the Manor gave £100 and promised another when the second £100 was raised. The money was soon raised, and the work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the contract price being £508 12s. The belfry was repaired and four of the old bells recast and the whole framework renewed. The speaker recalled a remark made to him by the foreman on the job, who, when he had tied the last rope, said, 'There, my boy, these bells will go for about 35 years, with little attention; a few ropes, a bit of grease and a little screwing up now and again is all they will need.' The truth of that remark had been realised, for, as many ringers would agree, the peal had stood well. After 38 years' service the bells were hung in ball bearings, mainly through the kindly interest taken in the bells by Sir Charles Bennett, K.C., who is an honorary member of the local band.

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## THE INTEGRITY OF CONDUCTORS.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'A cantankerous critic,' asks when handbell peals will be umpired again. Please allow me to ask him a question or two.

Why does a handbell peal need umpiring any more than a tower-bell peal? If ringers are enterprising enough to learn to ring two bells to a peal, is their integrity any the less than that of a band who travel miles to a tower to get a peal? Where are these 'qualified' umpires to be found that he asks for? It is generally hard enough to man the bells, either tower or hand, without wasting a man of such powers standing by. I know a handbell conductor who will allow anyone who cares to 'witness' a peal on handbells, but would not tolerate him or her as an 'umpire' unless the said umpire had the ability to spot a mistake as soon as he (the conductor) could, and throw the paper into the ring and stop the peal.

This same conductor, who would not thank me for disclosing his name, has been known to stop a peal for a few 'clips' that would be ignored in a tower bell peal. Is the integrity of such a man to be doubted for a moment as to the correctness of a peal, whether or not it was umpired?

We hear of loutres so blocked that tower bells cannot be heard outside. Would 'Cantankerous Critic' like to provide an umpire there in case the band feel like 'putting one over'? It is all nonsense, sir. Most conductors that I ever knew in 30 years' ringing stopped the bells when anything went wrong, either in tower or house, when it was necessary. Let 'Cantankerous Critic' get on to something else, and, above all, put his name to his insinuations.

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## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT PETWORTH.

The Western Division of the Sussex County Association held their quarterly meeting at Petworth on Saturday, September 15th, when members and friends attended from Arundel, Billingshurst, Bognor, Chichester, Heene, Pulborough, Petworth, Shoreham and West Grinstead.

The afternoon was devoted to ringing, methods ranging from Grand-sire to Cambridge Major, everyone being well satisfied. An excellent tea was served at Mr. Knight's tea rooms, Lombard Street. At the short business meeting which followed, Mr. H. Tucker presided. Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman and to the Rector of Petworth for the use of the bells.

## HEDON WELCOMES YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S VISIT

The September meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Augustine's Church, Hedon, on Saturday, September 15th, when there were about 30 ringers present from Beverley, Goole, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Withernsea and the local company. A welcome visitor was Mr. Dent, of Harlow, Essex.

The service, fully choral, was held in church, the address being given by Col. Hall. During the singing of the hymn, 'Ring out the grief the saps the mind,' from Tennyson's famous poem, the tower bells were rung in rounds by some of the ringers, between the verses, the effect of which was much appreciated by the large congregation.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, presided over by Col. Hall. Replying to the vote of thanks on behalf of the Vicar, who was away on holiday, Col. Hall gave a very hearty welcome to the association to the ancient borough of Hedon, and expressed the hope that they would visit Hedon again in the near future. The churchwardens and local company were heartily thanked for making the arrangements for such a successful meeting. Goole was selected for the December meeting.

Further ringing concluded a happy day. The methods rung were Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor.

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On the day of the dedication, 'open house' was observed at the Rectory, and the locals made the day an excuse for a holiday. Races were run on the village green for the children. A fatted calf was tied to a lamp post, and, as it did not succeed in pulling the post down, it was killed, quartered and divided among the poor. Mr. Bagley went on to say that, apart from the ringing, the ringers fully enjoyed their day. During a break in the ringing, one of the locals 'pinched' a box of bloaters from the fishmongers, and adjourned with his mates to the Old Rectory, where they had a good feed of bread and fish, liberally washed down with beer. It may be of interest to note that a few of the ringers here to-day found a place where beer was provided.

After the meeting the bells were again brought into use until 8.45 p.m. The methods rung during the day were London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Kent, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The local band, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank all the visitors for making their meeting so successful.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**CHARING, KENT.**—For evensong on September 23rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Barnard (first 720) 1, F. Shoobridge 2, William Henniker 3, W. Good 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, G. Hill 6.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, September 23rd, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Green (aged 13) 1, J. A. Green (conductor) 2, H. Ridgway 3, T. Roberts 4, H. Read 5, G. Whitehead 6, W. J. Whitehead 7, F. Case 8.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—At All Saints' Church on September 23rd for evensong, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): J. Shipley 1, Miss K. Burchmali 2, Miss G. Burchmali 3, T. Bartholomew 4, G. L. A. Lunn 5, L. Rollinson (first quarter-peal) 6, E. A. Midwinter 7, G. W. Creasey (conductor) 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, September 23rd, at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, 719 Grandsire Caters: Miss V. Shorter 1, R. Lathbury 2, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 3, C. W. Cook 4, E. Rivers 5, T. A. Chenery 6, C. Smith 7, J. Quinney 8, T. R. Dennis 9, P. Taylor 10.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary on Sunday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: R. Smith 1, D. Adams 2, G. Whybrow 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, W. Seekings 5, R. Thoday 6, M. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Arranged for Mr Seekings, of Chatteris.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service at St. Michael's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Springham 1, C. Rush 2, Rev. F. W. Lane 3, H. M. White 4, F. Bird 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6, E. Rochester 7, P. Springham 8. Rung on the 114th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, rung on September 2nd, 1820. It was 5,039 Grandsire Caters by the Junior Society of College Youths.

**LATE NOTICES.**

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Twynning, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify secretary, H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, by Wednesday. — Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Little Staughton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bells just restored by Mears and Stainbank.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Lavenham District.—Meeting at Acton, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Don't despise 'Doubles.' Please come! Names for tea to S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec.

**NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS**

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Rochdale, Saturday, September 29th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Rochdale Parish Church (8 bells), Balderstone (8), Milnrow (8), and Hamer (6). Service in Parish Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. S. Hutchinson, M.C., M.A., Vicar. Tea in schools in Coventry Street 5 p.m. at about 1s. 6d. Business meeting in school 6 p.m. P.S.—Bring some money for your dinner tickets for Manchester on October 27th.—W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, September 29th. Bells from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, with meeting following, 5 p.m., at the Victoria. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Hallows', Bispham, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, Branch. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. each, and meeting Drewe Arms, 5. All ringers cordially invited.—John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

**ESSEX, HERTFORD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in Victoria Hall 6 p.m. In order that adequate arrangements can be made for tea, will all those intending to be present advise E. J. Butler, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, without fail?—E. J. Butler (Essex Association), W. H. Lawrence (Hertford Association), C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), Edith K. Fletcher (Ladies Guild).

**NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**—The annual cup contest will be held at Gamston on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Contest commences at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The bells (6) open to visitors after tea. All who require tea must notify Mr. R. Ashforth, Gamston, Retford. Good bus service from all directions. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**FOBBING, ESSEX.**—On Saturday, Sept. 29th, the Bishop of Barking will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the peal to six. Service 3.30 p.m.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Beauchamp on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, but those requiring tea please inform D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all branches of the Ely Association, when the bells will be re-opened for ringing after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Joint meeting.—A general quarterly meeting of each will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at Duffield. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Committee meeting (M.C.A.) at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, in the Church Institute, at 5 p.m., followed by the general meeting.—Ernest Morris and (Miss) I. B. Thompson, Secs.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 57th annual meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 4 o'clock. Festival Service, with address by the Rev. F. R. Hedley, in the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, and short Memorial Service for ringers who fell in the Great War. Dinner, followed by the annual meeting, at the County Hotel, Neville Street, at 6 o'clock, concluding with a social evening and musical programme. The bells of the Cathedral, St. John's, and also St. Mary's, Gateshead, will be available at 3 o'clock.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea (price 1s. 3d.), followed by business meeting, at 4.30 p.m. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsbury Episcopi on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Abbots Langley on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Good bus service to church, nearest station King's Langley.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**BISHOP'S LYDEARD, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—The ring of 8 (tenor 24 cwts.) restored by Gillett and Johnston will be re-dedicated by the Rev. F. C. Fitch, M.A., on Sunday, Sept. 30th, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting Monday, Oct. 1st, at 8.15 p.m., following a practice at 7 p.m. Service ringing, Sunday, Oct. 7th, at 10 a.m. Practices, Oct. 15th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m. All above at St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C. Combined practices at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd and 30th, at 8 p.m. A month of golden opportunities.—Charles O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on Oct. 2nd and 30th, St. Magnus' on the 4th and 18th, St. Andrew's on the 11th (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th, Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Thetford, Oct. 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please notify intention to be present to Nolan Golden, Berridge House, Waldemar Avenue, Norwich. *Note change of address.*—Nolan Golden and Reg. C. Charpe, Hon. Secs.

**ALFORD, LINCS.**—On Friday, Oct. 5th, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Lincoln will dedicate the new ring of six bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, Oct. 2nd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a six-bell consist at Northowram, Halifax, on Oct. 6th. A set of medals has been offered by Canon G. Watkinson. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those requiring tea, 1s. each, must send not later than Sept. 29th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Oct. 6th. Bells (6) will be available at 2.30. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Bus service from Colchester every half hour. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Oct. 4th.—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (S. and W. District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea in the St. John's Hall at 5.15. Social evening in hall from 7.45 p.m. All ringers and their friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea by Oct. 3rd.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A by-meeting, with the object of bringing the Newington band into the Association, will be held at Newington (Folkestone) on Oct. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. F. T. Harden, Dibgate Cottages, Folkestone, by Thursday, Oct. 4th.—F. Conley, Hon. Dos. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hampton, Evesham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous?—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brill, Bucks (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15, tea 4.30, free to all sending me names by October 3rd. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Market Drayton, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by October 2nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Paragon Café, High Street, at 5.30 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Kirby on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Seagrave (5 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday previous if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8). For tea, please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at St. Oswald's, Winwick. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schools at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. J. F. Elginton, 15, Aubury View, Winwick, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 26th. By kind invitation of the Vicar, the bells of St. Peter's, Newton, will be available for ringers at 6.30 p.m. Will all members do their best to support this meeting.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at St. James' Episcopal Church, Leith, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 4. Tea (by kind invitation of St. James' Society) 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee. }

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farndon on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available from 3. Service at 4.30. Those desiring tea should notify me not later than Thursday, Oct. 4th.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Standlake on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Towers: Northmoor and Bampton.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 4.40. Tea at 5 p.m. Short meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Shrivenham on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, Oct. 4th.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open 3.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (gd. per head). Evensong 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Branch Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maidwell (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 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.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—West Norfolk Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gressenhall on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Elmham bells also available.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The usual travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Burghfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. J. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, by Thursday, Oct. 11th, number for tea.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. Anyone requiring tea please notify me before Wednesday, Oct. 10th.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—The annual Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters will be made at 11 a.m. on that date, and all who would care to take part should notify me without delay. By the courtesy of the respective clergy the bells at Leeds Parish Church (12), Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at Pleshey. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Broomfield bells available during the evening. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Oct. 10th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby (St. James') on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, by Wednesday, 10th. — Claude I. Davis, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen invited. Will those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, Oct. 9th. — H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. Edward H. King is now 34, Marlborough Road, Lower Edmonton, N.9.

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#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.**—On Sunday evening, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. A. Edmondson 1, W. Brown 2, W. Sheraton 3, F. Sheraton 4, J. A. Brown 5, T. C. Robson (first quarter-peal) 6, W. H. Barber 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. Kindly arranged for the conductor, from London, who was spending a week-end in Durham.

**CLAXBY-BY-NORMANBY, Lincs.**—On September 16th, for evening, at the Church of St. Mary, touches of Plain Bob: W. Dalton 1, G. Ogg 2, S. Dalton 3, E. Dannatt (Barrow) 4, W. C. Bristow 5. The ringer of the 4th made up the band after 20 miles' journey.

#### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

##### ONE OF THE FEN'S BEST PEALS REOPENED.

A thanksgiving and reopening service was held at Littleport, near Ely, on Sunday, September 16th, a fairly good number being present. In the course of his address, the Vicar (the Rev. N. Shelton, M.A.) laid stress on the help all had given to an early successful and culminating by the reopening that afternoon. During the service rounds were rung by the local band, standing: J. Atkins (capt.) 1, T. Hobbs 2, A. Mackender 3, W. Featherby 4, H. Mackender 5, W. Spring 6, W. Ellingham 7, G. Hockley 8. Other ringers present were the district secretary (Mr. F. Warrington), Messrs. F. Gleaves, B. Wayman, H. Collins, J. Lawrance and others.

On September 19th a district meeting was held, good use being made of the bells. Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were the methods rung. The usual 'Taylor' finish of 'all's well' is a beautiful ringing peal second to none in the Central District.

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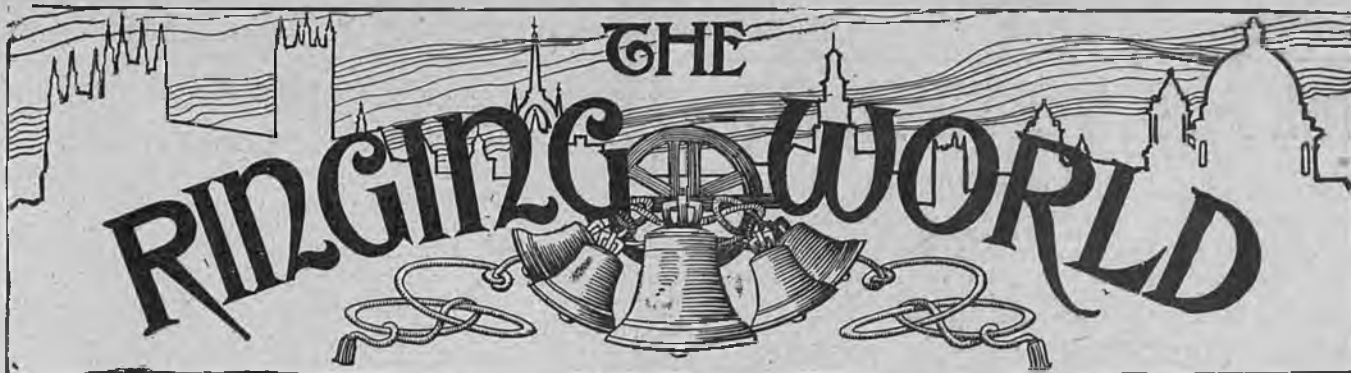
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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

A recent correspondence in our columns raises a question which most associations have at one time or another to answer. Should instructors be paid? It is common ground that if an association is to do its duty, if it is to live a healthy life, it must try to help struggling bands and endeavour to start new ones. And for that there must be instructors. But should they be paid and duly appointed officials or should the job be left to voluntary workers? Some men are dead against payment. Paid ringing, they say, has always been the curse of the Exercise. It attracts the wrong sort of man, who works only for what he can get, and gives his service grudgingly and inefficiently. If you want good results, depend on the man who works for the love of the thing. Look at So-and-So, who has been taking money for years, and his band is no better now than it was when he began. Whereas Such-a-One who takes no money has always got a belfry full of ringers. That is an argument common enough, but it is a very shallow one. The success of a band depends on so many more things than the instructor. It depends mostly on the learners. We frequently find people (usually young people) who are quite willing to become ringers but who are not prepared to give the time and trouble necessary to learn the art properly. They think that after three or four visits to a belfry they will be able to take their places among the regular ringers, and when they find it is not so, they stop away. For there are few things which require so much preliminary technical learning as ringing does. If a man has a good voice and ear and a natural aptitude for music he can at once take his place in a choir and learn the art as he goes on. Or if you compare ringing to sport, a few boys and a ball in a back street can make a game of football of sorts. There are no gradations of that kind in ringing. The learner must be prepared to be only a learner for many months before he begins to realise what the thing is about. And so many of them, just as they are beginning to get over that stage, lose heart and interest, and the belfry sees them no more. And it is a sad and pathetic thing to think of the great number of young fellows who might have become good ringers and just at the critical time have gone courting. These are the things that hamper an instructor when he has got a supply of recruits to teach, and often enough he has got no supply. His success or failure does not depend on whether he is paid or not; it does not depend, except in a lesser degree, on whether he is a good instructor or not. If So-and-So and Such-a-One changed towers it is not at all likely that where the first failed the other

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DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... .. Treble	PERCY E. JONES ... .. 6
WILLIAM LIDBETTER ... .. 2	MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 7
†MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 8
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MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... .. 5	†HARRY BROOKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

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CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 2	RICHARD F. ROE ... .. 7
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... .. 3	JAMES HARRIS ... .. 8
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WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 9
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 5	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

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## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS ADELINE A. STOKES Treble	†CECIL J. MAYER... .. 5
†MISS ESME A. STOKES ... 2	DONOVAN R. WHITE... .. 6
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	JOHN WALDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Mr. F. W. Stokes' 150th peal.

## SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT J. DAZE ... ..Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 5
*CHARLES A. LEVETT... .. 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

## BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON... .. 5
PERCY GREEN ... .. 2	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

## THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... ..Treble	JAMES M. NICKERSON ... .. 5
CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 2	HARRY RICHARDSON ... .. 6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 7
CYRIL WILSON ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

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## OVER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Chad,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ..Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7
JAMES H. RIDING... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. F. Sperring, son of the conductor.

## LLANBADARN-FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Padarn,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 5
W. GLYN B. SHAW ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 6
HARRY HOWARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. 7
H. ERNEST COX ... .. 4	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

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On Monday, September 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

NELSON ELLIOTT... ..Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 5
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
CECIL NICE ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	*WILLIAM R. DIPLOCK ...Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal. Rung fully muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. M. Nightingale, who was interred on September 24th.

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WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... ..Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

ACTON, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church on Friday, September 14th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire): K. Simpson 1, S. H. Symonds 2, B. Cornell 3, H. Crick 4, B. Roper (conductor) 5. Longest length by K. Simpson, who hails from Shipley, Yorks.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

*FRANK ARMITAGE ... .. Treble	FRANK SCHOLEFIELD ... .. 5
GEORGE W. SLACK ... .. 2	JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD ... .. 6
†ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... .. 3	G. WILFRED SLACK ... .. 7
†NORMAN SIMMS ... .. 4	LEONARD DRAKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

\* First peal, the ringer being only 14 years old. † First peal in the method.

SCUNTHORPE, LINGS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 5
GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 6
JACK BRAY ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 7
*FRED LACEY ... .. 4	FRANK LORD ... .. Tenor

Arranged by J. BRAY. Conducted by F. LORD.

\* First peal of Major.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, September 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 25.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	JOHN HOPE ... .. 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.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Treble	JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 5
FRED RIGBY ... .. 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 3	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 7
JOHN JACKSON ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 6
VICTOR COPELY ... .. 3	J. HYLTON SYKES ... .. 7
ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by W. A. WOOLER.

First peal as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS JOAN PEARCE ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. 6
JAMES TOPP ... .. 3	JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSIAH D. HARRIS.

First peal of Major as conductor.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... Treble	†ARTHUR BUTLER ... .. 5
*FREDERICK W. STEMP ... 2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 7
HARRY S. SMITH ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	A. E. REEVE ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 3	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHESMAN ... .. 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

BOCKING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 2	†ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 6
REGINALD MARTIN ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
*ALEC GENERY ... .. 4	*WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method. † 75th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS AMY WALDOCK ... Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 5
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 2	PERCY GREEN ... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7
*HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First Surprise peal. Rung to celebrate the dedication festival of the church and on the 61st anniversary of the opening of the bells by Mr. Leonard Proctor and his famous band from Bennington, Herts.

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On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*ERNEST SWAIN ... .. Treble	*CAPT. L. J. ROYER ... .. 5
*JAMES RUSH ... .. 2	†JOHN PALMER ... .. 6
NICHOLAS NEWBY ... .. 3	*WILLIAM PRATT ... .. 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 4	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (158). Conducted by E. JENNINGS.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... .. Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5
KRITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 6
JAMES ROSE ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHMAN. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(TAUNTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... .. Treble	†WALTER E. PRIDDLE... .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 6
*HERBERT W. BURDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 7
WALTER H. POOLE ... .. 4	JACK ROY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.  
\* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman 'inside.'

HIGH BICKINGTON, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN HOSGOOD ... .. Treble	ARTHUR L. TRUMAN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. 2	GEORGE LUXTON ... .. 6
L. HARRY POOK ... .. 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... .. 7
A. GEORGE BETTS ... .. 4	*GEORGE SKINNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

\* First peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

G. WRIGHT, SEN... .. Treble	A. HALLAM ... .. 4
MISS A. FREARSON ... .. 2	L. WYKES ... .. 5
G. HURD ... .. 3	J. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

The ringer of the treble has now rung a peal from each bell in the tower.

DENVER, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRED MATTHEWS... .. Treble	*ALBERT MASON ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. 3	*A. G. BACON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. G. BACON.

\* First peal in five methods.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1934, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Swithin,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, viz.: Sandiacre, Lightfoot, Rossendale, London, York and Durham, Norfolk and Primrose, Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 9lb.

*JAMES H. MOSSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in ten Surprise methods. First Surprise peal in ten methods rung in North Lincolnshire.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, called differently.

ALBERT DOWNES ... .. Treble	*ERNEST SALMONS ... .. 4
FRANK DOWNES ... .. 2	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 5
WALTER EVANS ... .. 3	WILLIAM DUGGAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

EGERTON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(St. James' Society.)

On Wednesday, September 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MRS. JEFFERY PACK ... .. Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 4
*MISS GLADYS PACK ... .. 2	*ALAN A. MISSING ... .. 5
*FRANK J. ROBERTS ... .. 3	†WILFRED G. MISSING ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal ever rung on the bells.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 qr. 2 lb.

MISS BEVVS V. DOBSON ... Treble	FRANCIS BALL ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STERLE... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
WALTER PERKINS ... .. 3	*HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss B. V. Dobson. It was her first peal and first attempt.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR HOING ... .. Treble	*PERCY NEWTON ... .. 4
JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 5
*REGINALD A. BLABY... .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE... .. 1-2	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 5-6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7-8

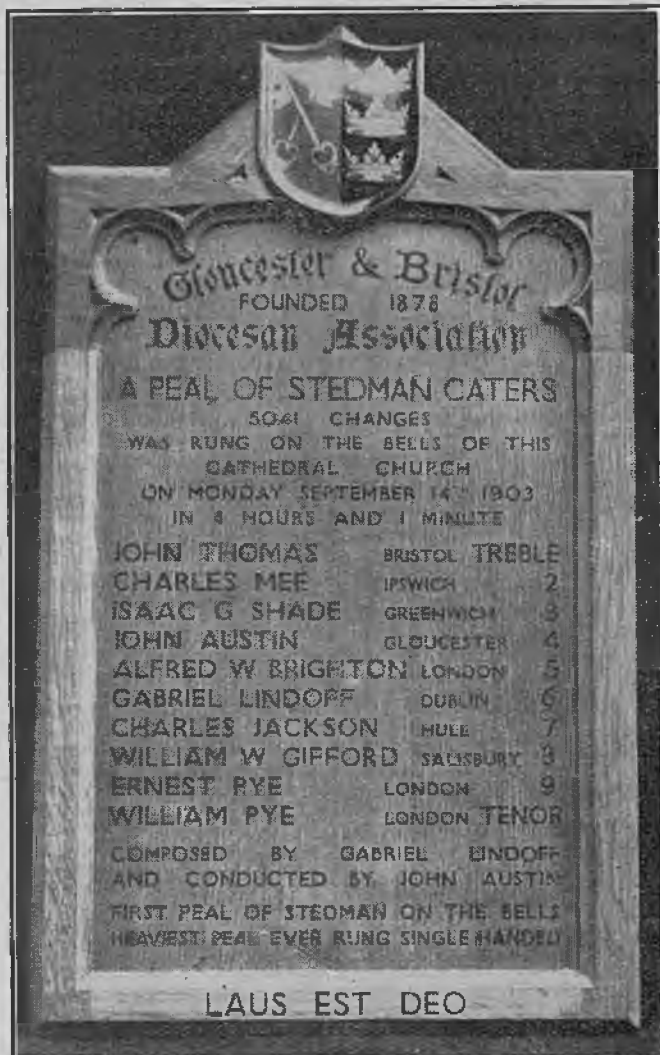
JOSEPH MORRIS ... .. 9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

## RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.

GENEROUS HOSPITALITY AND SPLENDID EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The 'Delectable Duchy' was this year chosen for the annual ringing tour of Mr. Wm. Pye and his party. Several of the usual 'members were unable to take part in this year's 'week,' work keeping some away, wanderings to Australia and even more important matters being the causes of the absence of others. The newcomers, however, proved to be quite capable of keeping the ringing up to



Last week we recorded the unveiling ceremony in Exeter Cathedral of this beautiful peal board. Six surviving members of this famous peal are still alive in Messrs. J. Thomas, C. Mee, J. Austin, A. W. Brighton, Gabriel Lindoff and W. Pye.

its usual standard, and, as events proved, the tour became as much educational as otherwise. Not only were Cornish change ringers given as much help as was possible, but ringers in the 'prize ringing' and 'round ringing' districts were much impressed by the quality of the peals rung. Ringers in these districts excel in striking, and are exceedingly critical of anything that is badly done. The only criticism that one heard was during the ringing of a peal of Bristol Surprise. Said a Cornish call-change ringer, 'That was a nice change, but they can't hold it. We can!'

Saturday, September 15th.—The first peal was rung to-day at Yeovil, one of Cambridge Surprise Royal. The night was spent at Exeter.

Sunday, September 16th.—After a splendid run over Dartmoor, Ladock was reached at about 1.30 p.m. Here Messrs. A. S. Roberts and C. Sleeman (Truro), A. W. Brighton (London), E. W. Marsh and W. G. Hiscott (Plymouth) were met, as well as several local ringers. St. Ladock's Church contains a nice ring by Taylors, and the first peal of Bristol Surprise by the Truro Guild was rung. The village of Probus, on the way to Truro, was visited by the members of the band not in the peal, together with friends mentioned above, who rang on the six bells there. All met at the Cathedral, Truro, for evening service ringing.

Monday, September 17th.—In the morning, at St. Felicitas', Phil-lack, near St. Ives, a peal of Superlative was rung. These bells were augmented in 1928 by Taylors, when five were added. Only one peal had previously been rung here, viz., Grandsire Triples. St. Stephen-in-Branwell for the afternoon peal was 'off,' but the Rector had been kind enough to make alternative arrangements at Roche. The Church of St. Gomondas contains a good peal of eight by Mears and Stainbank, and London Surprise was the order. Supper was provided for the band by the Rector (Rev. J. Tarplee), who showed great interest in the peal which had been rung. The local ringers, not to be outdone insisted on ringing a peal for the entertainment of the visitors. A really excellent 'raise, rounds and fall' showed that they were masters of their job, but what was most interesting was the long loop of the rope which was fitted round the left elbow, evidently to get more power. It was apparent from some of these ringers that they never ring a great length of time, and they put a lot of energy into their ringing. They were astounded at peals of three hours' duration. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at St. Kea, near Truro, by three members of the party with five Truro ringers. To the great disappointment of all, this attempt was lost after two hours' ringing.

Tuesday, September 18th.—Mr. R. T. Hibbert, of Reading, joined the party. At St. Enoder's Church, St. Enoder, a peal of Cambridge Major was lost after nearly 1½ hours' good ringing. A sleepy head, a sudden jolt, and a shift course! An inquest might have been held, but, as friend Dexter says, this is fine fun until it is fastened on yourself. At this church there are three bands of ringers belonging to the Mid-Cornwall Association. This is not a prize-ringing Guild, but certificates are given at ringing festivals, which are held about twice a year. The St. Enoder bands hold first and second-class certificates, which are displayed in the belfry. After some ringing at St. Kenwyn's Church, Truro, in the afternoon, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at the Cathedral. A long draught and new ropes made ringing difficult, but the striking was even all through, and it was good to see Wm. Pye in fine form on the 34 cwt. tenor. The names and weights of the bells are given elsewhere.

Wednesday, September 19th.—St. Anthony-in-Meneage is situated only a few yards from the sea, in a delightfully pretty creek. The name is evidently derived from Lantinn, or place of Holy Fire, connected with lighting ships. Three of the bells were dated 1674, but these were recast and augmented to six in 1924 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and hung in a frame for eight. The treble and second were added by Taylors only last year. The ringing chamber, on the ground floor, is very small, and the ringers stand close together. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 stand shoulder to shoulder, and the ringer of the third finds it difficult to move either way. The peal rung here was the first on the bells, it being London Surprise. Col. G. F. Jerram, who had met the party at Helston en route, invited the 'odd four' to Manaccan, where, with Mr. Ernest Cossentine, a six-score each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and 360 Bob Minor were rung. Mr. Cossentine, who is captain of the St. Anthony's band, was especially pleased, the Minor being his first in the method. Great interest was shown in the ringing of the peal at St. Anthony's by residents, including Lord and Lady Seaton. Lord Seaton was the donor of the 1924 addition and restoration.

At the invitation of Col. and Mrs. Jerram, the ringers partook of an excellent lunch, the Vicar of St. Anthony's (Rev. W. P. Gilpin) also being a guest. It fell to Mr. E. P. Duffield to thank Col. and Mrs. Jerram for their hospitality, and the Vicar for allowing the peal to be rung. He described the hospitality shown in Cornwall as amazing, and the tour as the most enjoyable they had ever had. The Rev. W. P. Gilpin said they were honoured by the visit to the county of such well-known ringers, and he wished them an enjoyable time for the rest of the tour. Col. Jerram also welcomed the ringers, and facetiously added that he differed from the Vicar on one matter. 'Cornwall,' he said, 'is not a county. It has never been conquered by the English, and it was not until County Councils were inflicted by an English Government that it could even be termed a county. It is a duchy.' The visit to this pleasant home, situated on a cliff overlooking a very fine creek, was all too short.

Helston was visited for the afternoon peal, when Superlative was rung. Here there is another ring by Taylors, dated 1904. One peal had previously been rung on these bells by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, but no record of this could be obtained.

(To be continued.)

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Disley, on Saturday, September 22nd, when in spite of the inclement weather a large number of members and friends attended. In addition to local towers, the following bands were represented: Stockport St. Mary's, Stockport St. George's, Norbury, Reddish, Ashton St. Peter's, Fairfield, Buxton, Taxal, Knutsford, New Mills and Marple.

A variety of methods were rung on the bells, a light peal of six, until service time. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Musgrave), who in his address stressed the importance of ringers' work to the Church, and deprecated the efforts that were made from time to time to silence the bells. The local ringers and their ladies provided an excellent tea. A short business meeting followed, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the wardens, the organist and the local ringers, after which a return was made to the tower for further ringing. Among the methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob, Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans and Charlewood Delight and Disley Delight. Several touches were achieved on the handbells, Boh Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples all being brought round.

### HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL RINGER MARRIED.

On Saturday, September 15th, at the Parish Church, Stoke Golding, the wedding took place of Mr. Samuel A. Martin and Miss Doris I. Clifford. The bridegroom has for a number of years been a member of the local ringers at Higham-on-the-Hill and also a sidesman and choir member at the Parish Church. He is the son of Mr. William Martin, a member of the band who introduced change ringing to this tower many years ago and is still a ringer in addition to being churchwarden. The bride was in the choir at Stoke Golding. The Rev. P. H. Unwin (Rector of Higham-on-the-Hill) and the Rev. S. D. Middleton (Vicar of Stoke Golding) took part in the service, which was choral.

As the couple left the church the bells pealed out, and, following the usual firing, a good quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor was rung, those taking part being F. Kelham 1, L. Woodburn 2, K. R. Killiver 3, F. Hill 4, C. R. Clifford (uncle of the bride) 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6. The ringers of 1, 4 and 5 belong to Stoke Golding, and 2, 3 and 6 to Higham-on-the-Hill.

The reception was held in the Schoolroom, after which the happy couple left for Llandudno, where they spent their honeymoon.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT BAGSHOT.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a successful meeting at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Punctually at 3 o'clock the ringing started, and standard methods were practised until 4.30 p.m. The church service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon R. W. H. Stuart), and the Rev. G. A. Ford, an honorary member from Yorktown, read the lesson and also gave an interesting address.

Following service, tea in St. Anne's Parish Room was enjoyed by a company of 36. At the conclusion Mr. P. L. Eldridge, on behalf of members, and Capt. H. J. Cann, on behalf of visitors, voiced hearty thanks to Mr. J. Corbett (Guild treasurer) and local ringers for providing such an excellent meal. Thanks were also expressed to the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Ford, the organist, choir and tea helpers.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Messrs. J. Amos (Aldershot) and Hall (Bagshot) were elected ringing members. The Yorktown meeting, arranged for October 27th, was transferred to October 20th. The ladies' meeting at Pirbright on October 13th was announced, and a large gathering requested. A telegram sent by the Farnham District to their general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), wishing him a successful tour to Australia, was acknowledged for Mr. Goldsmith by Mr. Corbett, who saw the tourists off from London on September 15th. At the close of business the tower was revisited and more good practice put in despite the misfortune of a broken stay on the treble. The bells were lowered at 8.40 p.m.

Towers represented during the meeting were Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Seale, Farnborough, Pirbright, Wokingham, Yorktown, Stoke Poges, Ashton-under-Lyne and Beddington.

### SUFFOLK GUILD AT MONKS ELEIGH.

A meeting of the Lavenham District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Monks Eleigh on Saturday, September 1st, when ringers attended from Sudbury, Groton, Lavenham, Hitcham, Bildeston, Preston, Newton, Long Melford, Little Waldingfield, Bromley (Kent), Shipley (Yorks), London, Bentley and Chelmsford (Essex). Various touches were rung to Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, including 720 of the latter conducted by D. Elliott.

Tea was provided at the Swan Inn, followed by a business meeting, presided over by the Rev. Jones, Rector. One new member was elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Acton on Saturday, October 6th. A hearty welcome was extended to the friends from afar, especially the Essex contingent. Votes of thanks were given the Rector for the use of the bells and presiding, and all others who helped to make this meeting a success. Before visiting the belfry again the handbells were rung to various courses.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

An interesting ceremony will shortly take place when the Church of St. Andrew, which has been removed from Wells Street, near Oxford Street, and rebuilt at Kingsbury, will be consecrated. The bells are a notable peal in the history of bell founding, and it will be remembered that the Central Council approached the Bishop of London to ensure that they should not be broken up or dispersed. They will be rung by a picked band of the Middlesex Association, and afterwards the tower will be open to all, but as the church stands in a residential neighbourhood, and it is most important that a good impression should be created at the start, care will be taken to pick bands and to see that there is no bad ringing.

An interesting point has been raised by the peal of Grandsire Caters at Southampton appearing in our last issue, which was rung on September 19th and not September 12th as stated. The peal of 10 bells was conducted by Mr. John W. Faithfull, a one-armed ringer. Is this new to the Exercise? Several peals have been conducted by one-armed ringers, but Mr. Faithfull cannot remember a peal of 10 so rung. Mr. Faithfull lost his left arm in the war and has on several occasions rung peals with Mr. George Pullinger, who has lost his right arm up to the shoulder.

A correspondent sends us a photograph of East Bergholt bells, and asks us how it is possible to ring them up, seeing there are no wheels or ropes. The frame stands on the ground, and therefore there can be no ringing chamber. The bells are swung by handling the stocks, the ringers standing beside the frame. It is on record that changes have been rung here, but we have no information of the present state of affairs. Perhaps some correspondent will enlighten us.

In celebration of the 21st birthday of Miss Bevy V. Dobson, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Dobson, of Mears Ashby, Northants, a peal of Minor was rung on September 27th. Miss Dobson participated in the peal, and in so doing scored her first peal. Is there another similar record in the Exercise? The ringers were entertained to tea after the peal by the Rev. and Mrs. Dobson.

We notice a tendency among some ringers to pronounce the name of the well known method 'Grand-sire' as if it were the equivalent of grandfather. That is wrong. The traditional and correct pronunciation is 'Gransir,' the 'd' being silent and the 'i' short. The word was commonly spelt so in early days.

Mr. I. Emery, of 49, Wellington Road, Bromley, wishes to thank all ringing friends for their kind enquiries and good wishes during his recent illness and operation. He is now home, and trusts he is on the high road to complete recovery, and hopes to resume both work and ringing at an early date.

We are pleased to report a definite improvement in the condition of Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, the popular chairman of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who has been lying critically ill for more than five weeks in Bristol Hospital.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have recently rehung the 150-year-old peal of bells at Egerton, Kent. The first peal on the bells was rung on September 25th by the St. James' Society of the Kent County Association.

In connection with the quarterly meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths at Staines, on October 20th, it is hoped to unveil a peal board of a peal of Bob Major rung by members of the society. A big attendance is desired.

We have received a peal from Haresfield, Gloucestershire, without the name of the conductor. Will the conductor kindly communicate with us so that the peal can be published in the appropriate column?

Congratulations to Frank Armitage, aged 14, who rang his first peal at Burley, Leeds, on September 25th. This was his second attempt: the first was lost through a rope breaking in the last course.

## RINGING MASTER'S SON MARRIED.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on September 25th, and recorded in our peal columns, was specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding at St. Martin's of Mr. Frederick W. Walker, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham, to Miss Marion Griffiths, of Hall Green, Birmingham. Canon T. Guy Rogers (Rector of Birmingham) officiated. Mr. Richard Wassell, director of the choir, presided at the organ, playing appropriate selections of wedding music, and the St. Martin's Guild rang the famous twelve bells as the happy couple left the church for the reception. Many friends of the bride and bridegroom attended the ceremony.

Referring to the wedding peal, the composition in the Tittums and handstroke home position in equal parts was known to the budding conductors in the band, thereby giving added interest and knowledge in the art of conducting. It is the fond hope of the Ringing Master that the day is not far distant when peals can be rung practically non-conducted.

## ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD-BOY RINGS QUARTER-PEAL.

On Wednesday evening, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) at St. Giles', Exhall, Coventry: Richard Beesley (first quarter-peal, aged 14) 1, Percy Stone (aged 13) 2, Ernest Stone 3, William A. Stote (conductor) 4, Malcolm Melville 5, Norman Beesley (aged 11 and longest length) 6.

# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

The Editor's Impressions of Malta.

## ENTHUSIASM OVER FIRST PEAL.

In the following letter are some further details of the first peal rung by the tourists now on their way to Australia. The first report of this performance was received by wireless and recorded in our last issue. The Editor now describes the difficult conditions under which it was rung.

ss. 'Barrabool',  
Eastern Mediterranean,  
Sunday, September 23rd.

We are approaching Port Said, and the next mail to England closes on board at midnight.

The most important piece of ringing news that I have to transmit is that we have 'broken the ice'—if such a metaphor can be used in a temperature now in the nineties in the daytime. This afternoon we scored the first peal of the tour, and it is a memorable performance. The original band sat down to the task on the forward deck, where they could get a little shade from the superstructure of the bridge. The attempt was made more or less on the spur of the moment, for the increasing hot weather is not conducive to the effort of peal ringing. The method was Bob Major, and the peal was rung amid the many distractions which we have found inseparable from our attempts. Members of the crew were playing deck quoits close by: at a critical point in the peal half a dozen burly seamen came round and began preparing the gangway for to-morrow morning's landing at Port Said. Passengers, amazed apparently at our long and persistent effort, became curious and gathered round, went away, came back again, and all around there was the confused murmur of voices, and on one occasion the crying



MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON,  
who conducted the first peal of the tour—  
the first ever rung on the Mediterranean  
Sea.

of a baby close to the conductor's ear. But we went on manfully and with some excellent ringing until after 2 hours 25 mins. the first peal of Bob Major outside the British Isles, and the first peal on the Mediterranean Sea, had been rung.

It was not, of course, the first peal ever rung on the water, for that was a peal of Stedman Caters rung between Dublin and Holyhead in the year 1901, conducted by Mr. William Short.

Nevertheless we are proud of our new record, which, as will already have been seen, was rung by Mrs. Richardson, Rupert Richardson, Rev. E. Banks James and J. S. Goldsmith. Rupert called a composition by the late Fred Holden, who, during his service with the Royal Marines, crossed these waters many times. The peal was actually rung while the 'Barrabool' travelled 36 miles, between 32.37 North Latitude, 28.28 East Longitude, and 32.28 North Latitude and 29.07 East Longitude. The bridge was open to passengers this afternoon, and when the bells ran round there came a cheer from those assembled there, led by our colleagues, who had taken up that vantage point to watch the finish of the peal.

Only three days have elapsed since I closed my last letter, but this intervening period has been full of interest to us and has included a visit to the island of Malta, where the ss. 'Barrabool' called on Friday (September 21st), and stayed sufficiently long to give us several

hours ashore. Although only sixty square miles in extent, Malta has a civil population of nearly a quarter of a million, and a very large naval and military contingent. Its land-locked harbour is one of the largest in the world, and is divided into several arms, some of which are entirely monopolised by the navy, and can accommodate a vast fleet.

Our vessel got in at 6 a.m., and we were all up to witness the animated and colourful scene. By the time we were anchored we were surrounded by dices—small brightly painted boats rowed by two men, and each capable of carrying six passengers—which form the only means of reaching the shore from the ship.

We reached land after breakfast by this means, and set out in two cars to see the island. We were fortunate in our driver, who spoke English well, and took us to all the places of interest that it was possible to see in the time at our disposal. We learned that out of an apparently barren soil the inhabitants raise three crops a year; they live frugally and, crowded though they are, they look a hardy race.

Among the places we visited were the gardens of St. Antonio, sub-tropical in nature, where oranges and grape fruit were growing, and flowering shrubs were a riot of brilliant colour. We spent some time in the ancient Cathedral of St. Paul at the old capital of Rabato, a treasure house of frescoes and pictures, whose floor is paved with the tombs of Bishops and whose apse is supported on columns of marble, brought in the eleventh century from the ruins of ancient Carthage. Malta, in fact, can boast of a place in history at the very dawn of civilisation, and all down the centuries her fine anchorages and her position in the centre of the Mediterranean on the highway from East to West, have given her a position of unique importance. One can see to-day—and we passed it on our tour—a fort which the Turks besieged in 1585; its present importance is impressed on one by the naval and military activities of which it is the centre, and we had pointed out to us underground granaries in which, we were told, were corn stores sufficient to feed the whole population of the island for five years.

Ninety-nine per cent of the Maltese are Catholics, and extremely devout people. Their churches are numerous, and most of them have three, four or five bells, in odd notes, hung out in the louvres of the towers. In some cases there are twin towers with bells in each. At noon bells were clanging in all directions—reminiscent, someone said, of Oxford on the annual occasion of the Guild festival. But it was not quite like that, for the bells sounded as if they had been cast in an iron foundry, with here and there just one of some fair tonal quality. The majority of them, however, appear to be beyond even the possibility of tuning.

The only bells that had any interest to us on the island were at St. Paul's Church in Valletta—the modern port, in appearance half Moorish—for all the buildings are of sandstone with flat roofs—and half continental. Originally St. Paul's was built by the widowed Queen of William IV., nearly a hundred years ago, as a garrison church, but it is no longer used for that purpose, and at present has, we learned, a diminishing congregation.

Canon Vincent received us very kindly, but time was pressing and we could not make a long stay. The organising secretary ascended to the ringing chamber, in company with the verger and found that the bells were chimed by ropes tied to the clappers. He treated us to a course of Original Minor. He ascertained that there are no wheels to the bells, so that in any event ringing would be out of the question.

Malta is the Melita of the New Testament, and one spot we visited has a special interest for Mr. Linter, who is a keen student of Bible history. From a near-by vantage point we saw the island upon which St. Paul was wrecked on his voyage to Rome. The island is marked with a monument, and it is also to commemorate this event that St. Paul's Cathedral in Rabato came into existence.

Some of our party did some shopping. Four of them left the island with a topee apiece in anticipation of the sun we expect to get in the Red Sea in a few days' time. Rupert, as the most suitable person, was sent to the market to buy fruit. He walked in, but by the time he had made his purchases he was ready to run out. He says the next time he goes there he will wear a gas mask. But we have thoroughly enjoyed the water melons he brought.

We returned to the ship by the means by which we had come—the dices, and found considerable entertainment from the merchants who came out in small boats to dispose of their wares, consisting largely of 'Maltese' lace goods and shawls—much of it, we were warned, having probably been made in Manchester. The diving boys were also an entertainment in themselves. The water hereabouts was thirty or forty feet deep at least. When they could induce a passenger to

throw a coin into the harbour, they dived off the side of their little boats and went down and down until they caught the coin—long before it reached the bottom—and came up with it between their toes.

It had been windy and dusty on the island. Once out of the harbour, heading eastward, we found the sea had got up to such an extent that many of the passengers went down, and there were significant gaps at the dining-room tables—ours amongst them. My cabin companions—Old Bill and George—however, have proved themselves able seamen in the manner in which they can sit up and take their nourishment.

On Saturday all trace of the bad weather had disappeared. We had a handbell practice in the morning, but when a band sat down for a peal in the evening the spot they chose—where Sunday's peal was eventually rung—was where a fire drill was to take place, and it (the peal, not the fire drill) had to be abandoned. But later a good touch of 1,008 Grandsire Triples was rung by Rev. E. B. James (conductor) 1-2, R. Richardson 3-4, G. Martin 5-6, Mrs. Richardson 7-8, the longest touch brought round since we started.

All our party are sharing in the life of the ship. There are competitions in numerous games, and you come on these fellows assiduously practising. Mr. Sharples promises to become adept at deck quoits. He throws a very pretty quoit. During the week we have had a picture show, concert, 'dog' races and whist drives. Our difficulty is to crowd it all in. Rupert fills the swimming tank in the morning, and Mr. James sports the brightest bathing costume on the boat.

#### LATE NEWS.

The men have still apparently failed to be as good as they ought to have been. They have had nothing from the chocolate box for a week. They are beginning to think there may now be none left. The Editor has spent a watch down in the engine room. He has decided not to be a marine engineer. The temperature was 135 degrees, and it cost him a lot to quench his thirst afterwards. Incidentally, Chief Engineer Archibald once started to learn to be a bellringer at Workington. He omitted to let go the sally. He prefers to be a marine engineer.

#### LATER NEWS.

A peal having been rung, the chocolate box has just been produced.

#### A NORTHAMPTON BI-CENTENARY.

To celebrate the bi-centenary of St. Peter's bells, Northampton, a meeting was held at the church on September 22nd. The weather, unfortunately, kept many ringers away, but 37 were present to join in the ringing. The usual Guild service was used, and the singing of the hymns was accompanied by handbells rung by the lady ringers from Moulton, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Turner and Mr. L. Curtis. The Rector of St. Peter's gave an inspiring address, which was greatly appreciated. The celebrations were carried on for the Sunday services, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following: W. Atterbury 1, A. Slade 2, J. Dean 3, E. Sibley 4, W. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. Austin (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. The Bishop of Peterborough took this service, and gave a very helpful address to a crowded congregation.

#### SOMERSHAM BELLS AGAIN IN ACTION.

The re-opening of the bells of Somersham, Hunts, after a silence of some months, coincided with the monthly meeting of the Hunts Branch of the Ely Association on Saturday, September 29th. It was a splendid meeting, over 40 ringers attending, and the presence of visitors from the Ely and Central Branches was greatly appreciated.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, followed by tea and a short business meeting. Good use was made of the bells, everyone being looked after by the Ringing Master, rounds to Surprise methods being rung. The 'go' of the bells is perfect.

#### A NEW LINCOLN BAND.

Welcome to the new band of ringers formed on September 12th at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln. The inaugural meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. R. Olsen, priest in charge of the parish, was attended by 24 members, about 50 per cent. of whom, including a small percentage of ladies, can handle the bell in the approved manner.

From the members present the following were elected officers: President, the Rev. R. Olsen; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. G. Clarke (Vicar's warden); hon. secretary, Mr. B. G. Hooseman; Ringing Master, Mr. Harold Marion; conductor for tune ringing on handbells, Mr. A. Brawn.

As there is a strong blend of experience in this new band, practically all the members being well known in ringing circles in Lincolnshire, ringers will watch with interest the new band from St. Giles'. Before long the band hope to be ringing the old bells of St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln, in their new home at St. Giles'.

#### NEWS FROM HEREFORD GUILD.

##### SEVEN NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

The Bridgnorth District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting at Chelmarsh on September 22nd. Twenty-five members attended from the towers of Highley, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth (St. Leonard and St. Mary Magdalene), Madeley and Coalbrookdale.

The bells of St. Peter's were raised in peal at 3.15 p.m., when instruction was given to young ringers in Doubles ringing until the service in church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Newill). The Rev. E. G. Benson (Quatford) read the lesson, and Mr. H. Moore-Williams (Bridgnorth) presided at the organ.

After the service an excellent tea was provided in the schools, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. S. Newill presided. Seven new members were elected—five from Highley and two from Chelmarsh. The Rev. E. G. Benson was congratulated upon his recovery from illness, and the wish expressed that he would soon be ringing peals again. The secretary was instructed to write and welcome the Rev. Prebendary R. Gillenders to the Bridgnorth district.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service in church, and for the kind reception all visitors had received. The Rev. Newill, replying, said that he thought these meetings were what was wanted to improve the knowledge of the art of ringing. Small parishes, if left on their own, were not able to advance, and the interchange of ideas between members and also the instruction given was to everyone's advantage.

At the conclusion of the business an unusual item of interest was the playing on the piano by Mr. H. Moore-Williams of a plain course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples were also rung on handbells, and tunes rung by Mr. Brown (Highley) and Mr. Stanier (Madeley).

The tower was revisited for further ringing, methods rung including Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor. At 8 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal, this terminating a very enjoyable meeting.

'STEDMAN.'

#### UTTOXETER RINGERS' LOSS.

At the request of the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Charlton), the silent sympathy of the North Staffordshire Association was extended, at their monthly meeting on September 22nd at Uttoxeter, to the local band in the death of their late leader, Mr. Charles Smith, who had been a ringer for over 50 years.

Over 50 ringers attended from the following towers: Stoke, Leek, Norton, Alsager, Kingsley, Cheadle, Burslem, Tutbury, Burton, Heanor, Birkenhead and Gloucester. The beautiful bells were put into action at 2.30 p.m., and kept going with only an interval for service and tea until 8.45 p.m.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and tea was served in Elkes' Cafe. A vote of thanks to the Uttoxeter ringers was proposed by Mr. E. A. Ridgway (Leek), seconded by Mr. H. Carnwell (Kingsley).

An interesting feature in the afternoon was the unveiling of an illuminated scroll recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major which was rung here on July 28th. The scroll had been designed and executed by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton tower, and was much admired and appreciated.

Numerous methods were rung during the course of the meeting, and the writer noticed only one face which showed any anxiety—the Ringing Master (Mr. R. C. Lewis), whose job on these occasions is to please everybody. That many more similar meetings may be held in the future is the wish of

J. E. W.

#### STAFFORD SOCIETY'S AUTUMN MEETING.

There was a good muster of members and friends at the autumn meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held at St. Michael's Collegiate Church, Tettenhall, on September 22nd. The musical ring of eight bells was raised at three o'clock, and was kept going in a variety of methods until 4.45, when a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. G. K. Walton (senior curate), who also gave a helpful address.

After a capital tea at the Rock Hotel, handbells were brought into use in the form of tune and change ringing. An apology for absence was received from the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary and treasurer). Further ringing on the tower bells was indulged in, but had to be curtailed on account of illness nearby.

The next meeting is provisionally fixed for January 12th at Christ Church, West Bromwich.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, September 30th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): D. Wright 1, R. Hall (first quarter-peal) 2, L. Greenhow 3, H. Tourle 4, W. S. Smith 5, C. Potheary 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, L. Briggs 8.

**TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.**—On Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. Brawn 1, G. Temple 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, F. Corke (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. Hancox 6, W. J. Prescott 7, A. E. Baverstock 8. Ringers of 4, 5 and 6 hail from Uxbridge, Middlesex.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****A YEAR OF GREAT ACTIVITY.**

The 57th annual meeting of this association was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 29th. There was a large attendance at the festival service in the Cathedral, and the Rev. F. R. Hedley, Vicar of Gosforth, gave a very thoughtful and instructive address, in which he referred to the inscription on Great Paul, 'Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel.' Would it not be well if we made this the motto of our lives? he asked.

Ninety-one members and friends then gathered round the festive board at the County Hotel, the party including the president (Mr. J. Anderson, Newcastle), the Rev. F. R. Hedley, Canon Stephenson, Gateshead, the Rev. A. W. Lister, South Shields, Councillor Arthur Payne, J.P., and Mrs. Payne, and Messrs. C. L. Routledge, J. W. Parker and W. H. Barber.

The annual meeting followed, and after the chairman had welcomed the visitors, the secretary (Mr. G. S. Taylor) read his annual report, which showed that the year had been one of great activity. There had been three cases of bell restoration—at South Shields, Allendale, and Cranlington, and the bells of Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, which had been silent owing to the re-building of the church, would be ringing again in a few weeks. A special meeting had also been held at Chester-le-Street on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board to record a peal rung to commemorate the 1,050th anniversary of the dedication of the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert. The certificates for Sunday service ringing, 8-12 bell towers, had been won by Christ Church, North Shields, 1,812 points, and St. John's, Shildon, 1,557 points.

The certificates for six-bell towers were awarded to Holy Trinity, Darlington, 1,583 points, and St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, 341 points. Thirty-two peals had been rung during the year, an increase of four on last year, 20 of these being Minor.

Mr. W. J. Davidson, Newcastle, headed the list of conductors, with 12 peals, Mr. W. N. Park, of Darlington, coming second with four. The number of men taking part in the peals was 58, and seven men had rung their first 5,000. It is very rare for a member to ring his first peal and conduct another within a year, but this had been done by Mr. T. W. Dodd, of Benfieldside. Photographs of Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals and Hexham Abbey and the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street, had been sent for inclusion in the albums to be presented to the Cathedrals of Melbourne and Hobart from the ringers of the homeland.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. Councillor Arthur Payne, J.P., of Gateshead, was elected president, Mr. J. Anderson being heartily thanked for the hard work he has put in during his two years of office, and the treasurer, secretary, editorial secretary, auditor and four district vice-presidents were re-elected.

The association meetings for the year were arranged as follows: Pre-Lent, Shildon; pre-Whitsun, Allendale; summer meeting, Whitely Bay; and a special meeting at Bishop Auckland in May, on the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon A. B. Parry-Evans.

The treasurer's statement showed a very satisfactory balance in hand, and Mr. W. Robson, of South Shields, was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for writing up the peal book, which had been neglected for some years.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The September meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Tickhill on September 22nd, when the attendance was small, probably on account of the wretched weather. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and the ringing generally was good, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the afternoon, when the passing of two old and valued colleagues—Mr. R. W. Jenkinson, of Keighley, and Mr. J. Lawson, of Lightcliffe—was reported. The members stood in silence as a tribute of respect. As the annual meeting is due to be held in the Southern Division, Doncaster was chosen as the venue. It was provisionally arranged to hold the annual committee meeting at Leeds on December 1st at 3 p.m.

Tea was served in Wombwell's Cafe, and the general meeting was held in the Parish Room with the president (Canon C. O. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Tickhill (the Rev. H. E. Booty). Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for the arrangements they had made, and these were suitably acknowledged. Mrs. J. Bray, of Scunthorpe, was elected a non-resident life member of the association.

**BANBURY 'PEAL' CHALLENGED.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal(?) of Grandsire rung at Banbury on September 9th, and published in 'The Ringing World,' I was close to the church when the peal ended, and the bells certainly did not come round, but were forced into rounds after the treble had lead full. Perhaps the conductor can explain?—Yours faithfully,  
16, Church Lane, Banbury. MAURICE SMITH.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.****A BIG DROP IN THE NUMBER OF PEALS.**

After 16 years the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was again held at Rochdale on Saturday, September 29th, about 60 being present, a fair attendance considering the wet day. The choir rendered the bell anthem, and the Vicar (Rev. S. Hutchinson) gave an appropriate address rather off the beaten track.

Tea, in the Schools, was nicely arranged and served by the ringers and lady friends. The business meeting followed. The committee in their report deplored the falling-off of peals for the year (154 to 98), and also the poor response at the monthly meetings, and suggested that each tower should have a fund to assist at least two members to attend meetings. Some towers already had such a fund. The financial statement was not quite ready, and two auditors were elected in the Liverpool area to audit the books and balance sheet for the annual report. The president and general secretary retired by rotation, and were asked to retain office for another two years.

After discussion the rules relating to the financial year were altered from August 31st to July 31st, and also the rule regarding the personnel of the committee, so as to allow a branch, however small, to have one member, and branches with over 80 members to have two members. Two towns were proposed for the next annual meeting—Bury and Preston—Bury getting the most votes. The meeting closed by the president voicing thanks to those who had helped to make the gathering a success.

Most of the branches were represented, and the standard methods were rung with Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. The secretary has still a few tickets left for the annual dinner, so hurry up with your P.O.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT DUFFIELD.**

The grand ring of 10 bells, recently restored, at Duffield Parish Church were made good use of during the quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, September 29th. The heavy downpour did not damp the enthusiasm of some 40 members and friends, and methods were essayed for the benefit of everyone concerned.

At the committee meeting it was stated eight photos (in duplicate) of certain cathedrals and churches in the area were now on the way to Australia for presentation at the forthcoming centenary celebrations. The new rules would be distributed shortly to the members.

Tea served in the schools was followed by a general meeting, presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, supported by Mr. Russell (churchwarden of Duffield and hon. member), Mr. Wm. E. White (hon. treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (hon. secretary). The president gave a brief resume of the past quarter's work, commenting on the fact that only 17 peals had been rung, which was far below the average. One peal, however, was interesting from the fact of its having been the completion of 700 peals by the general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. No other member of the association had rung so many. He had conducted 350 (exactly half), and these peals were on all numbers from 5 to 12 bells in a huge variety of methods. The president also referred to the lamented death of Mr. C. Severn, of Killamarsh, a valued member and well-known authority on six-bell ringing. He also welcomed the Ladies' Guild at that meeting; their numbers, although few, were valued, and all were pleased with their presence.

Mr. Russell apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Duffield, and gave the assembled company a hearty welcome, trusting all would enjoy their bells, of which they were justly proud. Later on, however, the Vicar (Dr. W. M. Irwin) came into the belfry and spoke a few words of welcome to those who were present. New members proposed since the previous meeting, viz., nine ringing, one rejoin, one life and one honorary, were duly elected. After the meeting further ringing closed a very successful afternoon's entertainment. Thanks are due to the local society for their arrangements.

**LEEDS SOCIETY AT ROTHWELL.**

Only the staunchest of supporters braved the heavy rain on Saturday, September 29th, at Rothwell, the venue for the September meeting of the Leeds and District Society. The president presided at the business meeting, and one new member was elected, Mr. J. Wormald, of Rothwell.

Mr. J. Moorhouse brought from the Provost of Wakefield Cathedral an invitation to the society to hold a ringing meeting at the Cathedral. Thanking Mr. Moorhouse, the President promised that the invitation would be remembered.

Mr. F. Rayment proposed, and Miss O. Renton seconded, that the best thanks of the society be accorded the Rector and churchwardens of Rothwell for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements. Mr. T. Strangeway replied. A vote of thanks to Mr. C. Lawson for his services as secretary at the Calverley meeting was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. W. H. Senior.

Further ringing followed, when the methods practised were Plain Bob Major, Spliced Kent and Oxford Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Cambridge Surprise.

**DEATH OF MR. LAZARUS PAYNE.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Lazarus Payne, an old member of the Henfield, Sussex, Parish Church ringers, at Southlands Hospital, on Monday, September 24th. He had been a member of the Sussex County Association for 40 years, and had rung about 60 peals in different methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques.

Mr. Payne was ringing for the harvest festival service on September 20th. He was later taken seriously ill, and it was considered advisable to move him to Southlands Hospital, but he was beyond medical aid and passed away as stated above.

The Vicar (Canon R. J. Lea) officiated at the funeral on September 28th, when the ringers were represented by Messrs. W. J. Alliss and C. Tyler.

The bells were rung half-muffled on Sunday for all the services. By special request 504 Stedman Triples from Thurstans' were rung by: F. Brown 1, E. Morey 2, G. Payne 3, C. Barnes 4, F. E. Baker 5, W. J. Alliss 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, F. Cruttenden 8.

**YORKSHIRE RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE.**

A party of ringers from Sutton-on-Hull, Hull (Holy Trinity), paid a visit to Thornton Curtis on Saturday, September 22nd. They were met by members of the local band, and after tea were joined by ringers from Ulceby, Killingholme and Barton-on-Umber. In spite of the inclement state of the weather, a very happy and interesting afternoon and evening was spent.

The ringing, which was of a very high standard, included touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, several six-scores of Stedman Doubles, and most of the party had a pull in Cambridge Minor. This combined meeting of ringers proved such a success, both socially and practically, that it was unanimously agreed to make similar arrangements in the future.

Thanks are due to the Vicar (the Rev. Park) for the use of the bells, to Mr. G. Atkinson for making such efficient arrangements, also to Mrs. G. Atkinson for entertaining the visitors.

**A WELSH PEAL RE-OPENED.**

The five bells at St. Mary's Church, Burry Port, Carmarthenshire, have been rehung with certain new fittings and ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The bells were re-opened on Saturday, September 22nd, when a special service was conducted by the Rev. Morgan, Vicar of Pembrey, who gave an address, and the Rev. M. R. Lewis, curate-in-charge, of Burry Port. Ringers were present from Llanelly, Morriston, and also the local band, the bell foundry being represented by Mr. Fred Collins. The bells were kept going during the afternoon to Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS' JOINT MEETING.**

A very successful joint meeting of the Herts and Essex Associations was held on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at Hunsdon, when a good number of ringing friends attended from many places, enjoying the lovely summer weather amidst the quiet country surroundings. The towers represented were Bromham (Beds), Fakenham (Norfolk), Streatham, Enfield, Edmonton, Sawbridgeworth, Walthamstow, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Harlow Common, Little Munden, St. Albans, Hatfield, Loughton, Melbourne, Royston, Much Hadham, beside the members of the Hunsdon band.

Tea was served at the Turkey Cock, all enjoying a real country spread. Ringing was kept up in various methods and all enjoyed the visit.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on Oct. 30th, St. Magnus' on the 18th, St. Andrew's on the 11th (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th, Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ALFORD, Lincs.**—To day, Friday, Oct. 5th, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Lincoln will dedicate the new ring of six bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. —W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Oct. 6th. Bells (6) will be available at 2.30. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Bus service from Colchester every half hour. —James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (S. and W. District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). — A joint meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea in the St. John's Hall at 5.15. Social evening in hall from 7.45 p.m. All ringers and their friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hampton, Evesham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. — J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6th, at St. Oswald's, Winwick. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schools at 6.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Vicar, the bells of St. Peter's, Newton, will be available for ringers at 6.30 p.m. Will all members do their best to support this meeting.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District. —A by-meeting, with the object of bringing the Newington band into the Association, will be held at Newington (Folkestone) on Oct. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brill, Bucks (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Bells available 2.30 and after meeting. Please notify me if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Oct. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Paragon Café, High Street, at 5.30 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8). For tea, please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at St. James' Episcopal Church, Leith, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service at 4. Tea (by kind invitation of St. James' Society) 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Standlake on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Towers: Northmoor and Bampton.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch. —The autumn meeting of the above will be held at Henley-on-Thames, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open 3.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (9d. per head). Evensong 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. — E. G. Foster, Branch Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 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.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — West Norfolk Branch. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Gressenhall on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Elmham bells also available.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR.**—St. Peter's (10 bells) will be open as usual from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday evening, Oct. 6th. Visitors very welcome.—H. A. Cobbin.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Lavenham District.—Meeting at Acton, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Don't despise 'Doubles.' Please come! Names for tea to S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Little Staughton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bells just restored by Mears and Stainbank.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The usual travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early. —C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Burghfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. J. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, by Thursday, Oct. 11th, number for tea.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. Anyone requiring tea please notify me before Wednesday, Oct. 10th.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at Pleshey. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Broomfield bells available during the evening. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Oct. 10th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at West Derby (St. James') on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, by Wednesday, 10th. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen invited. Will those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, Oct. 9th. — H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury, together with the bells, will be consecrated by the Bishop of London on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3.15 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing after the service. Nearest station, Wembley Park (Met.) and bus to Blackbird Cross.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 9th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—The annual Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters will be made at 11 a.m. on that date, and all who would care to take part should notify me without delay. By the courtesy of the respective clergy the bells at Leeds Parish Church (12), Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held at Ackworth on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea provided *only* for those who notify Mr. W. Palmer, Manor Farm, Badsworth, near Pontefract, by Wednesday, 10th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Swanwick on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please send numbers requiring tea to me by Wednesday, Oct. 10th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., 5.15. Those requiring tea please inform me by Tuesday, Oct. 9th.—P. Merson, Hon. Local Sec., Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 10th?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. It is hoped that a good number will try and attend to make the meeting a success. Please try.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Litton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow. Please let me know if you want tea by 9th inst.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The last meeting for the year will be held at Tideswell on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. G. Wallace, Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Room. Business meeting follows. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Oct. 10th?—Charles E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at White Posts. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Kippen, Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be supplied only for applicants notifying me not later than Monday, Oct. 8th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.** — The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Monday, Oct. 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Peal restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—The first meeting of term will be on Monday, Oct. 15th. The secretary will be glad to give any information to prospective new members, whether already ringers or not. Special attention is given to the teaching of beginners.—Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent, Oxford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Names for tea by Wednesday previous to meeting. Half fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, 16th. Ringing at St. Peter's after tea if possible.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton, Bristol.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn Memorial. — By the kindness of Miss Moore, Principal of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, members of guild and subscribers to memorial fund are invited to hold a ringers' service in the School Chapel, Henley Road,

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Wardington (5 miles north of Banbury) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Kindly notify for tea.—E. Pearson, Dis. Sec., Philcote Street, Deddington, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at S. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30. Both members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 20th, instead of Oct. 27th. Business important. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**ANDOVER, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's Church on Saturday, September 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. New 1, A. Cottle 2, N. Lunley 3, B. Marchant 4, W. Butt 5, G. Greenaway 6, R. C. Mayo (conductor) 7, F. Padwick 8.

**LYDIARD MILLCENT, WILTS.**—On September 19th for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): E. Hoare (first quarter-peal) 1, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 2, C. J. Gardiner 3, H. W. Bishop 4, R. Shales 5, F. Wheeler (first quarter-peal) 6.

**GORTON.**—At Brookfield Church on September 5th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Rushton 1, H. Jones 2, W. Brammer 3, A. S. Fearnhead 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, P. Rushton 6, E. F. Mawby 7, C. Ollier (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all except the 5th, 7th and tenor ringers.

#### SURREY ASSOCIATION'S BIG GATHERING.

An exceptionally good attendance of 55 members and friends were present at the meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association at All Saints', Banstead, on Saturday, September 29th. Ringers came from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Chelsea, Chiddingfold, Esher, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Merton, Hillingdon, Streatham (St. Leonard's and Immanuel), Woking and Crayford. A good variety of methods was practised during the afternoon, and tea was served at the Victoria.

The business meeting, presided over by the District Master (Mr. E. G. Talbot) followed, at which six new members were elected, and the election of six members previous to peal attempts was ratified. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and to Mr. F. G. Woodiss for making all arrangements.

After some handbell ringing another move was made to the tower, and ringing continued until 9 p.m. Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major, and it was very encouraging to see so many youngsters at this meeting.

#### LATE NOTICES.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Ibstock on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea notify the Secretary by Thursday, October 11th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 27th. Further details later.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Jubilee gathering at St. Albans, Saturday, November 3rd. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Dinner at the Conservative Hall, St. Peter's Street, 6.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets must be purchased not later than October 24th. The slogan must be 'No ticket, no dinner.' Tickets obtainable from all the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—At St. John the Baptist Church on September 23rd for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Rose 1, C. P. T. Brice 2, S. E. Wright 3, H. H. Beechey 4, H. E. Little 5, T. R. Vaughan 6, F. T. Cooke (conductor) 7, Alf Joyce (late of Bethnal Green) 8.

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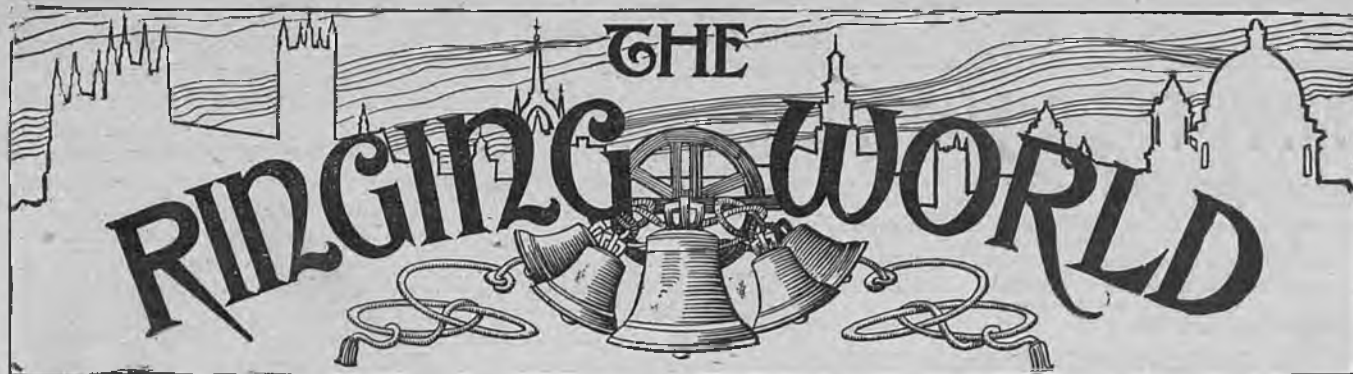
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'The learner must be prepared to be only a learner for many months before he begins to realise what the thing is about. And so many of them, just as they are beginning to get over that stage, lose heart and interest, and the belfry sees them no more.'—*Ringing World*, Oct. 6th, 1934.

'Village Bells' has been written to come in precisely at that stage which Mr. Trollope describes.

In the 'foreword' to the book, Canon Coleridge commends this little work to those who 'having no Instructor, find it difficult to make any headway.'

### NOTES BY THE WAY.

There are people who tell us that all is not well with the Exercise. Some ringers, they say, care selfishly for peal ringing and nothing else. Many others are slack and indifferent. Service ringing is neglected. Beginners untaught. When a young man does try to make himself efficient he is discouraged and given no opportunities. While the few who do what they can to improve matters receive no assistance.

Most of the people who talk like this are born croakers, whose nature is to find fault with things they do nothing themselves to put right. But not all. There are men who have long been trying to get together and improve a band, who have given their time, and skill, and money, and who seem to find all their efforts wasted. They have worked, maybe for years, with hopes, and disappointments, and failures, and partial successes; and then perhaps, just as they seem to have achieved something really worth doing, the whole thing goes flop. A quarrel, a death, a departure, or many a lesser thing is often sufficient to undo the work of years. It is not to be wondered that sometimes people seem to lose heart and say they will try no more.

For these men the best tonic is to study the history of the Exercise. They will learn that such things always have happened and may always be expected to happen. But they will also learn that no effort to improve matters is wholly without its value. The story of the last sixty years is one of steady general improvement made up of numberless apparent failures. Sixty years ago the Exercise was at its lowest. Towers were falling into decay. Bells were out of order. Belfries filthy holes full of rubbish. Ringers as a body were a drunken and disorderly lot, men with whom no respectable person cared to associate. The whole condition of bells and ringing was a scandal and a disgrace both to the Exercise and to the Church. Had an impartial man been asked his opinion he must have said that things were too bad for improvement and that ringing was doomed.

And then there arose a few devoted men who set themselves the task of reformation. They were all good Churchmen, and (which for the purpose was equally important) they were all lovers of bells and ringing. They knew how bad things were, but they also knew the vitality of the art, and they knew the good that was in the ringers as well as the evil. Above all, they had patience. They were contented to work and hope, not looking for immediate results, but trusting for the future. Some of them died without seeing any fruits of their labours. Others were getting old before any decided improvement was

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seen. They laboured and it is we who have entered into their labour. Forty years ago the associations put belfry reform at the front of their objects. We do not hear anything nowadays about belfry reform. There is no need. But the work is not yet done or anything like it. The effort must still go on and in the same way. General improvement can only be had at the price of many individual failures and disappointments. The man who does his best and yet seems to fail, can have at least the satisfaction of knowing that his efforts are not wholly wasted. They all go to make up the sum of the force that is carrying forward our art.

For while the tired waves vainly breaking,

Seem here no painful inch to gain,

Far back through creeks and inlets making

Comes, silent, flooding in, the main.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours & Thirty-Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 2½ cwt.

*MRS. J. BRAY ... ..	Treble	HAROLD WALKER... ..	7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... ..	2	ARTHUR BUNN ... ..	8
CECIL J. MAYER... ..	3	JOHN WALDEN ... ..	9
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... ..	4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... ..	10
KENNETH W. MAYER ... ..	5	JACK BRAY ... ..	11
LEWIS SNELL ... ..	6	HAROLD MARCON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

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(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT BROWN ... ..	Treble	*ARTHUR ELLIS ... ..	6
ALBERT APPLEBY... ..	2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... ..	7
SYDNEY JESSOP ... ..	3	HARVEY E. BORRELL... ..	8
FRANK DEWEY ... ..	4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE... ..	9
FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... ..	5	CYRIL R. BORRELL ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Royal by all except ringers of 4, 5 and 9. First peal of Royal as conductor.

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On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... ..	Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... ..	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ..	2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... ..	7
HAROLD F. MARTIN ... ..	3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ..	8
*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... ..	4	CHARLES CAMM ... ..	9
HARRY PRICE ... ..	5	ROBERT LEWIS ... ..	Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY ... .. Treble	† ARTHUR H. TOOK ... .. 6
CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 2	ERNEST BAILEY ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. FINCH ... .. 3	GODFREY WALPOLE ... .. 8
STANLEY COPLING ... .. 4	JAMES SPALDING ... .. 9
* MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE ... .. 5	EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Treble Ten 'inside.' † First peal on ten bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble	JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

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

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 5
JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
NORMAN V. HARDING ... .. 3	* GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of 'old' Cambridge. Rung as a farewell to Dr. Greig, Bishop of Guildford, on his retirement.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* KENNETH FORD ... .. Treble	† WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
* DAVID MACKAY ... .. 2	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 6
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
† JOHN E. METCALF ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* JOHN A. C. ABSON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	JOHN FOSKETT ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 7
† GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. STADMAN MORRIS. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. When this peal was composed, the composer was 15 years of age, and this is the present age of the conductor.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, September 9th, for Evensong (being the octave of the Patronal Festival) at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 minutes: A. J. Mayo 1, L. Baker 2, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Gailoy 5, H. Osborne 6, A. Jeffrey 7, Harry Osborne 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. Treble	STANLEY C. DAVIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
MARK ROSIER ... .. 3	CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... .. 7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. J. HIBBERT.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	PERCY GREEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Treble	THOMAS UPSHALL ... .. 5
JESSE W. BEAGLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE UPSHALL ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 3	RICHARD HASTED ... .. 7
* ALAN HARDIMAN ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a farewell peal to Dr. J. H. Greig, the retiring Bishop of the diocese.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... .. Treble	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARES ... .. 7
FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE A. SPENCER ... .. Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
GEORGE B. COLLINS ... .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRANK A. BULLOCK ... .. Treble	FRANK DEWEY ... .. 5
*ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 6
†VERNON TAYLOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 7
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. R. BURRELL.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

RICHARD A. POST ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT ... .. 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 6
ROBERT GREENE ... .. 3	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 7
JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 4	FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

Rung after meeting one short for Osters, G. Holfield, jun., kindly standing down.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*FREDERICK C. CASE ... .. Treble	†A. NUNNELEY WOOD ... .. 5
†JOHN A. GREEN ... .. 2	†RALPH FODDY ... .. 6
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 3	*THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... .. 7
*HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... .. 4	*ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

\* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES**

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently.

LEONARD EDWARDS ... .. Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... .. 4
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 2	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... .. 5
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 3	FRED BLOWING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

TILSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4
ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by R. SPERRING

Rung on the festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, York, Norfolk, Ipswich, Beverley, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 2	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung on the festival of St. Michael and all Angels. The band welcomed their old friend, Mr. Daniels, who rang in his usual able manner, after nine months without Minor practice.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM M. LIGHT ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. HOULTON ... .. 4
J. IVON DAVIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 3	ARTHUR G. ROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in connection with the church centenary celebrations; also as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. E. Nedham) and Mrs. Nedham, it being the 19th anniversary of their marriage.

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

JOSEPH STANIER ... .. Treble	WALTER LAGO ... .. 4
CHARLES H. WATTS ... .. 2	*RICHARD INSTON ... .. 5
ALBERT WOODVINE ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.

\* First peal on a working bell. First peal of Minor on the bells, and first of Minor as conductor. Rung for the harvest festival. The band wish to thank the parents of the fifth ringer for their kind hospitality.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Treble	ERIC R. WEBB ... .. 4
GEORGE H. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES T. RANDLE ... .. 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung for the harvest festival. The conductor has now rung each bell to a peal.

BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Hull, Bourne, Annable's, London, Ipswich, Cambridge, Netherseale and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JACK RANCE ... .. Treble	*EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 4
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 2	*LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
*WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	*ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First seven-method peal on the bells.

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On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfeet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 26 cwt.

ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 4
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 2	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 5
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

First peal on the bells, which have been in the tower since 1640, and believed to be the heaviest ring on which a peal of Surprise Minor has been rung.

## LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SPICED MORLAND ALLIANCE AND BASTOW LITTLE COURT, 5040 CHANGES;

*BASIL SANDS ... .. Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 4
WALTER MARSHALL ... .. 2	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... .. 5
ANDREW MARSHALL ... .. 3	JAMES BASSETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by A. RELFE.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. C. Morland, of Court Lodge, and Miss G. L. Bastow, of Kensington. Also to celebrate the completion of 25 years' service ringing together at this church by the ringers of 2, 3 and 4. First time the above methods have been rung to a peal.

## CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... .. Treble	*DANIEL J. WILLIAMS ... .. 4
EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. POPNELL.

\* First peal of Minor. The treble ringer has now completed the circle.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES—Continued from next column.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On September 30th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss M. Child 1, F. Townsend 2, A. Rose 3, H. Bennett 4, E. T. Griffin 5, F. E. Pitman (first attempt in the method) 6, H. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On September 30th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Martin 1, S. Beck 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, H. Noakes (first quarter away from treble) 4, S. Wood 5, F. Farr 6, H. J. Hunt 7, Edwin Hunt 8.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On September 30th, at St. Mary's Church, for 7 a.m. communion, 720 Oxford Bob: W. Puddifoot 1, W. Feasey 2, \*W. Randall 3, \*L. Waite 4, A. V. Good 5, F. Tompkins (conductor) 6. For morning service 720 Bob Minor: W. Feasey 1, \*W. Puddifoot 2, \*L. Waite 3, A. Cutler 4, G. Bruce 5, \*W. Randall (conductor) 6. After evensong, 720 Kent: \*W. Puddifoot 1, \*L. Waite 2, \*E. Upton 3, \*W. Randall 4, A. V. Good 5, W. Ayre (conductor) 6. \* First in method.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Etheridge 1, V. H. Smith 2, C. J. Pugsley 3, G. Tomsett 4, C. Childs 5, C. E. Smith (conductor) 6, C. Hazelden 7, G. Savage 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On September 30th, 1,440 Bob Major: W. S. Butler 1, J. Shynn 2, B. Rawlinson 3, W. Mellin 4, V. Glass 5, A. Evers 6, W. Butler 7, E. Bright (conductor) 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On September 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss G. Kippin (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. C. R. Kippin 2, Mrs. F. W. Housden 3, L. Bance 4, A. Arnold 5, C. H. Kippin 6, A. J. Trappitt (conductor) 7, F. W. Housden 8, A. J. Clayton 9, E. G. Talbot 10.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On September 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: \*H. C. Cluett 1, H. C. R. Vine 2, W. C. Shute 3, \*A. Chubb 4, E. T. P. Field 5, W. J. Gosney 6. \* First quarter.

ACTON, SUFFOLK.—On September 9th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes): H. Crick 1, B. Cornell 2, \*E. Simpson 3, W. Head 4, B. Roper (conductor) 5. Second and fourth ringers from Little Walsingham; E. Simpson, Shipley, Yorkshire; 1st and tenor were local men. \* First quarter-peal.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

Ringers all over the country have participated in thankfulness for the harvest. We publish this week a selection of harvest touches and quarter-peals.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On October 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Cutsforth 1, E. Webster 2, A. Heywood 3, J. Yates 4, J. Tyson 5, P. Nuttall 6, J. Nuttall (conductor) 7, J. Leather 8.

PUTNEY.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. T. Elson 1, E. Cassell, jun., 2, W. Malins (conductor) 3, J. Herbert 4, A. E. Williams 5, C. E. G. Moody 6, W. Chalk (Colchester) 7, W. Foster 8. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

SELSTON, NOTTINGHAM.—On October 7th, at St. Helen's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob: Thos. Hand 1, \*Frank Cooke (conductor) 2, \*Gerard Rawson 3, Chas. Cottam 4, \*Leslie Rawson 5, Wilson Dobb 6. \* First quarter-peal.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal, consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob: W. Leslie 1, E. G. Swift 2, F. T. Bolton 3, E. Parker 4, A. Swan 5, F. J. Bolton (conductor) 6. This was the conductor's longest touch as conductor.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: E. Terry (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Bashford 2, R. Tuffin 3, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 4, W. Claydon 5, M. A. Northover 6, R. V. Fuller 7, J. H. Judd 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Hiscock 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, H. G. Kacey 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, Rev. C. C. Cox 5, G. H. Whitmore (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—On October 7th, at the Parish Church, 1,386 changes of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: Ron Allsop 1, W. Blagshaw 2, Robt. Allsop 3, B. Allsop 4, G. H. Paulson 5, J. Taylor 6, H. Taylor (conductor) 7, E. Paulson (first quarter-peal) 8. Also after evening service 504 Grandsire Triples containing Whittington's, Queen's and Tittum's.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On October 7th, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Rogers 1, J. C. Dicken 2, H. Price 3, A. B. Moss 4, N. Kirk 5, A. Lowe 6, P. Price (conductor) 7, A. Walton 8.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.—On October 1st, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes, containing Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): Jas. McKee 1, T. Horridge 2, L. Corteen 3, J. Martin 4, John McKee 5, J. Brown (conductor) 6. First in six methods for 2nd ringer.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On September 30th, 1,072 changes of Bob Major for morning service, and 912 changes of Bob Major for evening service: Major S. Fisher 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, E. E. Johnson 3, C. J. Rogers 4, J. C. Newman 5, G. Hayward 6, H. Nicholls 7, F. Fludder 8.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): V. Grayston 1, F. Fisher 2, S. Woodward 3, W. Woods 4, T. E. Edwards 5, J. Woodruffe 6, J. Trotman (conductor) 7, J. Sawyer 8.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On September 30th, 720 Grandsire Doubles for morning service: W. Spokes 1, W. Burgess (conductor) 2, E. Roast 3, G. Coppin 4, H. Joyce 5, F. Galley 6. For evening service 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. Roast 1, D. Roast 2, W. Burgess (conductor) 3, G. Coppin 4, H. Shadrack 5, F. Galley 6. Believed to be the first 720's for service by a local band.

LIVERPOOL.—On September 30th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,283 changes): E. Jones 1, T. G. Horridge 2, W. Fisher 3, T. W. Hammond 4, A. Gorrings 5, E. Caunce 6, G. R. Newton (conductor) 7, E. Bounphrey 8, R. G. Edwards 9, G. R. Edwards 10. A farewell touch to the Ven. Archdeacon Howson, whose last Sunday it was in the diocese.

BARNES, SURREY.—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. H. Wood 1, Mrs. P. Humphrey 2, W. H. Hollier 3, C. Hunt 4, H. Cook 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On September 30th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): \*Master Kenneth Simpson 1, Thomas B. Kendall 2, \*Miss Mary White 3, Thomas A. King 4, Mrs. F. Seager 5, Frederick Seager 6, William Feather 7, Ernest H. Simpson (conductor) 8. \* First quarter-peal.

SYSTON, LEICESTER.—On September 30th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Hubbard 1, G. T. H. Walker (conductor) 2, H. Iliffe 3, H. Humphreys 4, J. A. Talbot 5, C. Lowe 6, E. F. Payne 7, W. Wright 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Kept Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. Seabright 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, G. Ambrose 3, H. Argent 4, J. Burles 5, R. A. Munn 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, G. Morrad 8. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First quarter in the method by the ringer of 6 for over 30 years.

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## ANOTHER RING OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE.

## PRESTON'S 400-YEAR-OLD BELLS.

The eight bells of St. John's Parish Church, Preston, have been augmented to ten by the addition of two trebles. These are the gift of the family of the late John and Elizabeth Sharp, who for many years worshipped at this church. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were entrusted with the work, and the old eight have been cleaned by sandblasting and tuned. The whole will be hung in a new iron frame with ball bearings and new fittings. A legacy by the late Miss C. A. Gillet will defray the cost of rehanging, etc.

On October 6th the bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn (Dr. Herbert) on the floor of the baptistry. The other clergy present were the Vicar of Preston (Canon Wallis) and the Rev. F. S. Makinson (curate). Members of the Sharp family present were Dr. L. Sharp (son) and Mrs. Sharp (London), Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker (daughter, Keswick), and Miss Sharp (Preston). The Rev. H. B. Mack and Mrs. Mack (daughter) were unavoidably delayed on their journey from Leominster and were too late to take part in the service.

The large congregation included many ringers, with the full choir in attendance. The Vicar opened the service, and after the singing of the 150th Psalm a procession was formed to the west end of the church consisting of the donors, clergy and churchwardens. Mr. W. Smirk, the senior warden, then asked the Bishop to dedicate the old eight, and then Dr. Sharp asked the Bishop to dedicate and name the two new bells. In clear, ringing tones the Bishop pronounced the dedicatory prayers and named the new bells 'John' and 'Elizabeth.' The procession returned to their places during the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place O God.'

The Bishop, in his address, traced the uses of bells from ancient days, and said that among all the component parts and furnishings of a church, he doubted if there were any more full of romantic interest than the bells. Very often in times past the bells did not even belong to the church. They were the valued possession of the town, which gave them to the safe keeping of the Church because it was the centre of life. He added that the bells of Preston Parish Church had 400 years of continuous history.

The simple but impressive service concluded with the hymn, 'Abide with me,' and the Blessing by the Bishop. An open ringing day will be held as soon as the bells are ready, probably in early November.

## INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS.

	Diameter.	Weight.	
	in.	cwt. qr. lb.	
Tenor	52½	24 0 18	Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. Resurgant. T. Mears, of London. Feat 1814.
9th	47½	17 0 0	John Green, John Fallowfield, jun., John Grimbaldeston, Henry Heaton, James Middlehurst. On waist: John Harrison, Churchwardens, 1814. T. Mears, of London, Feat.
8th	43in.	13 1 5	Rd. Newsham, Esqr., Mayor, 1814. T. Mears, of London, Feat.
7th	41in.	11 1 26	The Rev. Jas. Penny, Vicar. The Rev. Wm. Towne, Curate, 1814. T. Mears, of London, Feat.
6th	37½	9 0 21	4th June, 1814. Account received of the Treaty of Peace. T. Mears, of London, Feat.
5th	35in.	7 2 17	4th June. 54th. George III. The King's birthday. Vivat Rex. On waist: T. Mears, of London, Feat 1814.
4th	33in.	6 0 6	4th June, 1814. Foundation stone of this steeple laid. Top of waist: By Sir Henry. Philip Hoghton, Bart., Lay Rector and Patron. Lower down on waist: T. Mears, of London, Feat.
3rd	32in.	6 3 21	Venite Exultemus Domino. T. Mears, of London, Feat 1814.
2nd	30in.	6 0 20	In Piam Memoriam Johannis Sharp, 1845-1922.
Treble	28in.	5 1 26	In Piam Memoriam Elizabethae Sharp, 1845-1931.

## GRESFORD COLLIERY DISASTER.

In memory of those who died in the Gresford colliery disaster, the following have been rung:-

WREXHAM, N. WALES.—On September 22nd, at the Parish Church, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, by the following: E. Millington 1, P. Cross 2, J. Clutton 3, E. Evans (conductor) 4, W. Jones 5, J. Copper 6, W. Catherall 7, A. Hodges 8.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, on September 30th, a quarter-peal (half-muffled) of Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. Mitchell 1, S. Walker 2, C. Wilson 3, A. Firth 4, E. Pammenter 5, F. Pickering 6, E. Liversedge 7, H. Mortimore (conductor) 8.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## ENJOYABLE MEETING AT GREAT GADDSDEN.

The Western District of the Hertford County Association had an enjoyable meeting at Great Gaddosden on September 29th. The bells were rung to rounds for beginners, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Childwall, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Everyone was given an opportunity according to ability or desire.

Tea was partaken of at the local hostelry, and Mr. H. Golding presided at the business meeting. Two probationers were elected from Hemel Hempstead, and this tower was chosen for the next meeting on November 10th. The members expressed their pleasure at having the secretary of the district among them once more. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. Rance for making the arrangements. Members and friends were present from Redbourn, Hemel Hempstead, Apsley, Berkhamstead, Northchurch, Tring, Linslade, Luton, Woburn, Bushey, St. Albans, and Willesden.

After further ringing at the tower, handbell ringing was indulged in, the methods being Cambridge Surprise Minor, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, one youthful member from Northchurch showing great promise in the latter methods.

## ESSEX RINGERS AT ST. OSYTH.

Some 30 members representing 12 towers attended the meeting of the North-East District of the Essex Association at St. Osyth on October 6th. The visitors included representatives from Sudbury, Springfield and Broomfield.

An hour and a half of ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Mitchell). Mr. E. Duffield, Master of the association, read the lesson. The Vicar, in his address, thanked the association for what it had done in the way of bellfry reform, for, in his opinion, those responsible for the upkeep of the church usually forgot the bells.

Tea was served at the Institute, and Mr. Duffield thanked all who had helped to make this meeting a success, the Vicar for his helpful address, the organist and choir, and, above all, those who provided and helped with tea.

At the business meeting three new members were elected from the Harwich tower, and the election of a member of St. Peter's, Colchester, previous to a peal attempt, was ratified. It was decided that the annual meeting should be held at Colchester. Mr. Duffield reminded members that as Master of the Association he could not be again elected District Master. All members were asked to consider the selection of a suitable man to fill the vacancy at the annual meeting.

After the meeting, ringers returned to the tower and kept the bells going until 8 p.m. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge, York and London Minor.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT BIRSTALL.

## PASSING OF MR. J. LAWSON.

At the quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association at Birstall, on September 29th, Canon C. C. Marshall, who presided, referred to the loss the association had sustained through the death of Mr. J. Lawson, a prominent member of the general committee. A minute was recorded expressing the district's appreciation of his life and service to the cause of change ringing. The members assented by standing in silence. Mr. J. Ambler, of Pudsey, has been elected to the vacancy on the general committee. Mr. E. Betts, of Liversedge, was elected a member of the association.

A vote of thanks to Vicar and churchwarden (it is well known that Birstall possesses a fine peal of bells, and must be unique in the fact that it only possesses one churchwarden) was proposed by the president, who referred to his own initiation to change ringing at this tower, Canon Robinson replying. A vote of thanks to the local company was proposed by Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. J. Hogg. Mr. H. Peel responding on behalf of the local company.

About 20 members were present, and various methods were rung throughout the day. Owing to only four members applying for tea, the local company made no arrangements, but, thanks to the caterprise of the local secretary (Mr. H. Peel), accommodation was found in a nearby cafe. Brighouse was selected for the December meeting. The secretary expresses his apology to the members of the Leeds and District Society for the clash of meetings.

## VALUE OF TOURS.

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to congratulate Mr. Alfred T. Greenwood on ringing his 200th peal in the Somerset tour. I have noted that practically all these peals have been rung with his friend, Frederick W. Rogers. It would be of great interest to the members of the Exercise to know how many ringers these gentlemen have assisted to score their first peal. It is some 12 years since I scored my first peal, and I remember how much I appreciated the assistance and help given to me by those ringers who were far more experienced than I was.—Yours truly, St. Austell, Cornwall. ALFRED TAYLOR.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.****HALF-YEARLY MEETING AT LLANDUDNO.**

The North Wales Association held their half-yearly meeting at Llandudno on Saturday, September 22nd. About thirty members attended, representing Bangor, Rhyl, Wrexham, Mold, Llangollen and Llandudno. A service was held at Holy Trinity Church, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. J. Rowlands), who gave an interesting address and warmly welcomed the association to Llandudno.

At the business meeting which followed, the President referred to the terrible disaster that had occurred at Gresford Colliery, and as a token of sympathy the members stood in silence.

Reference was also made to the loss Llangollen ringers had sustained by the death of their captain, Mr. T. Davies. A vote of sympathy with his relatives was passed. An apology for absence was received from the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, who also tendered his resignation as vice-president, and expressed his regret that his connection with the North Wales Association had been so brief.

The report for the year was submitted by the Hon. Secretary, who said that the monthly practice meetings had been very successful, and the attendances most satisfactory, especially in the Wrexham district, and had been much appreciated by the young ringers. The balance sheet showed an increase in subscriptions and was duly passed.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bangor. A proposal was put forward and carried that at future meetings a charge of 1s. would be made for tea. Twenty new ringing members were elected to the association, also three new life members.

The members were afterwards entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens at a local cafe. The President moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his helpful and practical address, for the use of the tower and his kind hospitality.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION AT KINGSWOOD.**

A successful meeting, attended by 30 members of the Southern District of the Surrey Association, was held at Kingswood on Saturday, September 29th. The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Dunn) conducted the service, Mr. A. M. Hicks being the organist. Tea was served at the Blue Anchor, Tadworth. Ald. Temple Newell presided at the business meeting, when the next quarterly meeting was fixed for Merstham in December.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 8.15 p.m. from London Surprise Minor to rounds. Votes of thanks were passed to all who contributed towards such a happy gathering.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****A BIG GATHERING AT WOOL.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Wool, on September 29th, was largely attended, and good opportunity for practice was given for those not so advanced in the art.

The special preacher at the Guild service was the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey), who gave one of his characteristic and original addresses. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar and chairman of the branch (Rev. E. S. Tarrant). Mrs. G. Hodges was at the organ.

Members and friends were entertained at tea at the Reading Room, the following towers being represented: Bere Regis, Bradford-Peverell, Dorchester, Fordington, Upwey, Wareham, Wyke Regis, and every member of the local company. A welcome visitor was Mr. N. I. Allnatt, of Swindon, who is at present residing in the district.

A short business meeting followed and was attended by 64 members and friends. The Chairman, who presided, welcomed the members and friends to Wool, and remarked on the bond of fellowship which existed between them, and thanked all responsible for such a happy gathering.

The following new members were elected: Life member, Mr. W. E. Troke (St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London); ringing members, Messrs. N. I. Allnatt (Swindon) and F. Stedman (Weymouth); associate members, Mesdames G. B. Runyard, M. H. Tarrant, H. M. Hodges, M. E. Williams, D. Hyde, M. Smith, H. Stephens (Wool), and A. E. Stedman (Weymouth). The annual meeting will be held at Dorchester after Christmas.

Votes of thanks were further extended to the Rev. A. S. Bryant for his excellent address, and also to the chairman and local band. The ringers afterwards returned to the belfry, where further practice was continued.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

Twenty-seven members attended the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Benington on September 22nd, Canon W. F. Hodge (Rector) conducting the service. Tea was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carby. Swineshead was selected for the annual meeting in January. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, Mr. and Mrs. Carby, and the organist. The bells were kept going to various standard methods during the afternoon and evening.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations to Messrs. Walter and Andrew Marshall and Albert Relfe who have rung together at Lamberhurst, Kent, for 25 years.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Taunton, on September 29th, and published last week, was Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' composition. The second bell was observation.

Good progress is being made by the local band on the 12 bells of the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants. With the assistance of a visitor a plain course of Stedman Cinques was rung on October 1st.

The peal rung at Denver, Norfolk, on August 5th, was for the Ely Diocesan Association, and the ringer of the fourth was Victor Bowen and not A. Mason.

Mr. E. Bishop has been a ringer at St. Denis' Church, Rotherfield, for over 50 years. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a birthday greeting on September 30th, Mr. Bishop participating.

Much has been written about the absence of youth in the belfry. A peal of Bob Major rung at Crayford, Kent, on Saturday, was conducted by Edwin Barnett, aged 15. The peal was composed by Mr. G. Stedman Morris when he was 15 years of age.

Two of the band that rung the quarter-peal for the harvest festival at Sutton-on-Trent, on September 23rd, spent the remainder of the night and several hours of the next day walking home—a mere sixteen miles!

Ringings partnerships are always interesting. By a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Everecch, Somerset, on October 3rd, Messrs. Ronald G. Beck and Joseph T. Dyke have taken part in 90 peals together for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Christchurch Priory ringers had their outing on October 6th, when Wells and the Cheddar Gorge and caves were visited. At Yeovil, on the return journey, touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were brought round at the Parish Church. The outing was very enjoyable.

The West Wickham, Kent, band are losing two of their members, who are leaving the district, in Miss I. Vaughan and Mr. C. A. Tammadge. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a farewell compliment at the Parish Church on September 30th by the local band conducted by Mr. A. S. Richards.

Many old friends were welcomed when the Warwickshire Guild met at Hampton-in-Arden on September 15th. Among them was Mr. A. Wilkerson, a former hon. secretary, from Weston-super-Mare, and Messrs. Wheeler and Dean, of the Staffordshire Guild. Useful instruction to local ringers anxious to begin change ringing was a feature of the meeting.

The doyen of Taunton ringers is Mr. William Hayward, who celebrated his 80th birthday on September 7th. For nearly 40 years he was conductor of the Wilton Guild. Birthday compliments were paid him on September 23rd, when a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. George's Church. His son, Mr. A. W. Hayward, conducted, and his grandson, Mr. R. W. Hayward, also participated.

Miss Bevys V. Dobson is not alone in scoring her first peal in participating in one rung in celebration of her 21st birthday. A correspondent reminds us that Miss Betty Cox, a member of the Simpson, Bucks, band, was similarly honoured on March 10th, 1931, when she rang the third to a peal of Bob Minor, it being her first peal and first attempt. It was also the first peal of Minor on the bells in which a lady had taken part.

Omitted from the report of the North Staffordshire Association meeting at Uttoxeter was that Newcastle-under-Lyne were represented. Their three members cycled 18 miles to participate in the gathering. The Newcastle tower make a point of attending district meetings, and so far this year they had had an average of five members per meeting. Keenness for district meetings is a foundation stone of the Exercise.

## THE INTEGRITY OF CONDUCTORS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am quite in agreement with Mr. P. Laffin's views on the above subject. It appears to me that some people are always ready to try and remove a mote out of another folk's eye, forgetting the beam that is in theirs. This question was definitely settled by the Central Council some few years ago, and as all guilds and associations are now affiliated to what is in essence the ruling authority, the question, I submit, is 'non est.' Are not all such affiliated societies compelled to accept and abide by the decisions and rules of the Central Council? There is a rule to that effect in the last annual report of the Essex Association, and I commend that to the notice of one gentleman who raised the point at the last annual meeting of the above association.

Rye Lane, Feering.

W. KEEBLE.

## RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.

(Continued from our last issue.)

The final instalment of the report of the tour of Mr. Wm. Pye and his party in the 'Delectable Duchy' is given in this issue.

Thursday, September 20th.—Another early start, this time towards where Col. Jerram would say that England lay. St. Nyvett's Church, Lanivet, has a fine, tall tower, with a very nice ring of bells, five of which are stated to have been bought from an old priory at Bodmin in 1538, the price paid being under £40. Two trebles were added and the peal restored by Taylors in 1924. The tenor is also from Loughborough. After a good peal of Bristol Surprise had been rung the whole party were entertained by the Rector, Canon S. Windsor, to a really delectable lunch. The amazing hospitality of Cornwall continued, and was again referred to when the thanks of the visitors were conveyed to Canon Windsor by Mr. C. T. Coles. The Rector of Lanivet mentioned that although this was the heart of the prize-ringing district of Cornwall, he did not allow it at his church. He would like his own ringers to learn change ringing, but the difficulties were great. There were no change ringers nearer than Truro. His own ringers were excellent at round ringing, but his greatest treat was to have listened to the music of the changes rung that day. Many parishioners had commented on the ringing, and he had had to explain, which reminded him of the story of the little boy, listening to the bells, who asked his father who were ringing them. The boy's father said, 'They are scientific ringers.' 'Oh,' said the boy, 'how far off is that?' Canon Windsor said he had no doubt that their visit would do a great deal of good in Lanivet, and, he added, 'I hope you will come again.'

The afternoon peal attempt was at St. Austell, where there is a ring of eight recast in 1902 by Taylors, tenor 19 cwt. London was attempted, but only an hour's ringing took place. As we said before, an inquest might have been held, but the easiest way out is to blame it on to the really nice lunch. A lost peal is just lost, after all.

A pleasant event of the day, however, was the ringing of a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Kea's Church, with four Truro ringers taking part. This peal commemorated the 25th year of the ministry of the Vicar, Rev. R. H. Sowell, who afterwards congratulated and thanked the ringers. Besides being the first peal in the method on the bells, this was the first of Stedman by three of the band.

Friday, September 21st.—Gulval, near Penzance, was the first place visited. Here there is a nice octave by Warners, and the tower records show two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples by an entirely local band. London was again attempted, but only about half a peal was rung. Enough said! There was some recompense, however, for time allowed of a quick trip to Land's End, piloted by Col. Jerram. The Church of St. Sennan, the last in England, was passed on the way, but time did not permit of a ring on the bells, a peal of five by Mears and Stainbank, dated 1889, tenor 6 cwt.

Dr. J. Symons, of Penzance, president of the Truro Guild, was the host at a luncheon at Chirgwin's Restaurant, when the party were augmented by the Vicar of Gulval (Rev. C. H. S. Buckley), Mr. W. Wood (churchwarden), Col. C. F. Jerram, and Mr. A. W. Brighton. After another delightful meal, Mr. Duffield congratulated Dr. Symons on the Bardic honour recently conferred upon him, and said that in taking for his title that of 'Barth an Cleghtour' (Bard of the bell tower), Dr. Symons had done great honour to the art of ringing.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert voiced the thanks of the visitors to Dr. Symons for his hospitality. He said it was good to come down there and be treated so well. He referred to Col. Jerram's remarks two days previously, and said, 'We conquer you at ringing, but it was a proud moment for me when our conductor said "That's all," in the peal of Stedman Triples the previous evening, with four visitors and four Cornish men and women.'

Mr. Hibbert added, 'In these days youth does as it likes, so we cannot help the youngest member of our party, who looks quite likely to build for himself a Cornish bungalow, and take unto himself a Cornish wife.'

The Vicar, in welcoming the visitors, said he was not a ringer. The well-being of ringing in that town rested entirely with Dr. Symons. He had been perfectly charmed with the sound of the bells that day, although several people had said to him, 'They can't beat our boys when they get on top of it.'

Dr. Symons said that the visit of so many ringers was a great pleasure to him. 'You are all College Youths,' he said, 'and I am proud to be one.' He was disappointed at not hearing the ringing at Gulval, but was looking forward to hearing the peal that afternoon. He had been a reader of 'Church Bells' and 'Bell News,' and was now a reader of the last and best of all, 'The Ringing World.' They saw the name of William Pye therein, and he congratulated him on being in the last 100 of his 2,000 peals.

In the afternoon a peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung at St. Mary's Church, Penzance, on a fine octave by Taylors. During this peal, in which the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild, took part, those 'resting' returned to Gulval, where several touches of Stedman Triples were rung. It was a privilege for the

visitors to be able to ring with Dr. Symons, Miss Eileen Symons, Col. Jerram, and Mr. P. J. Hitchens, all of whom took part in the ringing. Before leaving, Col. Jerram thanked Mr. Wm. Pye and his friends for their assistance, saying that it entirely disposed of the charge that experts would not give help. Penzance was again reached in time to hear the conclusion of a very good peal, when leave-takings with many Cornish friends had to be made.

Later that evening, at Truro, a pleasant hour was spent with the handbells, and Mr. Duffield took occasion to thank Mr. A. S. Roberts, who, with Miss Angwin and Mr. C. Lanxon, were present, for his invaluable assistance in arranging this tour. The bells they had rung were all good peals, and not a badly going bell amongst them. Mr. Coles seconded, and added that he was most pleased with the peal of Stedman Triples with local ringers, although he regretted the failure of Monday, when Mr. Roberts himself was ringing. Mr. Roberts said he was very happy in arranging for the visitors, and hoped they would soon pay Truro another visit.

Saturday, September 22nd, saw the commencement of the long journey to London. A stop on the way to ring a peal of London Surprise at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, the tower which was not available on Monday, gave an opportunity of hearing a fine ring by Taylors. The Rector (Rev. F. E. Gilbert) and the churchwarden visited the belfry to congratulate the party, and the Rector was thanked for his kindness in obtaining an alternative tower for Monday's peal, and for the use of the bells that day. There are two bands of ringers at this church, and both hold first-class certificates for round ringing, earned at 1933 and 1934 festivals of the Mid-Cornwall Ringers' Association, of which the Rev. F. F. Gilbert is hon. secretary. Extracts from the competition rules may be of interest: 'Striking must not exceed 32 rounds per minute. Rise and fall in three minutes. Set bells eight minutes from start, immediately pull off for another three minutes and fall at leisure.'

Exeter was reached at three o'clock, and the Cathedral attended at four o'clock for the service of unveiling a peal tablet, already reported in 'The Ringing World,' and in the evening a peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung at Heavitree. London was reached next day.

This tour was generally considered as being one of great interest. Originally intended entirely for peal ringing, it undoubtedly provided opportunities for education in change ringing and the spreading of the art. There are still parts of Cornwall where change ringing is never heard; another such tour as this would do a great deal of good, and there is not the least doubt of the welcome that Cornish ringers of all kinds will give to any bands who like to make the journey to the 'Delectable Duchy.'

In conclusion, the tourists desire to thank all Cornish folk for their kindnesses throughout the tour, and sincerely hope that the assistance given will have real and lasting good results.

### CALL CHANGES IN CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is very amusing to read in 'The Ringing World' the account of the Cornish tour, that the ringers at Roche, Cornwall, were astounded at 'peals' of three hours' duration. The leader of that tower is a very competent change ringer, having rung peals in standard methods up to Stedman Caters, and he has also, to the writer's knowledge, rung in one peal in his own tower, so apparently the locals should know all about peals of three hours' duration. Unfortunately he cannot persuade the others to take up change ringing. I suppose they prefer to 'hold the change.' When one considers that call changes are broadcast by B.B.C. as their call sign from a record made, I am given to understand, by the College Youths, call change ringers must feel rather proud of the fact that the premier change ringing society of Great Britain should, by ringing call changes, infer that call changes are better music than scientific.

The visit of the band to Cornwall will undoubtedly do a lot to help change ringing. The beautiful rhythm of their ringing must have impressed the locals where the peals were rung, but, at the same time, whilst the locals may concede this point, there is 'no' ringing to the stoney ringers of the West Country like the ringing with the tenor behind.—Yours truly,

W. HISCOTT ('DUCHY').

11, Rosebery Avenue, Plymouth.

### ALFORD BELLS DEDICATED.

The five bells at Alford, North Lincs, dating back nearly 240 years, have been recast and a new treble bell added, thus completing the ring of six. On the recast bells the old inscriptions and markings have been faithfully reproduced, the work being carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor is 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp, against the old tenor of 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. A new frame has been provided, together with a sound-proof floor and new belfry floor. The bulk of the money required has come from small contributions given through the weekly collection scheme.

The fine old Church of St. Wilfrid was packed to its utmost on October 5th for the dedication service. Members of the local Civic Council and representatives of the Nonconformist churches attended the service.

**MR. ERNEST MORRIS' 700 PEALS.**

350 AS CONDUCTOR.

By the handbell peal at Leicester on September 17th, Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., of Leicester, completed 700 peals. Mr. Morris is the general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association and the author of 'History and Art in Change Ringing.' He has rung in 197 towers (121 of which are in the Leicester Diocese), in 24 counties, for 22 societies. Mr. Morris' record is made up as follows:—



	Rung	Conducted
<b>Doubles:—</b>		
One to six methods ... ..	70	68 (a)
<b>Minor:—</b>		
One to seven methods ... ..	71	66 (b)
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	4	2
Spliced Minor and Doubles ... ..	1	1
<b>Triples:—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	74	54
Stedman ... ..	57 (c)	11
<b>Major:—</b>		
Plain Bob ... ..	55	42 (d)
Little Bob ... ..	3	3 (e)
Spliced Plain and Little ... ..	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure ... ..	2	2
Little Canterbury ... ..	2	2
Spliced Canterbury and Plain ... ..	1	1
Double Norwich Court Bob ... ..	32	10
Spliced Double Norwich and Plain ... ..	1	1
Shilton ... ..	1	1
Forward ... ..	1	1
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	23	12 (f)
Oxford Treble Bob ... ..	4	2 (g)
Ikeston Spliced Treble Bob ... ..	6	3 (h)
Worcester Spliced Treble Bob ... ..	2 (i)	1
Liversedge Spliced Treble Bob ... ..	1	1
Granta Spliced Treble Bob ... ..	1	1
Spliced in six methods ... ..	1	1
Spliced Major and Triples ... ..	2	2
Duffield ... ..	1	—
Superlative Surprise ... ..	34	7
'Real' Superlative Surprise ... ..	1	1
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	42 (j)	10
'New' Cambridge Surprise ... ..	2	—
Spliced Cambridge and Superlative ... ..	1	1
Bristol Surprise ... ..	19	—
Yorkshire Surprise ... ..	1	—
York Surprise ... ..	1	—
London Surprise ... ..	23	1
<b>Caters:—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	16	10
Stedman ... ..	58	13
Spliced Stedman and Grandsire ... ..	1	1
<b>Royal:—</b>		
Plain Bob ... ..	5	4
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	10	5
Spliced Kent and Oxford ... ..	1	—
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	26	4
'New' Cambridge Surprise ... ..	1	—
Leicester Surprise ... ..	2	—
Pudsey Surprise ... ..	1	—
Goldborough Surprise ... ..	1	—
York Surprise ... ..	1	—
Melton Surprise ... ..	1	—
<b>Cinques:—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	3	2
Stedman ... ..	24	1
<b>Maximus:—</b>		
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	1	1
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	7	—
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>350</b>

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**STEDMAN'S BELLS.**

IN DEFENCE OF OLD PRINCIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If I may I would like to make an answer to a letter which appeared in your issue of September 7th from 'Ringer,' headed 'Old Principles Questioned.' He writes to ask why many people, keenly interested in old bells and bellringing, desire the preservation of the canons and prefer that bells should be hung on elm headstocks than by other more recent methods.

In his last paragraph he refers to common sense, contrasting it with sentiment. It is perhaps in regard to this last sentence more than to any other that I would ask the patience of yourself and your readers. In my view sentiment is a part of common sense. I believe that common sense is the quality common to all the human sense-approaches, to such problems as bell hanging, architecture and even to life itself. Sentiment certainly is most important in life; to try and live without it would as surely result in failure as to try and live without knowledge (science).

The difficulty that confronts human beings is to apportion rightly the values that should be given to the various aspects of life, and, in your particular world, to bellringing and bell hanging. I will illustrate this point of view by a parallel example.

If efficiency were alone the thing desired by man, and if the only objects of a church tower were to be seen in the distance and to carry bells, and if in regard to that part of the church sentiment were neglected, it would be proper, as old towers fall into decay, to destroy them and frame steel or ferro-concrete structures much lighter than were the old ones and equally strong, or even stronger than they ever were. I would not say that such buildings would be without beauty or interest. But it would surely be against common sense to destroy the old church towers because they are clumsy, uneconomic, and unscientific as judged by present knowledge. It is because these old church towers and the buildings to which they are attached, and many others in England and the world, are valued by human beings that we preserve them, continuing them in use and respecting them. They are works of art because they are the proper resultants of the conditions of the day when they were built—of the then knowledge and ability of man, and of his then material power and wealth.

The answer, therefore, to your correspondent's letter is that there are a great number of people who, besides enjoying the sound of bells, enjoy also these other qualities which they share with the old towers, which qualities, I am quite certain, all your readers love well.

Further, in making additions or alterations to a valued ancient building, it is common sense to pay respect to all the qualities of the existing building, tempering our procedure with our own knowledge and way of doing things, neither stressing functionalism nor archaeology or art beyond the demands of common sense. It seems wise to apply the same reasoning to a bell cage and the fittings of bells, and out of respect for the old work of man (which, like other old works of art, was first rate in its day and which, since its creation, has given, and still continues to give, to man joy in its being), to treat them with a similar respect. This, I think, should be done in the case at issue, (1) by preserving the canons of the bells, and (2) by using elm head stocks, for this preservation and this use does not hinder the full pleasure of bellringing nor harm the sound of bells, and this, although they do entail more thought, more care, and sometimes more work if they are to be secured.

A. R. POWYS,  
Secretary,

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION AT LEITH.**

Rain fell heavily during the meeting of the Scottish Association at St. James' Episcopal Church, Leith, on October 6th, but it did not prevent the members from turning up at what was for most of them their first ring on the oldest ring in the association and the oldest ring in use in Scotland, being an eight by Mears and Stainbank, 1866.

At a short service in the church, the Rector, Rev. William Hall, said that many people thought that the service started when the bells had finished, but this was not so, as their devotion started whenever the bells begin calling the people to the House of God.

Tea was served at Crawford's, after which the president, Mr. W. B. Sampson, read a letter from Mr. Henry Sargent tendering his resignation as joint Master, owing to ill-health. Mr. Sargent was able, however, to be present at the meeting. Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote (ex-Master) was in charge of the ringing, as Mr. W. H. Pickett was unable to attend. The evening concluded with ringing at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

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(a) 6,800 M.C.A. record; (b) 7,200 and 10,080 M.C.A. record; (c) includes heaviest and lightest handbells ever rung; (d) 7,488 Northants record, 7,008 and 13,440 M.C.A. record; (e) 6,720 record; (f) 10,912 M.C.A. record; (g) 7,840 M.C.A. record; (h) 9,120 record; (i) 9,600 record; (j) 7,008 and 12,896 records.

The above includes 41 on handbells from Doubles to Cinques.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE DINNER.****THE STATUS OF RINGERS IN DIOCESAN MATTERS.**

The second annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held in the Public Hall, Worcester, on Saturday, September 29th, under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. William Short, the guests of the evening being the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, secretary of the Hereford Guild, and Mr. Herbert Knight, secretary of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Other well-known ringers present included Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, Mr. J. R. Newman, general secretary of the Worcestershire Association, Mr. Harry Mason, Alderman James Hemming, of Evesham, and Mr. Sidney T. Holt. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. T. C. de la Hay, of Bromsgrove, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, J.P., M.A., Mr. Frank Perrins and others.

The dinner was followed by a musical evening with not too much formal business, and interposed with the minimum number of speeches.

Mr. Harry Mason, in proposing the toast of 'Kindred Associations,' welcomed the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. Herbert Knight, whose presence was very much appreciated. The Worcestershire Association had always endeavoured to work hand in hand with its neighbours, and would, he hoped, continue to do so. Mr. Mason drew the attention of those present to the various ways one association could help another. He referred particularly to the appeal for funds in connection with the work on Kidderminster bells. Our kindred association, he said, had been doing their bit towards this good cause, and he, the speaker, hoped all members who had not done so would give the matter consideration.

Mr. Herbert Knight replied and said it gave him great pleasure to be present at that gathering, because, apart from anything else, he felt that such social intercourse as was obtained at gatherings of that sort did a great amount of good in the Exercise. The Worcestershire Association had always been to the fore, and so long as it had such men among its ranks as Mr. William Short, Sidney Holt and Robert Matthews, he felt the association would continue to be so. It was up to the younger generation to emulate the good examples of their leaders.

The toast of 'The Worcestershire and Districts Association' was ably proposed by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. He said that whether he went north, south, east or west, it seemed that one could never get out of Worcestershire; in fact, he felt, when travelling in this part of the world, that the only part of the country which was not in Worcestershire was Wales and Hereford! The Worcestershire Association loomed largely in the ringing world, and he hoped it would go on from strength to strength.

Mr. Newman, in reply, thanked the previous speaker for his kind remarks concerning the Worcestershire Association. Mr. Newman said he thought the association had justified itself in the way it had carried out its objects, but he would like to see the status and opinions of ringers and ringing associations appreciated more by the 'powers that be,' particularly by the Bishops' Advisory Boards. There was, said Mr. Newman, quite as reliable knowledge among ringers as among the archaeologists, especially on the question of re-hanging or recasting of bells, and it was the duty of all ringing associations and ringers to see that they received the recognition to which they were entitled.

The rest of the evening was given over to musical entertainment and having a good 'chin-vag' with friends one did not meet very often. The musical programme was an 'all ringer' affair, songs being sung by Mr. Geoffrey Hemming and Mr. George King, a monologue by Miss Amy Johnson, and an 'entertainment' by Mr. John Hall. There was also handbell ringing, including an effort by four novices, the latter (a plain course of Grandsire Triples), being appreciated very much, if the applause was anything to go by. It is left to the imagination as to what might have happened if someone had called a 'bob.'

**NEW BELLS AT BISHOP'S LYDIARD.**

Three recast bells of the peal of eight were dedicated by the Vicar at Bishop's Lydiard, Somersetshire, on Sunday, September 30th. The back bells have been going rather badly for several years, the tower not keeping steady. Bells 6, 7 and 8 have been put on ball bearings, and 2, 3 and 4 recast, and the remainder of the peal tuned. Bishop's Lydiard has now a melodious peal of bells, tenor 23 cwt. in E. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on an excellent job.

**LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT MEETING.**

About 20 ringers attended the Leatherhead District meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on September 22nd at Christ Church, Epsom. Methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. Tea was served in the Parish Room, thanks being accorded the Vicar (the Rev. L. W. Mylrea) for the use of the bells and Mr. J. Crawford for making the arrangements. The next meeting will probably be held on December 8th to avoid clashing with the Surrey Association.

**SUCCESSFUL RECRUITING MEETING.****NEWINGTON BAND JOIN COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A successful recruiting meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was held at Newington (Folkestone) on October 6th, when the local band joined the county association. Ringers and their friends gathered from Ashford, Brabourne, Cheriton, Canterbury, Hythe, Sturry and Willesborough to elect the local ringers as members of the Kent County Association.

Some good touches were enjoyed until 4.15, when the ringers' service was conducted by Mr. C. R. Johnson, who gave a helpful address, in the absence of the Vicar. The service was made much more enjoyable by the addition of the organist, the choir and several members of the usual Sunday congregation. The church, too, was decorated for the harvest festival, which further added to the enjoyment.

After the service, an enjoyable tea was served at the Village Hall by ladies of the church. The tea was provided by the efforts of the local ringers in arranging a whist drive, an indication of their keenness.

Mr. Johnson presided at the business meeting, and the hon. secretary proposed that the Newington band, consisting of ten persons, be elected, collectively, members of the Kent County Association. This proposition, seconded by Mr. Ruck, was carried unanimously. The chairman was made an hon. member. Messrs. S. Finn and E. S. Ruck then in turn each thanked all who had in any way helped to make such an enjoyable afternoon. Although the weather was none too kind, nobody enjoyed themselves any the less because of that, except, maybe, those who allowed themselves forty minutes to walk two hundred yards! The help of any ringers who happen to be close to Newington Church on Wednesday evenings between seven and nine will be more than appreciated.

**VALUE OF PROPAGANDA VISITS.**

As the outcome of the visit of Essex ringers to Middleton Cheney, Essex, last June, a peal was rung on the local bells this week. Middleton has a grand ring of six bells, rehung by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough (and reflects great credit on the firm), about three years ago. Standing on the ground floor, ringers found 62ft. of rope without guides, and if the bells had not been hung perfect, the peal could never have been rung. The band wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. W. B. H. Canton, for granting the use of the bells and congratulating us on the good striking throughout, also the local ringers for having everything ready, and to Mr. J. Mardell, of Sulgrave, for his kind assistance.

**SUSSEX RINGERS' LOSS.****SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT STEYNING.**

The meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex Association at Steyning, on September 27th, was overshadowed by the death a few days before of Mr. George Phillips, the steeplekeeper of Steyning. During his address the Vicar paid an impressive tribute to Mr. Phillips' loyal services over a period of many years, and to the kindness of his character. 'Many, besides the ringers,' said the Vicar, 'have lost a faithful friend.'

At the business meeting Mr. R. Congreve-Pridgeon presided, and the following new members were elected: R. F. Booker (St. Peter's, Brighton), F. E. Cole (non-resident member), L. G. Burnett (St. Nicholas', Brighton), J. Bussey, T. Shepard and J. Turner (Lewes). The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and to the organist.

Members attended from the three Brighton towers, Shoreham, Lewes, Ringmer, Heane and the local tower, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m. Included in the methods rung was London Surprise.

**DEVIZES RINGERS AT BISHOP'S CANNINGS.**

The tuneful ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) at Bishop's Cannings seemed more beautiful than ever on October 6th, when the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting. The rain swamping across the surrounding downs, making everything appear wet and miserable, contrasted with the message of joy the bells were sending out.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. L. R. Sharp), and after tea in the schoolroom Mr. E. F. White, vice-chairman, presided at the business meeting. The serious illness of Mr. Heginbottom, branch chairman, who is in hospital, was deeply regretted. Devizes was selected as the venue for the branch annual meeting, and the next district meeting will be held at Holt on November 3rd.

Mr. White proposed the usual vote of thanks to those who had made the meeting a success and to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and taking the service.—The Vicar responded.

The members then returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 8.30, and with a whip round on the 'buckets,' followed by a few 'rounds' on the 'jam jars,' the members dispersed to their respective homes. During the meeting methods were rung up to Kent Treble Bob, and members attended as follows: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Holt, Westbury, Warmminster, Rowde, Longbridge Deverill, Melksham and Bishop's Cannings. Mr. A. Taylor, secretary of the Marlborough Branch, was also welcomed.

## ONE-ARMED CONDUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query raised in Belfry Gossip column of 'The Ringing World' of October 5th, anent the peal of Grandsire Caters at Southampton on September 19th, the writer rang in a similar peal at Wednesbury on March 12th, 1912, conducted from the 8th by George Hughes, a resident of that town, who had lost his right arm up to the shoulder, and he has also rung peals from Minor to Maximus, but see 'The Ringing World' of March 30th, 1934, for a resume of his ringing career, page 203.

Bromsgrove.

HARRY PRICE.

Mr. Bert Horton, of Darlaston, writes: Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, has conducted 20 ten-bell peals in the standard methods—Grandsire Caters 8, Stedman 9, Erin 1, and Bob Royal 2.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The inclement weather was the cause of the poor attendance at the annual meeting of the Wilney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Standlake on October 6th. After a short service in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. F. Pierce), several touches were rung on the bells. Tea was served in the comfortable Village Hall, and at the business meeting the branch secretary (Mr. W. Evotts, jun.) read two invitations to the East Berks and South Bucks Branch meeting at Haddenham on October 27th, and to attend Queen Anne's School Chapel, Caversham, on October 20th, to view the memorial aisle to the late Master. The next branch meeting will be at Yarnton. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, organist and choir, and the ladies who provided an excellent tea.

## RINGERS WHO ARE PAID.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest the views on ringers who are paid, I being the one responsible for the subject being brought to notice. I think both Mr. Amos and Mr. Warrington are wide in their remarks. The argument is, should not those ringers who are paid do their part in ringing for service both as part of their work and a duty to God, instead of chiming, as is at present done? Personally, I am not against paid ringing, but, apart from the money side, enthusiasm is sadly lacking. It is too lengthy to state here all the particulars of the tower in question, but I end with the trust that at some future date things will right themselves.

W. MASSEY.

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## INTER-GUILD FRATERNITY.

Fourteen members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Aldershot (9), Worplesdon (4), and Pirbright) had an enjoyable outing by motor coach to Brede on Saturday, September 29th, for the monthly meeting of the Hastings Guild.

At Brede the party were welcomed by Mr. C. A. Lovett (secretary of the Hastings Guild), and the Misses M. P. and J. E. Kingdon (late of the Worplesdon band, and now living at Chitcombe, Brede). Ringing on the six bells was enjoyed until 5 o'clock, when tea was served in St. George's Schoolroom. The Rector welcomed the ringers and expressed sincere thanks to Mrs. Kingdon for generously providing tea, and to the Misses Kingdon for the interest and enthusiasm they had shown towards bellringers and bellringing at Brede since their arrival. Thanks were also expressed by the visiting party for the splendid welcome they had received, promising a similar welcome to any Hastings Guild members should they at any time visit the Guildford Guild.

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## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On September 30th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): F. Hiscock 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, Rev. C. C. Cox 3, H. G. Keeley 4, C. W. H. Powell (conductor) 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8. First quarter-peal as conductor, and rung in honour of the patronal festival.—On September 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, rung half-muffled as a mark of sympathy with Mr. W. G. Sartin on the death of his wife: H. G. Keeley 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, F. E. Blackmore 5, F. Price 6.

TRING, HERTS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. C. Reeve 1, H. Brackley 2, H. Bishop 3, J. Puppelt (Paignton, North Devon) 4, W. Randall (Northchurch, first quarter-peal in method) 5, C. Badrick 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, on September 23rd, 1,050 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Ansell 1, H. W. White 2, F. Springham 3, W. T. Prior 4, H. Wacey 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, September 16th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Ashbrook 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, Miss D. Lidbetter 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, C. J. Tricker 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8. Rung in honour of Mr. F. G. Goddard's 52 years' membership of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 9th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 648 Grandsire Caters, the longest length in the method by all except ringers of 3 and 4: R. Brown 1, S. Jessop 2, F. Leggett 3, F. Dowey (conductor) 4, H. Burrell 5, A. Ellis 6, J. Sharpe 7, H. Barsley 8, C. Burrell 9, B. Jackson 10.

BILLINGSRUST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on September 9th for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Peter Wood 1, Cecil Wood 2, Miss H. M. Darvill 3, J. Burdfield 4, T. Adams 5, A. Feist 6, W. J. Wicks 7, Raymond Wood, jun. (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 1, 2 and 7, and conductor's first quarter of Major.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, September 9th, for the morning service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung in 49 minutes, by: F. W. Burnett 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, F. W. Stomp 3, E. Williams 4, L. P. Cook 5, C. H. Shepherd 6, E. R. Warner 7, W. Tate (first quarter-peal of Bob Major as conductor) 8.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, September 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: \*W. H. Gorman 1, \*Mrs. G. H. Spice 2, \*G. Kenward 3, W. E. Spico 4, G. H. Spice 5, A. W. Durham (conductor) 6. \* First 720 of Surprise. First 720 on the bells since rehanging some years ago. Kindly arranged for the conductor, who was visiting the district as a representative of the N.U.T.S.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, September 30th, at the Church of Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. J. Digby 1, J. Wheadon 2, F. E. Walker 3, E. Brown 4, H. Howard 5, H. Simmons 6, J. E. Bailey (first as conductor and first quarter in the method) 7, R. Jenkins 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor man.

KIRTON, BOSTON, Lincs.—As a compliment to Mr. T. Bishop, a member of the local band, who was married on September 27th, a quarter-peal of Major (Plain Bob) (1,264 changes) was rung the same day by: E. Sellars 1, D. Flatters 2, F. Bishop 3, \*A. Young 4, \*J. Young 5, \*J. Bullock 6, W. Lakin 7, A. E. Flatters (first as conductor) 8. \* First quarter.

LEWISHAM.—On Thursday, Sept. 27th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnett, sen., (conductor) 1, Charles Walker 2, Harry James 3, Harry Warnett, jun., 4, Walter Tyler 5, John Foskett 6, Jack Duffers 7, Edmund Mounter 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. Wm. W. Fox, one of the local band for the past 22 years, who passed away on the previous Sunday.

IPSWICH.—At St. Mary-le-Tower Church on September 18th, a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 528 changes: C. J. Sedgley 1, Miss P. E. Tillet (age 15) 2, W. Tillet 3, H. R. Roper 4, Robert H. Brundle 5, S. G. Moss 6, J. F. Tillet 7, W. P. Garrett 8, C. A. Catchpole 9, H. Shannings 10, G. E. Symonds 11, F. J. Tillet 12. Rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of R. H. Brundle, the oldest, and Miss Tillet, the youngest, to ring a course of Cambridge Maximus together.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Wednesday, September 12th, at St. Michael's Parish Church, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles in one hour and forty minutes: H. E. F. Harrison 1, H. Harrison 2, J. L. Stanier (conductor) 3, J. Tranter 4, H. Newbrook 5, F. Newbrook 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy with the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Sime), whose father was interred at St. David's; also as a memorial to Mrs. Shum, widow of the late A. G. Shum, who was interred at Madeley, both on Wednesday afternoon.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on Oct. 30th (nomination night), St. Magnus' on the 18th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th, Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The usual travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me early. —C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Service 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. — E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at Pleshey. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Broomfield bells available during the evening. — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at West Derby (St. James') on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen invited. — H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The last meeting for the year will be held at Tideswell on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — A. G. Wallace, Monyash Road, Bakewell.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Litton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow. — G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. It is hoped that a good number will try and attend to make the meeting a success. Please try.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury, together with the bells, will be consecrated by the Bishop of London on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3.15 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing after the service. Nearest station, Wembley Park (Met.) and bus to Blackbird Cross.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at White Posts. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—The annual Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, at 6 p.m., on Saturday, October 13th. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters will be made at Bradford Cathedral at 11 a.m. on that date, and all who would care to take part should notify me without delay. By the courtesy of respective clergy the bells at Leeds Parish Church (12), Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me. —W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds, 6.

**ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTS.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Monday, Oct. 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Peal restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Names for tea by Wednesday previous to meeting. Half fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton, Bristol.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Oct. 20th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, 16th. Ringing at St. Peter's after tea if possible.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Wardington (5 miles north of Banbury) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Kindly notify for tea.—E. Pearson, Dis. Sec., Philcote Street, Deddington, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at S. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30. Both members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn Memorial. — By the kindness of Miss Moore, Principal of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, members of guild and subscribers to memorial fund are invited to hold a ringers' service in the School Chapel, Henley Road, Caversham, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 20th, to enable members to see the completed Memorial Aisle. The service will be conducted by the Master, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. The Reading Branch invite all attending the service to tea at the Palmer Hall, West Street, Reading. The towers open for ringing will be notified during the afternoon. It is absolutely necessary for all who intend being present to send numbers or names by Thursday, Oct. 18th, to R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at Yorktown. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Usual arrangements. Please note annual meeting Swindon, Dec. 8th. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rumney, near Cardiff, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, who will also give the address. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 16th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.** — Dedication of Memorial to John William Taylor, senior. Service on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall for those who apply for tickets by Thursday, Oct. 18th, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badby (6) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Chesterfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. No arrangement for tea. Subscriptions for 1934 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Shelford on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at the Prince Regent, price 1s. each. Stapleford bells (6) may be rung during the evening.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — St. Albans District. — The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Curdrige Reading Room 5, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please inform me by Oct. 18th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.** — On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at 6.30 p.m., the two new trebles added to the ring of six by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of St. Albans. All ringers welcome. Splendid peal of 8. Tenor 23 cwt. — Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.** — On Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m., the Bishop of St. Albans will rededicate the ring of six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 20th, instead of Oct. 27th. Business important. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 27th. Further details later.—Stanley J. T. Shelloek, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral bells available after 6 p.m. St. Alphege and St. Stephen's at 3 p.m. It is essential that those intending to be present and requiring tea notify Mr. F. Wilson, The Beverlie Inn, St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on or before Thursday, Oct. 25th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Dinner and Social, Oct. 27th. — Tickets now available, 4s. each, apply W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, or D. Brown, 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16. Early application essential to facilitate arrangements. Ringing during the afternoon as follows:—St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (train, bus and tram services from Manchester); Manchester Cathedral (10), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.; Manchester Town Hall (10), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Lloyd Street entrance); Sacred Trinity Church, Salford (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. John's, Miles Platting (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m. Conducted tour of Town Hall (Lloyd Street entrance) at 3 p.m. Conducted walks arranged at Town Hall if required, with a visit to the Chief Fire Station. Dinner at Victoria Hotel, opposite Cathedral and Exchange Railway Station, 6 p.m. prompt. Good and full social programme, with talented artistes. Extension till 11 p.m. Full day guaranteed. Book your seats early, and not later than Wednesday, 23rd, and come and see what happens when Manchester entertains.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Jubilee gathering at St. Albans, Saturday, November 3rd. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Dinner at the Conservative Hall, St. Peter's Street, 6.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets must be purchased not later than October 24th. The slogan must be 'No ticket, no dinner.' Tickets obtainable from all the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock.

**WATFORD PARISH CHURCH.**—To accommodate the large congregation two Sunday evening services are held. Visiting ringers are always welcome, the times of ringing being: Morning, 10.15 to 11 a.m.; evening, 4.45 to 5.45 and 6.30 to 7 p.m. Quarter peals are usually attempted at 4.45 p.m.

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#### LATE NOTICES.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Oct. 20th at Brixham. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome. Will those who intend coming please notify me by previous Wednesday?—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District. — The next meeting will be held at Enfield (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Further particulars next week. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**GORSEINON, GLAM.**—On September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. M. Williams 1, G. Howells 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, R. Dobbins 4, R. Baird 5, W. Dobbins 6, Wallace Dobbins (conductor) 7, J. Hanson 8.

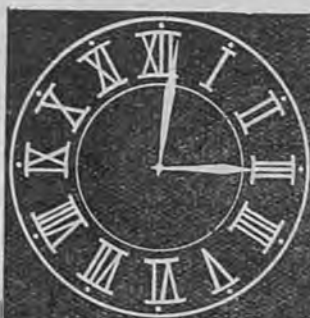
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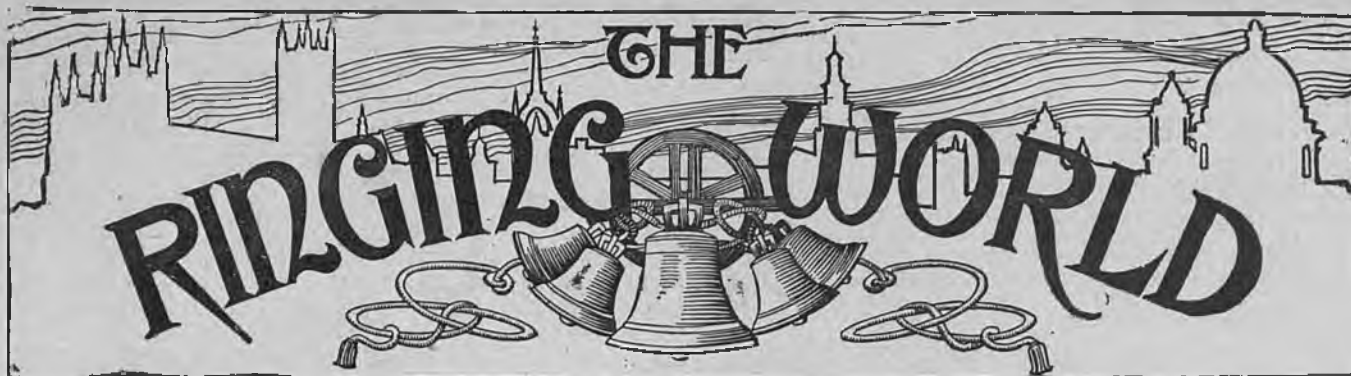
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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

A band rings a peal of (let us say) Grandsire Triples, and they are so pleased with themselves, and so proud of what they have done, that they not only enjoy the actual performance, but want other people to know about it too. So they get it published in 'The Ringing World' as a matter of course, and sometimes they record it on a tablet in the belfry. If, as does happen, the tablet is of stone or marble, there is no reason why, five hundred years hence, someone should not read about their peal and try and find out who and what manner of men they were. There is nothing like this among other people. Doubtless they are just as proud of what they do and just as anxious to let others know of it as we are; but they have not the opportunities we have of jogging the attention of posterity. Their records are writ in water. For of all buildings a church is the most permanent, and of all parts of the church, the belfry is one least liable to alteration and change. And though there are a few other people who might record their doings there, they do not. You will not find anything telling of the doings of the choir and organist or even of the parson. There is indeed in Woodbridge Church a tablet which tells how on such-and-such a date a man ran up and down the tower stairs so many times in a certain time for a wager; but that is an exception, and I imagine there might be some difficulty in erecting a similar record in this year of grace.

Now, having this unique possession, it is a duty laid on the Exercise to preserve it. If we want posterity to preserve our records and admire our performances we must set it a good example. We must preserve and care for the boards and tablets that have come down to us from the years that are gone. They form the basis of what we know about the ringers of old time, the men to whom we owe our art and science, and without whom there would have been no such thing as change-ringing. Not many of those tablets are of stone or marble; most of them are of wood, painted. Wood and paint will last with care for centuries, but time will gradually loosen joints, and fog and dirt will gradually hide the painted writing. A little care at wide intervals is sufficient to arrest this decay, and it should be exercised before anything like drastic treatment is necessary. Fortunately, many old and valuable boards have been restored and are likely to last quite as long again as they have already done.

The difficulty is that there are towers, once active centres of ringing, where, for one reason or another, no one now goes. Some of them have boards of great historical value which may be gradually falling into decay.

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There is no one there now to replace them if they should get loose on the wall, no one to see that they are not damaged or disfigured by ladders and clock cases and such things.

Here is a matter which well might engage the attention of the Central Council. A survey of these boards might be made, much in the same way as a Royal Commission is at present making a survey of all the old things throughout the country. It should be done through the territorial associations, each of which should be asked to make a return of the peal boards in its district earlier than a given date. A start might be made with those dating from the eighteenth century, which are comparatively few in number and of the greatest historical interest and value. Most of these, perhaps all, are known and have been copied and published in 'The Ringing World,' in the 'Bell News,' in 'Church Bells,' in Mr. Morris' book and elsewhere. But these copies are sometimes inaccurate and the information comes from times spread over a long stretch of years. It should be got up to date. The Council should possess a statement of all these boards, a correct copy of their wording and information as to their present condition. The making of such a survey would give a task in each district not particularly easy, but of extraordinary interest to the right man, and of its value only those who have tried to write on the history of change ringing can fully judge. We need to stimulate a greater interest in the doings of old time ringers. It has value, not only because history is always interesting for its own sake, but because of the light it throws on our present day problems.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in 1 hour and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

*P.C. FREDERICK E. WILSON	LEICESTER CITY... ..	Treble
DET. SGT. HAROLD J. POOLE	LEICESTER CITY... ..	2
EX-SGT. WILLIAM C. DOWDING	BIRMINGHAM CITY... ..	3
*P.C. DONALD BROWN	MANCHESTER CITY... ..	4
P.C. FREDERICK PAGE	MANCHESTER CITY... ..	5
*P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	METROPOLITAN... ..	6
*P.C. ALAN R. RANDES	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY... ..	7
*P.C. WILLIAM PYE	MANCHESTER CITY... ..	8
P. SGT. CECIL A. SMITH	HIGH WYCOMBE... ..	9
*SUPT. FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS	MANCHESTER CITY... ..	10
CH. INSP. WILLIAM BOTTRILL	METROPOLITAN... ..	11
*P. SGT. PEYER CROOK	BOLTON BOROUGH... ..	Tenor

Reserve—P. SGT. H. G. JENNEY, Leicester.

Composed by Ex-P.C. C. CHARGES, Metropolitan Police.

Conducted by Det.-Sgt. HAROLD J. POOLE, Leicester City.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Cinques for the Guild and the first by a band of police officers. Rung as a compliment to Chief-Insp. and Mrs. Bottrill on the occasion of their silver wedding, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. B. Cartwright, of Selly Oak, Birmingham.

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## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... .. Treble	EDGAR T. SMITH ... .. 7
*ALFRED BUCKLEY ... .. 2	ARTHUR T. DETTON ... .. 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 3	WALTER R. HUGHES ... .. 9
DANIEL T. MAIKIN ... .. 4	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 10
BERT HORTON ... .. 5	†THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 11
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\* First peal of Cinques. † 300th peal. ‡ 200th peal for the society.  
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Walsall on his appointment as a Canon at Lichfield Cathedral.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... .. Treble	FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	GEORGE HAYDEN... .. 7
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 8
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... .. 4	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. 9
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 5	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY. Conducted by JAMES G. A. PRIOR.

First peal of Caters and in the method as conductor. 25th peal together by E. D. Smith and the conductor.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7
FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 8
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 9
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

## STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours &amp; Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANBIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 6
TRAVERS PRICEARD ... .. 2	THOMAS PRICE ... .. 7
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	CHARLES DYSON ... .. 8
ALFRED HANNIS ... .. 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... .. 9
GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 5	WILLIAM DEAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
*WILLIAM GRIFFITHS... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 7
JOHN GRIFFITHS... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

\* First peal of Major. Rung on the centenary of a peal rung in this tower on October 1st, 1834.

## GRESFORD, NORTH WALES.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALFRED STEER ... .. Treble	JOHN RANGLES ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
RONALD G. W. JONES ... .. 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... .. 7
JAMES ALDERMAN... .. 4	ARTHUR TILSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and sympathy to the memory of the 263 miners entombed here in the recent pit disaster.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
*WALTER PAUL ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method.

## WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE STOCKER ... .. Treble	FRED DIMOND ... .. 5
WILLIAM HAYMAN ... .. 2	EDWARD SPRAGUE ... .. 6
*LESLIE G. WALTERS... .. 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN... .. 7
ALFRED LOVERING ... .. 4	GEORGE RENDELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAYMAN.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th, and was the conductor's 250th peal.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On October 7th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. W. Price 1, H. S. Parsons 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, J. E. Waters 4, W. H. Hayward 5, H. C. Bond 6, F. J. Lewis, jun., 7, W. G. Cook 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Camberwell, S.E., on September 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: Miss B. M. Mills 1, Miss H. Mills 2, F. R. L. Blewer 3, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 4, T. H. Taffender 5, W. D. Grainger 6, E. J. King 7, L. Gray 8, S. Daynes 9, H. H. Peters 10.

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On Tuesday, October 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 5
REV. ERNEST V. COX ... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 4	HAROLD WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

Arranged for the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, who was on a visit to the district.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

RENE REDPATH ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
MOLLIE REDPATH ... .. 4	JOHN A. C. ALSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung on the eve of St. Paulin's Day, and on the conductor's birthday. It was his 100th peal on the bells and the treble ringer's first peal.

ERITH KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the association. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Prince George becoming Duke of Kent.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... Treble	FRANCIS BRADLEY ... .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER ... .. 2	ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 3	JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by SAMUEL PINDER.

HODDESDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. Treble	STANLEY A. CARTER ... 5
GEORGE MAXIM ... .. 2	GEORGE GRAY ... .. 6
*MISS G. CHURCH ... .. 3	JOSEPH LADLEY ... .. 7
*CHARLES RUSH ... .. 4	FREDERICK C. PERRIN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

\* First peal in the method.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*JAMES A. GLASS ... .. Treble	†WALTER A. PECK ... .. 5
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 2	Cecil W. PIPE ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by E. S. T. FARR.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Mr. A. R. Pink's 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Rapley, sister of the ringer of the 6th.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Treble	KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 5
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.  
\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
*PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... .. 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
*CHARLES CLARK ... .. 3	JOHN F. TILLET ... .. 7
*HERBERT W. SHEMMING ... 4	*FREDERICK C. CRAPNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

\* First attempt for a peal in the method.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

HARRY TOOKE ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5
*JOHN KENYON ... .. 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 6
ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... 7
JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	REGINALD CHANCE ... .. 5
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7
JOHN BASS ... .. 4	HECTOR G. BIRCH ... .. Tenor

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Treble	EDWARD J. DEER ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHRESMAN ... .. 2	VICTOR JARRITT, R.E. ... 6
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
HENRY SPRINGATE ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. Peartree and Miss V. Burling (both ringers at this church), which took place the same day. The ringers wish them every happiness.

## THROWLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... .. 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 2	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 6
JOHN W. UWIN ... .. 3	EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4	*NORMAN E. TOMBER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells by the Archbishop of Canterbury on October 15th, 1933; and also a birthday compliment to the two daughters of Mr. N. E. Tumber.

## BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*GEORGE L. HALL ... .. Treble	*WALTER GODDARD ... .. 5
*MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 3	*ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 7
*GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 4	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in method. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest respect to Mr. F. F. Linley, the president of the Northern Branch. Also in memory of 17 Barton men killed in the Battle of Loos, October 13th, 1915.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

In Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
PETER CHARMAN ... .. 3	JOHN COOK ... .. 7
WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

## GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN T. BARTRAM ... .. Treble	C. ALAN HEWITT ... .. 5
*GEORGE L. A. LUNN ... .. 2	HARRY MORGAN ... .. 6
MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... 3	HAROLD HARPER ... .. 7
JOSEPH DIXON ... .. 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

\* First peal of Major. Rung with open bells in compliance with the wish of Mrs. Linley and family, as an expression of thankfulness for the noble life and work of Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch, and formerly a churchwarden and ringer at the above church, who was interred in the afternoon.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble	MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 2	*JOHN F. ROOT ... .. 6
REGINALD GRAINGER ... .. 3	CHARLES W. BURTON ... 7
AMBROSE MASON ... .. 4	CHARLES SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal.

## SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 5
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.

First peal as conductor on eight bells. A birthday peal for Messrs. R. E. and R. T. Lambert.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents each of Stedman and St. Simon's, eight of Plain Bob and twenty of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	†CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3
†GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	*HERBERT C. READ ... 4

\*GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in four Doubles methods.

## THORNER, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, and College Exercise.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSHUA WORMALD ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ... 4
ARTHUR G. WOOD ... .. 2	PERCY MASSAM ... .. 5
FRANK ELLIS ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

## OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN ARBON ... .. Treble	GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 4
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At Southwell Minster, on October 7th, 1280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. F. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, F. G. Hooper 3, G. E. Foster 4, A. J. Chamberlain 5, E. Foster 6, E. H. Clulow 7, J. F. Milner (conductor) 8. Longest in the method by all except the conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, to Miss A. Clulow, daughter of the ringer of the treble, and to Mrs. J. F. Milner.

## GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

*FREDERICK RALLISON ... Treble	†GEORGE T. BUNNING... .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN... .. 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5
†ERNEST S. NAYLOR ... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal in more than four methods. First peal in more than three methods on the bells.

## KELVEDON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four 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 ... .. 7 Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT ... .. 4
CHARLES W. BURTON... .. 2	AMBROSE MASON ... .. 5
WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 3	CHARLES BOTTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a welcome home to Mr. Andrew Croft, only son of Rev. R. W. Croft (Vicar) and Mrs. Croft, who arrived home from an Antarctic expedition while the peal was being rung.

## YORKTOWN, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK FARR ... .. Treble	*HARRY NOAKES ... .. 4
†JAMES MARTIN ... .. 2	FREDERICK MARCHANT ... .. 5
*SIDNEY BECK ... .. 3	*EDWIN HUNT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. BECK.

\* First peal. † First peal on a working bell. First peal as conductor.

## ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

TOM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	*WALTER J. RUCK ... .. 4
*FRANK G. FILE ... .. 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 5
ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal. First peal rung on the bells. Rung as an eighth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. H. G. Beake, the local captain.

## TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

REGINALD J. SCOTT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS ... .. 4
ALBERT FLEET ... .. 2	EDWARD BELSON ... .. 5
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. Cook (a member of the local band) to Miss Syrett.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT 3, BELL STREET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*PERCY GREEN ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3-4	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal on handbells.

## DEATH OF MR. F. F. LINLEY.

## FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild have sustained a very severe loss by the passing away of Mr. F. F. Linley (Northern Branch president) on October 10th, at the age of 74 years. The breaking-up of his health had been noticed for some considerable time. His last appearance amongst the members was at the branch annual meeting at Gainsborough on May 20th, 1933. It was on that occasion that the seriousness of his condition was realised. Since then he had been confined to his house for more than twelve months, and during the latter part of that time was practically semi-conscious.

His interest in bells and bellringing extended over a period of fifty years. He commenced his ringing career at St. Botolph's Church, Lincoln, under the tutorage of the late Mr. J. W. Watson, a former secretary of the old North Lincolnshire Association. He was transferred from the Midland Bank, Lincoln, to Gainsborough nearly fifty years ago. He held the position of manager for 24 years and relinquished that post in March, 1925.

On taking up residence in Gainsborough he became a member of the Parish Church company at a time, or thereabouts, when some of the Gainsborough Rowing Club members also practised bellringing, considering the required movements of the body an asset to them for attesting their skill at rowing.

In the eighties and early nineties he frequently joined the ringers and acted as pilot on the occasion of their annual Saturday afternoon outing to Corringham and Blyton. This was when Lady Beckett, who in her lifetime was a munificent benefactor to Corringham Church, resided at Somerby Hall, and annually invited the Gainsborough ringers to Corringham, at the same time providing them with a sumptuous tea at the Church Farm, which at that time was occupied by Mr. Ellis Smithson, captain of the Corringham ringers.

In addition to being a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. Linley was also a member of the College Youths. He was a vice-president of the North Lincolnshire Association from its formation in 1884, then a vice-president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from its amalgamation in 1899 to 1905, in the latter year being elected president of the Northern Branch, which office he held continuously to the time of his death.

No longer will the members of the Guild be able to seek his wise counsel and advice, but he has left behind him a pattern and an example worthy of imitation by those who mourn the loss of such a true friend. For fifty years he was a trustworthy guide and counsellor to the members, and had gained the highest admiration and respect of all those who came into close contact with him.

Previous to the interment a full choral service was held in the Parish Church, at which a large number of people were present, including representatives of various societies with which Mr. Linley was connected. Amongst those representing the ringing fraternity were the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry (Grimsby District president), Mr. F. W. Stokes (Guild secretary and Lincoln District president), Mr. H. Marson (Lincoln District secretary), Mr. H. Morgan (Gainsborough District secretary), Mr. G. W. Creasey (Gainsborough District Ringing Master), Mr. F. S. W. Butler (Northern Branch secretary), Mr. R. Dawson (Gainsborough), Mr. E. Dawber (treasurer, Gainsborough), Miss Norton (Lincoln), Mr. J. T. Bartram (Misterton), Mr. G. L. A. Lunn (Lea), Miss P. G. Baker, Miss E. Marshall, Mr. C. A. Hewitt, Mr. J. Dixon, Mr. G. Dixon and Mr. H. Harper (Gainsborough).

In compliance with the wishes of Mrs. Linley and family the bells were rung open (unmuffled) before and after the service, also a peal of Bob Major in the evening.

At All Saints' Church, Elsham, on October 14th, 720 Bob Minor Thomas J. Scott 1, Gordon B. Wraith 2, George E. Feirn 3, William Middleton 4, Leslie D. J. Whitehead 5, George L. Hall (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. F. Linley.

At Great Grimsby, Lincs, on October 13th, at the Parish Church of St. James, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Hadwick 1, C. Kennington 2, G. Snell 3, A. Swain 4, W. Heyhoe 5, C. Taylor (conductor) 6, A. Pashley 7, A. Shepherd 8. Rung with bells muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. F. F. Linley.

## DEATH OF MR. ALBAN FATHERS.

The death took place on October 5th of Mr. Alban Fathers, aged 86 years. He was a ringer at St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, for 25 years, and for many years was foreman of the belfry. The funeral took place on October 10th, when the following old ringers were present: G. Bonfield, W. Felce and F. Vickers, besides a good number of his old workmates.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by: F. Vickers 1, F. Dedman 2, W. Insley 3, W. Brunsden (Burford, Oxfordshire) 4, J. Arnold (Leighton Buzzard, conductor) 5, F. Jeffs 6, E. Belson 7, C. Vincent (first quarter-peal) 8.

### HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S RINGING CONTEST. WON BY LIVERSEDGE.

Nine sets entered for the Halifax and District Association six-bell contest held at St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, on October 6th. The judges were Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. W. Idle (Bately), with Mr. A. Hancock (Northowram) as marker. Some excellent ringing was heard, and the results were: 1 Liversedge 55 faults, 2 Holmfirth 77, 3 Shelley No. 1 79, 4 Meltham 121, 5 Friezland 141, 6 Calverley 154, 7 New Mills 162, 8 Halifax Parish 300, 9 Shelley No. 2 rang out.

The quarterly meeting followed, the president, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham), occupying the chair. The meeting stood in silence as a taken of respect to the late Mr. John Lawson, Lightcliffe, one of the association's founders. Thanks were accorded Canon Watkinson, Vicar of Northowram, for use of the bells, also to the ladies for providing tea. Canon Watkinson had offered a set of medals to go to the winners along with the cup.

Canon Watkinson replying to the vote of thanks, said he did not envy the task of the judges who had been locked up for over six hours. He thanked the ringers on behalf of himself and friends at Northowram.

Canon Watkinson presented the cup to Mr. E. Betts, of the Liversedge band. The Liversedge company offered their tower for the next contest.

### PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT NUNEATON.

To commemorate a peal of London Surprise Major rung by the Nuneaton Society of the Warwickshire Guild, on February 8th, a peal board was unveiled and dedicated in the belfry of Nuneaton Parish Church by the Vicar (Canon J. L. White) on October 11th.

In the absence of Mr. T. W. Chapman (Master of the tower) Mr. D. H. Argyle, who conducted the peal, invited the Vicar to perform the ceremony.

Canon White spoke of the great mission that the bells had to the people who could not get to the church, those who were sick; how the bells gladdened their hearts and formed a link between them and their church. If the bells ceased there would be an uproar until they were ringing again. They had a message to give, whether it be of gladness or of deepest sorrow. He congratulated the band who rang the peal, and duly unveiled the board. The tablet was dedicated to the House of God.

The band who rang the peal were as follows: Alfred King 1, Mrs. A. H. Beamish 2, Thomas W. Chapman 3, Edwin Martin 4, Arthur Beamish 5, John Thompson 6, Ernest Stone 7, D. Harold Argyle 8.

The band have once again to thank Mr. T. W. Chapman who so beautifully painted the board.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting the South-Eastern Division was held at Pleshey on October 13th, when 28 members and friends were present. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. B. Woodd), who welcomed the ringers and gave an interesting address. Tea was served at the Mount Pleasant Tea Rooms, presided over by the Vicar. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Widford on November 24th. The District Master, Mr. H. W. Kilton, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, also to the organist and the local band.

A stop was made on the homeward journey by several members at Broomfield tower, where a number of touches were enjoyed.

The following towers were represented: Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Broomfield, Maldon, Springfield, Danbury, Ford End, and the local company.

### LADIES' GUILD AT FIRBRIGHT.

The Southern District of the Ladies' Guild received a very warm welcome at Firbright on October 13th. Ringing took place in various methods during the afternoon, and the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Kelsey) conducted the Guild service, supported by the organ and choir. About 40 enjoyed a good tea in the Hall. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, organist, Capt. Cann, who was responsible for the choir, and to Mr. Cherryman for making the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Melville presided at the business meeting, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Yorktown in February. The members then returned to the tower and rang several methods without the assistance of 'Henry VIII.' Ringers were present from Aldershot, Ash, Guildford, Pirbright, Worplesdon, and two lady enthusiasts from Brede, Sussex.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BRAMSHOTT.

The quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Bramshott on October 13th. Those present included the Rev. E. A. Berisford (Rector of Bramshott) and the Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairman), and ringing members from Alton, Bramshott, Blackmoor, Petersfield and Steep. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to standard methods. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector, who gave an interesting and unusual address on bellringing, with favourable observations on the B.B.C.'s interval signal of call changes on Bow bells.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Room, the catering being undertaken by Mrs. Berisford and Mrs. Titherington and helpers. A short business meeting followed. The Rector of Bramshott was elected an hon. member. Mr. G. Pounds (Hawkey) was elected a ringing member. The usual votes of thanks were accorded.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first touch of Stedman Triples rung by a local band at Truro Cathedral took place on October 7th, Mr. W. H. Southeard being the conductor.

Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen., conducted the 100th peal he had rung, at Crayford, Kent, on his birthday. Could any ringer wish for a happier birthday?

The peal of Bob Royal at Boston on October 4th was rung in three hours and 27 minutes and not two hours and 27 minutes, as reported in our last issue.

Mr. W. S. B. Northover, captain of the ringers at Bridport, Dorset, has been unanimously elected Mayor of that ancient borough for the ensuing year.

In ringing the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Tilston, Cheshire, on September 29th, Mr. R. Sperring has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. Arthur Tilson, who rang tenor in the memorial peal at Gresford to the memory of the 263 miners who lost their lives in the recent pit disaster, was a member of the first rescue party to descend the pit.

Mr. E. Jones is still an active service ringer at Watford, despite his 84 years. The quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung for harvest festival at the Parish Church on October 7th was also a birthday compliment.

In 1587 the town authorities of Preston gave orders that 'no peals of pleasure were to be used or had at the Parish Church except it be at the request of a worshipful man or gentleman of the parish.' The intention was to confine ringing as a sport to the gentry.

How many belfry romances are there in the Exercise? A congratulatory peal was rung at Northfleet, Kent, on October 13th, on the occasion of the wedding of two local ringers—Mr. E. Peartree and Miss V. Durling. We wish them a long and happy partnership.

Encouragement was given to the ringers of Great Hale, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, when three former members and a member from Heckington gave, at the conclusion of harvest festival on October 12th, some touches of Kent, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor.

Forty years ago Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Wincanton, was taught to handle a bell at Swindon. A quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) was arranged for him on October 14th at Christ Church, Swindon.

The weights of the bells at Queen Camel, Somerset, where a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on October 13th, are: Treble 8 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb., 2nd 10 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb., 3rd 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., 4th 20 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb., 5th 26 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb., tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

The Lavenham District of the Suffolk Guild has lost a respected brother ringer by the death of Mr. Samuel Ford, of Long Melford. The district, at its meeting at Acton on October 6th, decided to discontinue meetings during the winter months. Great use was made of the bells. The Rector and Mrs. Harpur and Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilding entertained the ringers to tea.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. Heathcock, of Oldswinford, Worcestershire. In honour of the happy occasion a peal was rung at the church he has served so faithfully and well on October 13th. His life connection with the church reads: Born in the parish, baptised, confirmed and married at the Parish Church; ringer for 41 years, sidesman for 30 years, and member of the Church Council since its inception. Truly a splendid record of service. May Mr. and Mrs. Heathcock have many years spared to them to continue their good work.

## AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY.

Two hundred years ago this month William Laughton and his Rambling Ringers Club were busy. On October 10th, 1734, they rang 1,008 on the three bells at Holy Trinity, The Minories. The bells, he says, were 'the hardest peal to raise that e'er I met with in my days,' and there were no sallies to the ropes. 'So with some Chock we made a mark, or else we-d all bin in the Dark; but that show-d us where abouts to Catch.'

Three days later they rang 5,040 Bob Major at St. Giles', Camberwell, on the old light octave, the tenor of which weighed about 7 cwt. They had had several attempts before without any luck. This time Tom Clark picked up a horseshoe on the way down. They nailed it up over the belfry door and all was well, 'for witch nor wizard cannot enter, nor o-er the threshold Dar-st they venter where-er that magic charm is nail'd.'

## NEW COPYRIGHT HYMN TUNE.

We can thoroughly recommend the hymn tune, a notice of which will be found among the advertisements. It has a simple tuneful melody, and should appeal to those who, when there is no ringing, chime tunes on the bells. It fits the hymn, 'Jesus calls us o'er the tumult,' perfectly. It is published by Messrs. Novello in ordinary notation and tonic sol fa, and can be had from the composer, Mr. F. H. Marston, of Hucclecote, Glos.

# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

## Handbell Ringing in the Red Sea.

### RUPERT WINS THE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The story received from s.s. 'Barrabool' this week is a short one. The run from the Suez Canal to Aden is one of the hottest sea journeys in the world, and the tropical conditions have prevented any very great ringing efforts.

s.s. 'Barrabool,'

In the Red Sea,

Friday, September 28th.

The party spent an interesting morning in exploring Port Said on Monday (September 24th). The ship entered the port when the early morning sun threw up the light and shadow of the town in vivid contrasts. The approach had nothing of the attractiveness of the entrance of Malta, but the scene in the port was not a bit less colourful and noisy.

We found it best to enlist the services of a guide, and we tramped the streets for nearly three hours. There are a few buildings of outstanding note, but the native quarter was something both to see and smell. One of the drawbacks is that visitors are continually pestered by street vendors from the moment of landing until they once more step aboard. One gentleman, who came on to the ship when we arrived, induced us to buy picture postcards—he also had postage stamps to sell. That was before our guide had been engaged. He sold us stamps for 2d. each—their proper value was 1½d. So he sold us as well. But that is how you buy your experience in these places.

There are street performers who make their living by entertaining visitors. Wherever they see a small group they insinuate themselves and begin their show. While we sat at a cafe table a very clever child contortionist gave her show and collected our pence. Immediately she had gone a conjurer appeared, and with him apparently from nowhere appeared a small chicken, and out of the chicken's elbow he produced an egg, which, a moment after reappeared on my elbow. There are still magicians in Egypt, but they become something of a nuisance in their persistence, and it is just as well to guard your possessions when they are about. Indeed, I thought they had stolen our organising secretary's trousers from his legs when I saw him later in shorts. His lady friends in Slough would hardly know him now. He has joined the 'Topee' brigade (and so has George), and, with his shorts, looks as if he might be going on a big game hunting expedition. And I believe he would, if he could be sure he would remain the hunter and not become the hunted. There is just one difficulty about Bill's shorts. He has long since lost his youthful figure, and the pants are inclined to slip at the waist line, so that he had to tie them with the cord of his pyjamas. It would be safer if he wore the national 'nightshirt' of the Egyptians, which hangs safely from the shoulders.

Our passage through the Suez Canal was full of interest. It is, of course, one of the wonder waterways of the world. The surrounding country is uninviting, except through the lakes. Swamp and desert predominate in the first stage from Port Said, afterwards the canal passes between high sand banks which obscure the view. But the manægement of the ships through the waterway is a revelation. The canal is a hundred miles long, and the journey takes about 14 hours. Boats have to tie up to the side to let others pass, and we were moored for two hours at one spot for the purpose, and a similar time at another. It is 'one-way' traffic and dead slow. On the

western side of the canal is a narrow belt of trees, along which runs a well-made road and the railway. Except for this and towns like Ismailia and El Kamara the scene in daylight is one of desolation. But we saw part of it under the glow of a full moon. The sand was turned to silver; the desert looked almost a fairy land.

The boat did not stay sufficiently long at Suez to allow us to land, but the journey of several hours down the Gulf of Suez, between Africa and Asia Minor, gave us a view of the forbidding coast on both sides. At one point through the heat haze we could see in the far distance the conical peak of Mount Sinai. The barren country in between would make anyone grumble if they had to traverse it, and perhaps there was some excuse for the murmurings of the Israelites of old as they wandered over the waterless tracks of desert land.

We reached the real tropical weather of the Red Sea on Wednesday, the 26th, and for the last three days we have been in a grilling heat, round about 100 degrees in the shade, relieved only occasionally by a welcome puff of air. We have had a following wind, so that even the ship's progress brings no help. We are, however, standing up—or rather sitting down—to the conditions, well; but handbell ringing is a trying job. The only opportunity for a peal attempt is immediately after breakfast, and a Grandsire Triples band have tried their hand on one or two occasions. They just ring on until they wilt. Evening peal attempts are out of the question. All the public rooms are in use, and the only outside spots at all suitable are, for navigational reasons, in darkness after the sun has set—and in these regions there is no twilight. There is no time for a peal after the heat 'danger' period is over before night comes down like a shutter drawn over a window.

A peal in the Red Sea has still to be rung, and must wait now until our return. We are hoping the conditions will be more suitable after we leave Aden, where this message will be posted. The best peal attempt in the Red Sea was on Thursday (September 27th), when just over three-parts of Davies' five-part peal of Grandsire were rung. Whether, had it gone to the end, there would have been anything left of George is somewhat uncertain. All the while the ringing was in progress he was fast melting away, and after another hour in the increasing heat there might have been nothing left but a few grease spots on the deck and a pair of handbells. But the trip which brought the peal to its end saved George to ring another day. The Rev. E. Bankes James has been the Grandsire conductor, and we hope he may yet succeed in calling the first peal of Grandsire on the sea.

We usually get in an hour's handbell practice before sunset, and all nine take their turn. While we were practising on Wednesday (September 26th) a small flock of migrating swallows and other birds, which, exhausted and thirsty, had alighted on the rigging earlier in the day, seemed attracted by the bells, and one swallow actually remained perched on the back of one of the ringer's chairs while a touch was in progress. They seemed so tamed, possibly from want, that they could easily be caught by hand. Food and water were put out for them, and the next day they had vanished.

Despite the great heat through which we have passed—cabin temperature of 98 degrees at night—all the party are well and enjoying to the full the wonderful experiences of the voyage. They have asked me to convey their greetings and good wishes to all their friends in England.

Latest News.

The laurels in the team's swimming championship have gone to Rupert. Lifebuoys had to be thrown to the other competitors, who was in danger of being overwhelmed by the backwash.

### LADIES' COMING OF AGE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While congratulating Miss Bevys V. Dobson on her success in ringing her first peal in celebration of her 21st birthday, my sisters have asked me to reply to the relevant query contained in Belfry Gossip. Two of them both rang their first peals at first attempts for their respective 21st birthdays—Miss Florence A. Johnson rang Grandsire Doubles at Offenham, Worcs, in June, 1931 (incidentally a family peal rung by father, two sons and three daughters), and Miss Maggie Johnson rang Stedman Triples at Hinton in March of this year. It is more than probable, however, that Miss Dobson is the first Rector's daughter to ring such a peal. Anyone with a bevy of ringing sisters—and certainly anyone acquainted with mine—will probably say I am 'instructed' to write this letter, and, maybe, it would be the more correct.

J. D. JOHNSON.

Sodgeberrow, Evesham.



THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.****SUPPORT FOR KIDDERMINSTER RESTORATION FUND.**

The quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham was held on October 6th at the Parish Church, Northfield. The church dates back to the Norman period, and is situated in most picturesque surroundings. Ringing in various methods and the Guild form of service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. A. Hayson), who gave a very helpful address, occupied the afternoon.

Thirty-six members sat down to tea served in the Church Hall. At the business meeting which followed, the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, presided. A letter was read from Mr. Harry Mason, expressing regret at his inability to attend. The meeting decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, March 2nd.

The appeal in connection with the restoration of the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Kidderminster, was considered, and on the proposition of Mr. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. Albert Walker, it was unanimously decided to send a donation from the Guild's funds of £2 2s. Various suggestions were put forward to bring this appeal before individual members, and a collection made at the meeting amounted to £3 9s. The following new members were elected: As a full ringing member, Mr. Fred Aldnall (Handsworth); as a life member, Mr. John H. Swinfield (Burton-on-Trent). The next meeting being the annual, it was decided to hold this at headquarters on the first Saturday in January.

Under the item, 'Any other business,' the chairman caused some little amusement regarding the age of Mr. James George. He said Mr. George was troubled because doubt had been expressed in certain quarters as to his correct age, and so in order to settle the matter once and for all he had brought his birth certificate for his inspection, and he could assure them that it proved conclusively that on November 27th next Mr. George would be 81 years of age. A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the Church Hall and for his address at the service, and to those who arranged and served tea was carried unanimously.

**NORTH NOTTS RINGERS COMPETITION.****SHIREOAKS RETAIN CRAWFORD CUP.**

Shireoaks churchringers retained the Crawford challenge cup at the annual competition of the North Notts Association held at Gamston Church, Retford, on September 29th. Each team was requested to ring 360 changes. There were five entries—Ordsall (two bands), East Markham, Shireoaks and Sutton-on-Trent. The judges were Mr. J. Flint, Bolsover, and Mr. J. Brothwell, Treeton, and their adjudications were: Winner of cup, Shireoaks (conductor, Mr. Hargreaves), 119 faults; 2 Ordsall 'A' team (conductor, Mr. R. Stokdale), 167 faults; 3 Sutton-on-Trent (conductor, Mr. L. Pierrepoint), 196 faults; 4 East Markham (conductor, Mr. W. Freeman), 375 faults; 5 Ordsall 'B' (conductor, Mr. O. Street), rung out.

After the contest the competitors and friends had tea in the school-room.

The Rector (Rev. C. W. Whitacre) extended a hearty welcome to the large gathering of ringers and friends. He remarked that the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson was not only popular in his own parish, but also among the ringing fraternity.

Mrs. Rowsell, who was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Crawford, in handing the cup to Mr. H. Hall, congratulated Shireoaks on winning the cup for the second year in succession, and remarked that it was a joy to come and listen to the bells. Mrs. Rowsell observed that there was a movement on foot to restore the church bells at Laneham, and she hoped that in course of time something would be done to start the bells ringing again at Rampton.

Mr. Flint said that only two teams did credit to themselves, but both erred in the same way. The little bells struck too close to the large bells. This was noticeable in Shireoaks, but notably in Ordsall 'A' team. The ringing was fairly good.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson said that this was the seventh annual competition, and the judges had performed their duties to everybody's satisfaction. The challenge cup was a fine memorial to Charles Crawford, who was a distinguished ringer in North Notts. The success of the competition each year depended on the spirit in which it was taken up by the ringers, and it tended to improve the standard of ringing in church towers. He proposed a vote of thanks to the judges.

Mr. H. Stenton seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

The Rev. W. A. Loughborough, Vicar of Tuxford, was elected a vice-president of the association. The following from Tuxford tower were made members: Messrs. S. Brett, H. Smith, Harold Smith, W. Turner, W. O. Francis, and H. Gregory; and the following as beginners: Miss J. Sargent, Miss D. Brown, Mr. H. Turner and Mr. J. Martin.

Mr. Brett, who lives at 47, Ollerton Road, Tuxford, remarked that practice night was on Thursday, and he asked for the assistance of members in training beginners.

The next meeting of the association was fixed for Saturday, November 24th.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and allowing the association the use of the bells, to the local ringers for the arrangements, and to the ladies for preparing tea was passed.

**A LONDON CHURCH TRANSPORTED.****CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH AND BELLS OF ST. ANDREW'S, KINGSBURY.**

Thirty or forty years ago one of the most prominent of the West End churches was St. Andrew's, Wells Street, near Oxford Street. It had large and fashionable congregations, and it was specially noted for the excellence of its music. Then circumstances altered, the congregations dwindled and the usefulness of the church passed away. Meanwhile the fields and meadows of Middlesex were being covered by vast new towns, containing hundreds of thousands of inhabitants for whom church accommodation had to be found. The Bishop's policy was to pull down the redundant churches in the centre of the town and sell the sites, so as to find some of the money for building new churches in the suburbs, and St. Andrew's was one of those marked for destruction. There was much opposition, for it had many associations, and was a fine building, and the matter had to be taken into the Law Courts before it could be settled. A promise was given that the church should not be destroyed, but removed stone by stone, and re-erected at Kingsbury. Those who remembered it as it used to be, and last Saturday saw it in its new surroundings, were immensely struck with the contrast. It has a beauty and dignity that were quite unsuspected before. The Bishop consecrated the church in the presence of a packed congregation.

For ringers the main interest lay in the bells, for they are in some ways unique. They were cast (an octave with a tenor rather less than a ton) by C. T. Lewis, a member of a famous firm of organ builders. Lewis had very definite ideas about the qualities and tones of bells, and he had the courage of his opinions. His ideas were not those of modern founders, but he spoke on musical matters with authority. Among other things, he held that a bell should never be tuned, it should come out of the mould as it was finally intended to be; and the octave hum note, which all founders now aim at, he held to be not a virtue but a defect. To produce this ring he cast between twenty and thirty bells, breaking up those that did not come up to his very critical standard. As a business proposition, of course, that sort of thing did not pay, but the result is a set of bells all perfectly alike in quality, and to those people who do not care twopenne how bells are tuned provided they sound right, they are an exceedingly fine and satisfying peal.

When it was first suggested to pull the church down, and before it was announced that it would be rebuilt exactly as before, ringers were rather anxious as to what was going to happen to the bells. First the Middlesex Association and then the Central Council approached the Bishop, pleading that they should neither be broken up nor dispersed, nor hung in a tower where they could not be properly rung. It is satisfactory to know that these fears are at an end.

Immediately after the service the bells were rung to 504 Stedman Triples by a picked band of the Middlesex Association, consisting of G. Kilby 1, A. W. Coles (conductor) 2, G. R. Pye 3, F. Barrett 4, C. T. Coles 5, E. C. S. Turner 6, H. Kilby 7, F. Goodfellow 8. There was a large gathering of ringers afterwards, including Mr. Albert Hughes (whose firm carried out the rehanging) and Mr. E. A. Young, the Master of the College Youths. The ringing throughout was excellent, much better than the writer remembers to have heard at any similar open meeting. It would be well if ringers always tried on similar occasions to have good striking first and leave complex methods for other times.

A new band has been formed under the leadership of Mr. Frank Barrett, and we wish them every success. J. A. T.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AT NORTON.****DEVON PRESIDENT CORDIALLY WELCOMED.**

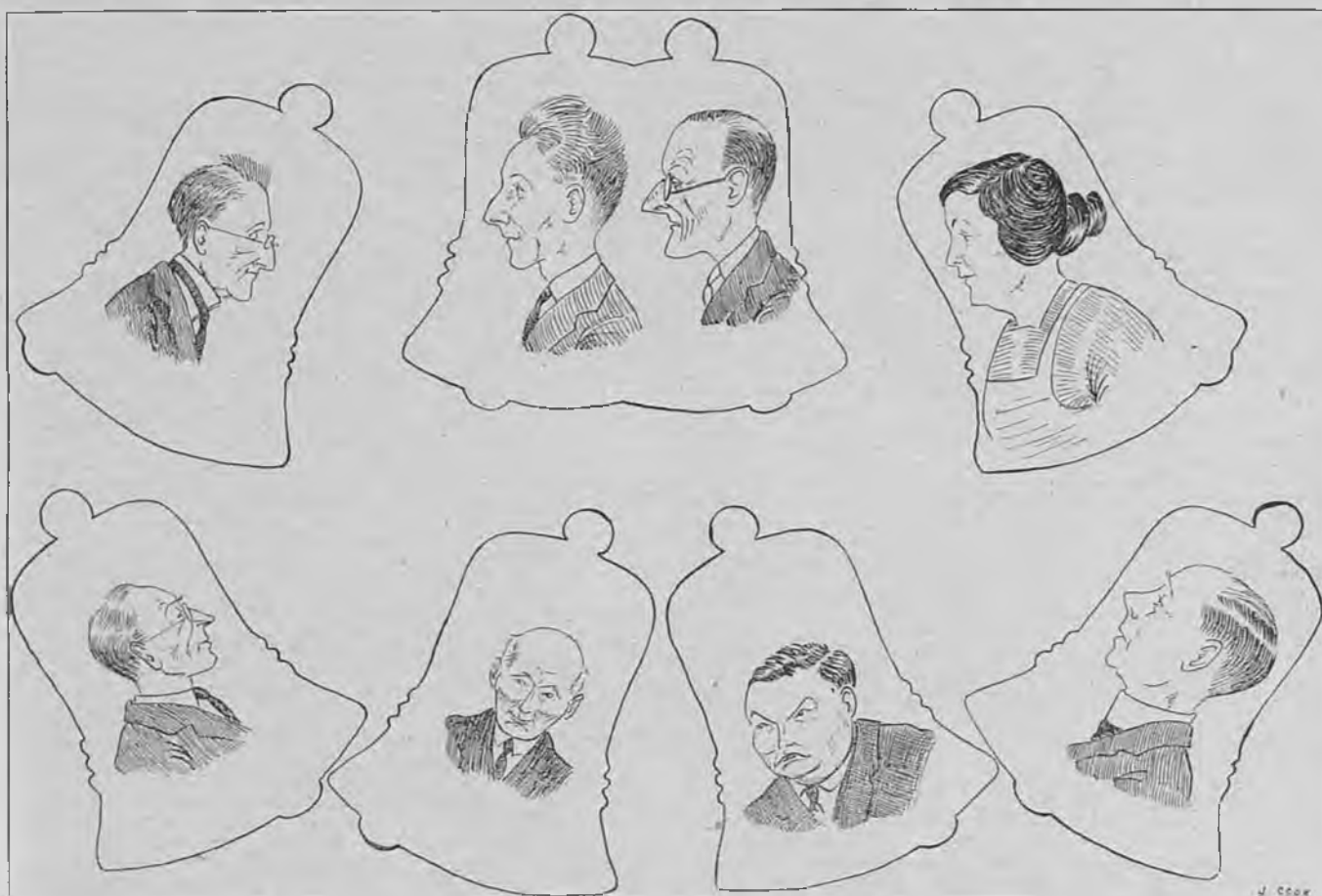
Over 50 members and friends of the Sheffield and District Society held their monthly meeting at the beautiful old Church at Norton on October 6th. Several good touches in various methods were brought round on the grand peal of eight bells. The visitors were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (Rev. J. S. Pegge).

The Rector presided at the business meeting, when one new member was elected. Mr. C. Haynes (president), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for his generosity and the use of the bells, also extended to the visitors a very hearty welcome. Mr. S. F. Palmer seconded the vote of thanks, adding that one of the visitors, Rev. E. V. Cox, was president of the Devon Guild. He extended to him a hearty welcome to the North, as he had not forgotten the welcome he received at Plymouth when attending the Central Council meeting.

The Rector, replying to the vote of thanks, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to entertain the ringers at Norton. He paid a splendid tribute to the leader of his ringers (Mr. Wm. Biggin), and mentioned the encouragement he gave to those wishing to learn the art of campanology. Rev. E. V. Cox thanked the assembly for the whole-hearted welcome he had received.

Further ringing took place until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

## RINGING CELEBRITIES AT HILLINGDON.



A clever caricature of some of the ringing celebrities at Hillingdon. The ringers, from left to right, are: Top row: Mr. Alexander Young (Master of College Youths), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex and South Bucks Branch), Mrs. Goodfellow (the hostess). Second row: Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the Middlesex Association), Mr. T. J. Fowler (Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch), Mr. C. A. Nicholls and the Vicar of Hillingdon.

## BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE AT HILLINGDON.

The joint meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Hillingdon on Oct. 6th was, as usual, an enjoyable occasion. A large number of ringers did full justice to the easy-going ring of ten bells and also appreciated a new kind of address for ringers from the Rev. G. C. Battiscombe, of Denham, who, although considerably over 70, came to their aid in the search for a preacher. Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow and helpers again served a tasty tea. The Vicar, who had been in residence less than a week, managed to look in for a few moments to add his welcome. After another visit to the tower, the ringing eventually concluded with a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, with several 'firsts' in it.

The social started off with a vote of thanks to everyone concerned with the arrangements, and it was afterwards discovered that the artistes really deserved it. Community singing, led by Mr. J. Herbert, was followed by a fox trot to warm the cold ones, and then in quick succession a monologue by Mr. S. L. Posnett, songs by Miss K. M. Bradford, Mrs. Humphrey, Messrs. T. J. Fowler and J. Herbert, a duet by Messrs. W. H. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, a violin selection by Mr. A. G. Bray (Miss G. Craven at the piano), a piano-forte duet by the Misses K. and J. Bradford, handbell ringing by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fletcher, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner and J. Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Barker, with an interval for refreshments and dancing. The wireless experts were much in evidence for the dancing. Towards the end, a game of musical arms turned into a competition, but, fortunately for the last one in, it was

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## CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the current issue of 'The Ringing World' a peal appears as the composition of the Rev. E. Bankes James. This is the second occasion it has appeared in the peal columns. It has been stated in your paper that only three different 720's have ever been composed.

If I understand aright, the Rev. James arranged (not a 720) 4,321 rows of figures. Then to complete 5,040 changes and one row you have to ring any ordinary 720. In years that are gone no composer's name has been given to any Minor peal, no matter how clever the job. The 35 methods rung at Norbury in 1923 is an example. I have no desire to take away credit due to the Rev. James. One fact remains, his figures will not produce a peal. Therefore he is not the composer of the peal in question.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

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not leap year. The evening closed with an enthusiastic rendering of 'Auld Lang Syne' by all present.

It may be mentioned that besides the two societies concerned the following were represented: Ancient Society of College Youths (Master), Ladies' Guild (general secretary), London County Association (North and South District secretaries), Central Council (secretary and five members). A rival of Tom Webster was also present for a short while, and his artistic skill is reproduced in this issue.

## JOINT MEETING AT THETFORD.

In spite of the mistake in publishing the date of the meeting and the bad 'go' of the bells at Thetford, 20 members were present at the joint meeting of the Norfolk and Suffolk Guilds at St. Peter's Church on October 6th. Representatives were present from the following towers: Sawston and Fulbourne (Cambs), Newmarket (Suffolk), Garboldisham, Wymondham, Saxlingham, Starston, Pulham, Redenhall, Shelfanger, Diss and Norwich (Norfolk). A variety of methods were rung, though the bad 'go' played havoc at times with the striking.

At the business meeting following tea, the South Norfolk Branch decided to hold its annual meeting at Saxlingham on January 19th. Speaking on behalf of his own district, Mr. R. C. Sharpe, of Newmarket, said he hoped a further joint meeting could be arranged with the Norwich Association at Elveden some time next year. Votes of thanks to the Rev. Webb and Mr. W. Goodman, who had made all the local arrangements, concluded the meeting.

## EAST BERGHOLT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the notes in Belfry Gossip on the above bells, they are quite accurate. I can, however, give you some further information. They are rung from the frame, and a piece is fixed on the stocks for a handgrip which, as the bell turns over, is grasped in alternate hands and then pulled back for the next stroke. The bells are five in number, and the tenor is approximately 28 cwt. Day and Son, of Eye, hung a new treble of 12 cwt. some years ago, which I believe was cast by Warner and Sons, London. The bells are rung in set changes twice every Sunday, and the practice night is usually on Thursday. There is also a small board fixed on one side of the cage in which the bells hang recording 120 of Doubles as having been rung in the early 19th century. The cage is surmounted by a thatched roof and stands in a corner of the churchyard by itself. I have no dates or names of founders, but am under the impression the back bells are by Miles Graye—some, at least, if not all.

W. KEEBLE.

## YOUTHFUL BAND'S FURTHER PROGRESS.

The youthful band of St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks, continue to make progress. On Sunday last, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples was rung by the following: \*Ronald Taylor (age 12) 1, \*John E. Taylor (age 13) 2, Gordon Limmer 3, \*William Oyster (age 14) 4, \*James Taylor (age 14) 5, †Beverley T. Harrison 6, George Limmer (conductor) 7, Geo. Gilbert 8. \* First quarter other than Doubles. † First quarter 'inside.' First attempt to call a quarter by the conductor. This is the first quarter-peal of Triples ever rung in Burnham by a local band. The striking throughout was good in spite of the fact that the bells are practically all odd-struck.

It will interest many of our readers to know that this band commenced change ringing by Plain Hunt on four bells, thence to Plain Bob on four, five, six and seven, and are now making good progress in Bob Major. Great credit is due to all for the way they have worked practically unaided, and for their service ringing. This band possess other members aged 12, 14, 15 and 16 years.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of Holy Trinity, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. E. Audsley 1, J. E. Bailey 2, J. H. Cheesman 3, E. Brown 4, J. Wheaton 5, H. Simmons 6, G. H. Cross 7, H. Hoverd 8.

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## THE CORNISH TOUR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Although much of what I meant to say has already been said by the writer of the report and by my old friend Mr. Hiscott, I feel that I cannot let an opportunity pass without at least saying, 'Thank you,' to Mr. Pye and his band of ringers, and apologising too, for I have a somewhat guilty feeling that we rather imposed on their kindness. Some while ago there was an embittered correspondence on the subject of touring ringers. I think I can see both points of view. But a ringing tour, like every other kind of tour, is probably undertaken mainly for pleasure and, in the case of expert ringers, to demonstrate perfect ringing, which, after all, most of us never hear. A certain standard is expected by listeners, and this standard is entirely marred by one poor ringer. Further it is a good deal to ask of men, coming to a strange and interesting country, to spend their spare time ringing Grandsire Doubles with a lot of us hobbledehoyes! One could enlarge on this over several pages, but I expect I have said enough to show how very deeply we in Cornwall appreciate the kindness of these visiting ringers in giving up their spare time to helping us through peals and touches in the elementary methods, and, further, for the great honour of being enabled to ring with men whose names are honoured throughout the ringing world.

As regards Cornwall itself, 90 per cent. of the Guild's members and all association members are round ringers. Now, where an active band exists, rise, rounds and fall and, in many cases, call changes are rung absolutely perfectly. A bell the least bit ragged is a horror. One can fully understand, therefore, the antagonism towards poor change ringing that is rife in the district. I myself have never until now heard even merely good 'even bell' ringing, much less perfect ringing. Very few indeed of us have ever heard really good change ringing at all, even with the tenor behind; and I am quite certain that much harm has been done in the past by:—

(i.) Pressing change ringing on men who have never heard a well-struck touch.

(ii.) Ridiculing round ringing.

(iii.) Attempting peals in round ringing districts in methods unlikely to be well struck.

Those of us who have been privileged to hear the recent peals have for the first time understood what first-class ringing is, and we have now something to which we can point and say, 'That is our ideal, but remember that we are only beginners.' In West Cornwall we have one or two change-ringing towers, and we are used to hearing 'a noise,' but in East Cornwall they are not, and I would therefore ask visiting ringers to remember the last paragraph of Mr. Hiscott's letter, and unless they can really strike even-bell methods perfectly, as in the case of the recent tour, to stick to 'tenor behind.'

The old prize ringing in Cornwall is dying hard, but it is definitely dying, and the Guild is closing in round its borders. But it requires a lot of tact and a good deal of give and take. One must have something to replace it, and there is a definite future for change ringing, but it will be very slow. To force it is fatal, and, as Master of the Guild, my advice has been, and is, 'As long as your round ringers will stick to the tower, carry on; if they have or definitely ask for something new, through boredom with rounds, then help them all you can, and even then gently.' The plain hunting course can be learnt and rung well by any call change band in one evening, and if they enthuse at all over that then one can go on.

By the way it must seem somewhat absurd to up-country ringers to find a 'Master' who cannot ring the simplest methods, but please remember that one is Master here of only four change ringing and some 60 round ringing towers, and, further, for this same reason, one's opportunities of learning are practically nil.

My advice above is open to criticism, of course, but I believe that I am right. After all the chief object of bells is to be rung, and there seems to be no point in breaking up a band by trying to force something on them they don't want.

Steady advance from the few centres and the encouragement of hearing as often as possible really good touring bands is our hope, and, therefore, once again to our late visitors, 'Thank you, and come again.'

C. F. JERRAM,

Master, T.D.G.R.

P.S.—Several names have been missing from their usual weekly peals. Is it crame, pilchers or saffron cake that's responsible?

## THE SHROPSHIRE SOCIETY.

Despite a wet day, 28 ringers, including a representative from Crewe and one from Stoke, attended the meeting of the Shropshire Society at Market Drayton on October 6th. Some excellent striking of this very pleasant peal was heard. Learners were also given instruction on Grandsire Triples, etc. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Major and Cambridge Minor. An attempt for a course of Double Norwich just failed to come round.

At the tea table Mr. Clark welcomed the company on behalf of the local band, who had provided tea. Mr. W. Saunders expressed the thanks of the ringers for this very kind gesture. Mr. E. Barnett presided over the business meeting, following which there was a return to the well-kept belfry, which was occupied until a late hour.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on Oct. 30th (nomination night), Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On and after Friday, Oct. 19th, practice night will be on Friday, instead of Thursday, the usual evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Visitors cordially invited.—M. Dunn, Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service in St. Mary's at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Ringing at St. Peter's after tea if possible.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Giltstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at S. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30. Both members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at Yorktown. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rumney, near Cardiff, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, who will also give the address. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. No arrangement for tea. Subscriptions for 1934 are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Shelford on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at the Prince Regent, price 1s. each. Stapleford bells (6) may be rung during the evening.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.**—Dedication of Memorial to John William Taylor, senior. Service on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 3.30 p.m.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Curdrige Reading Room 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 20th, instead of Oct. 27th. Business important. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20th, at the Parish Church, Llanelly. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea is provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Oct. 20th at Brixham. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at 6.30 p.m., the two new trebles added to the ring of six by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of St. Albans. All ringers welcome. Splendid peal of 8. Tenor 23 cwt.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**—On Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m., the Bishop of St. Albans will rededicate the ring of six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. All and any friends will be heartily welcomed. A Ringers' Day will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells will be ready afternoon and evening. Service. Tea and meeting. We shall look for a large number. Buses from Ware and Hertford outward 1.50, 2.50, 3.45, 4.50. Ware five minutes later. Townwards 6.58, 7.50, 9.50. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coln St. Aldwyn on Thursday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) open 3.30. Service 6 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise for tea. Members, please note subscriptions are now due.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Street, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4, followed by tea and business.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral bells available after 6 p.m. St. Alphege and St. Stephen's at 3 p.m. It is essential that those intending to be present and requiring tea notify Mr. F. Wilson, The Beverlie Inn, St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on or before Thursday, Oct. 25th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Dinner and Social, Oct. 27th. — Tickets now available, 4s. each, apply W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, or D. Brown, 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16. Early application essential to facilitate arrangements. Ringing during the afternoon as follows:—St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (train, bus and tram services from Manchester); Manchester Cathedral (10), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.; Manchester Town Hall (10), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Lloyd Street entrance); Sacred Trinity Church, Salford (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. John's, Miles Platting (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m. Conducted tour of Town Hall (Lloyd Street entrance) at 3 p.m. Conducted walks arranged at Town Hall if required, with a visit to the Chief Fire Station. Dinner at Victoria Hotel, opposite Cathedral and Exchange Railway Station, 6 p.m. prompt. Good and full social programme, with talented artistes. Extension till 11 p.m. Full day guaranteed. Book your seats early, and not later than Wednesday, 23rd, and come and see what happens when Manchester entertains.

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**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells (8) of St. Gregory's will be available from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. Ringing at St. Peter's (8 bells) 4.30 to 5.30 and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5.30 at the Black Boy Hotel, Market Hill.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—A district meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Potte's Café, High Street, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to T. E. Warr, 36, Ravendale Street, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. All welcome.—H. J. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southampton District.—A meeting will be held at Netley on Oct. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers by 24th please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) 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 24th inst. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Enfield, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me by Oct. 24th. Edmonston bells from 6.30 to 8 p.m. All ringing friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—An extra meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Oct. 27th. for practice in plain methods. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., price 1s. No rail allowance to this meeting, and names by previous Wednesday, please. — S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cucklington on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Haddenham (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at 3.15 p.m. An invitation is extended to all members of the Guild. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Oct. 22nd. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who require it. — Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells of St. Cuthbert (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Ringers meet at St. Cuthbert's Church.—R. Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., at the City Café, which will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, 23rd. Business meeting afterwards, at which the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Offley, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion, 5 p.m. A peal of handbells also available. A 'jubilee' meeting, please. — Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

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**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Bugbrooke on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Usual arrangements. A good attendance wanted. Names for tea to me by Oct. 23rd, please.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec. 16, Peters St., Northampton.

**BRIXTON, DEVON.**—Bells restored and new treble added to complete ring of 6 (tenor 13 cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Bishop of Exeter on Monday, Oct. 29th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**KINGSBRIDGE, S. DEVON.**—The ring of 8 bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Totnes on Thursday, Nov. 1st, at 3 p.m.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Branston (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragley Road, Lincoln.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at Wendon. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wasey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Jubilee gathering at St. Albans, Saturday, November 3rd. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Dinner at the Conservative Hall, St. Peter's Street, 6.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets must be purchased not later than October 24th. The slogan must be 'No ticket, no dinner.' Tickets obtainable from all the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**CORSCOMBE, DORSET.**—The Lord Bishop of Salisbury will rededicate the bells on Friday, Nov. 9th, at 5 p.m. The ring of 6 bells have been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shapwick on Saturday, October 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Local Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. J. Carter, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

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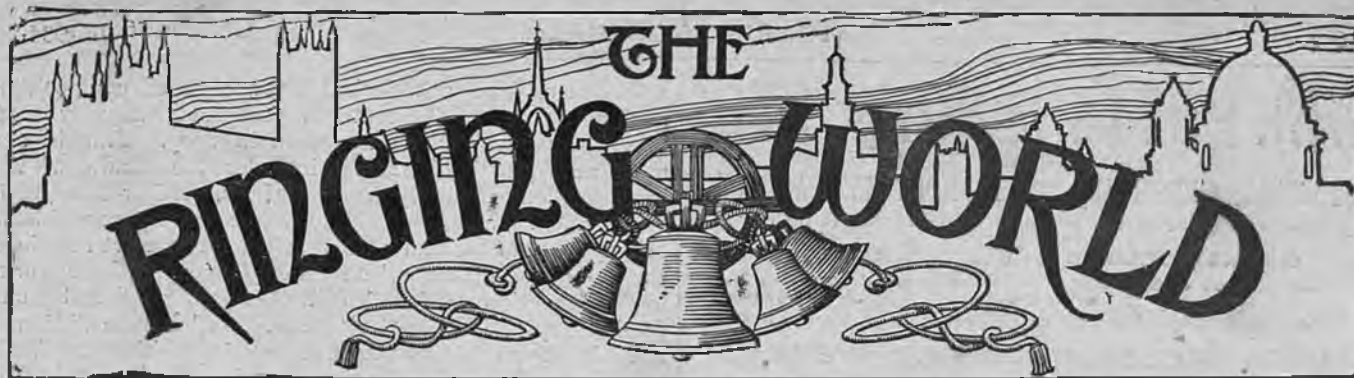
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and Davies had a technical knowledge of composition such as neither of the brothers possessed. Equally good was 'Stedman,' which appeared in 1903. This is our most advanced book, for it includes the results of the investigations made by Earle Bulwer, Arthur Heywood, and Mr. W. H. Thompson into the very complex problems arising out of Stedman's Composition. There yet remained the 'Surprise Methods,' on which Jasper had been working at the time of his death. William published some preliminary articles in the 'Bell News,' but he died and the war came, and it was not until 1926 that the book appeared. Inevitably Davies was chosen to write it, but he had very little sympathy with his subject and the book did not reach the high standard of the earlier works. It is not fair to judge a man by his worst work, and as an authority on Triples composition Davies' position is secure.

Half a century has passed since Jasper Snowdon died, years which have seen greater advance than any other period in the history of the Exercise, and it is remarkable how very little his writings have become out of date. In ringing matters things change slowly, but they do change. These are not exactly the books that he would have written had he been alive to-day. Even his historical writing which might have seemed to be final needs some revision; where he deals with elementary matters he can hardly be bettered; but the more advanced chapters such as that on the In and Out of Course of the Changes could well be simplified. And that applies equally to the writings of all the other men included in this series. Is it too much to hope that some day another Jasper Snowdon will arise who with equal genius and success will rewrite these books from the present day standpoint and in the light of the greatly increased knowledge of recent years?

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM C. RHODES ... .. Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 6
FRANK G. BURLIGH ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. COOPER ... .. 7
FREDERICK HANDLEY ... .. 3	HENRY GOODMAN ... .. 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 4	HARRY HUBBLE ... .. 9
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 5	GILBERT T. GUEST ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard, hon. secretary of the above Guild.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 3
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.  
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Stuart Fox, who was inducted to this living on the previous day.

BOLTON, LANCES.—On October 7th, at All Souls' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Pike 1, J. E. Markland 2, J. Helme 3, C. Pike 4, C. Brownlow 5, H. Johnson 6, J. Kay (conductor) 7, R. Holden 8.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

* EDWARD HOLT ... .. Treble	VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... .. 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 2	H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 6
ERNEST G. FLETCHER ... .. 3	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 7
JOHN E. EATON ... .. 4	KENNETH J. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. BEALE ... .. Treble	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... .. 5
PERCIVAL ALDHAM ... .. 2	ARTHUR ROWLEY ... .. 6
D. HAROLD ARGYLE ... .. 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7
ERNEST STONE ... .. 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This composition in 18 parts is now rung for the first time.

LEWISHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**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	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
WALTER TYLER ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
JOHN FOSKETT ... .. 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment (October 9th) to the conductor.

WALMER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES ARTHUR ... .. Treble	† EDWARD J. WALKER ... .. 5
* WILLIAM A. TERRY ... .. 2	* FREDERICK A. RYE ... .. 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... .. 3	CHARLES TURNER ... .. 7
HORACE WHITEHEAD ... .. 4	E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 18, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SILCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

Composed by Rev. E. BANKS JAMES. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal to be rung in method, making 26th Surprise method rung in this tower by the local band.

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SALISBURY, WILTS

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH, Hon. Sec., North Dorset Branch ... .. Treble	
WILLIAM C. SHUTE, Ringing Master, North Dorset Branch ... .. 2	
CHARLES H. JENNINGS, Hon. Sec., Dorchester ... .. 3	
WILLIAM C. WEST, Hon. Sec., Devizes ... .. 4	
FRANK W. ROMAINE, Hon. Sec., Salisbury ... .. 5	
SIDNEY HILLIER, Ringing Master, Devizes ... .. 6	
FRANK GREEN, Hon. Assistant Guild Sec. ... .. 7	
* ARTHUR TAYLOR, Hon. Sec., Marlborough Branch ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by W. C. WEST.

\* First peal. A compliment to the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards on completing 21 years as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPELL ... .. Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. CROSS ... .. 7
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the consecration of the present church.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. Treble	† ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 5
* GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 6
E. FREDERICK GOBEY ... .. 3	† EDWARD FOSTER ... .. 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.  
\* First peal in method. † First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. Rung as a third wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner. Also for the 15th birthday of Miss Betty Clayson, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rogers, Northampton.

COLEMANS HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

* GEORGE WIGGINS ... .. Treble	* ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 5
† ALFRED L. RYMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
* HERBERT D. WHYTE ... .. 3	ALEC RICHARDSON ... .. 7
RICHARD D. DIVALL ... .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.  
\* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal away from treble. First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Wiggins.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH MARKS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
HORACE BELCHER ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

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

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, on the anniversary of their wedding and also as a compliment to Mr. S. E. Ricketts, of Yeovil, on the occasion of his wedding.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*ARTHUR E. WHITING ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
†JOHN P. FIDLER... .. 2	LIONEL CLOUGH ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
HARRY LANGLEY ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major. Rung with bells fully muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mr. James Fernley, who was laid to rest prior to the commencement of the peal.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 5
*REGINALD GRAINGER ... 2	†CHARLES W. BORTON ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3	PERCY GREEN ... 7
AMBROSE MASON ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY THELWELL ... .. Treble	HARRY JARMAN ... 5
RICHARD T. EVANS ... .. 2	†JOHN BROUGH ... 6
HAROLD HUGHES ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
†ARTHUR JERVIS ... .. 4	†FRANK OLLIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 5
JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 6
LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 7
E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Cambridge rung in Blackburn.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Contains 6th extent wrong, and 4th, 5th and 6th extent in 6th's in fourteen courses.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN ... Treble	GEORGE GRAY ... 5
GEORGE MAXIM ... .. 2	STANLEY A. CARTER ... 6
*CYRIL A. HOUSE ... .. 3	JOSEPH LADLEY ... 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 2	ALBERT NASH ... 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 3	HAROLD KENT ... 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal in the method by all the band, also on the bells and by the association. Rung as a compliment to the Rector of Handsworth on his appointment as Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

H. MARKWELL ... .. Treble	F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 5
F. WHITE ... .. 2	R. E. LAMBERT ... 6
R. T. LAMBERT ... .. 3	S. H. GREEN ... 7
H. HARRINGTON ... .. 4	*A. R. MILES ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
JAMES ROSE ... .. 2	KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3	*GEORGE MORE ... 7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 4	HARRY D. LISTER ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

\* First peal in the method.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JAMES WILTSHIRE ... .. Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... 5
ERNEST TRUMAN ... .. 2	HERBERT MARSH ... 6
THOMAS DAVISON ... .. 3	RAYMOND PEARCE ... 7
CHARLIE LOVELOCK ... .. 4	FRED LAMBETH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by local ringers. Bicentenary of these bells, cast by Rudhall.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's.

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

DAVID MACKAY ... .. Treble	HARRY J. SANGER ... 4
FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,  
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of extents with 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*CHARLES H. MOORE... ..Treble	*RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 4
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 5
*HENRY TOOKE ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge Minor by W. J. Clover, who has now completed the quartette in the method. First peal of Minor on the bells, and the heaviest bells yet rung to a peal of Minor in the county.

## STAGSDEN, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

PERCY C. BONNETT ... ..Treble	HARRY TYSON ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3	REGINALD WEST ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

## HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, London, Wells, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES STANWAY ... ..Treble	THOMAS HURD ... .. 4
HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 2	CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. A. R. Smith to the Vicariate of Horton, the band wishing him a fruitful ministry.

## FULMER, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
*MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... 2	REV. C. ELLIOTT-WIGG ... 5
WILFRID EDWARDS ... .. 3	HARRY C. WINGROVE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WINGROVE.

\* First seven method peal. A peal of welcome to the new Rector, Rev. J. T. Evitt.

## SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD BARKER ... ..Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 4
ALFRED BACON ... .. 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung with clappers muffled as a token of respect to Edith Blanche Price, wife of the late Rev. H. C. Price, and mother of the conductor, who was interred in this churchyard earlier in the day. A. Bacon's 150th peal.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On September 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1,280 changes): W. Norris 1, A. Dix 2, W. Paul 3, H. Long 4, R. Bell 5, S. Hoare 6, F. Crook 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

## KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COTBERT,  
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR STEDMAN ... ..Treble	W. H. CAMPBELL, SEN. ... 4
W. LANGHORN ... .. 2	*W. N. CAMPBELL, JDN. ... 5
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ... .. 3	JAMES E. BURLS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to ringer of No. 5, who is leaving to join H.M. Navy.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Single Court Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK T. CROWE ...Treble	ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... .. 4
†JOHN W. ROSE ... .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 5
ROBERT H. HURST ... .. 3	HERBERT LOWMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LOWMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of esteem for the late Canon J. W. Townroe, for over 50 years Vicar of the above church, who was interred on October 8th, and Mr. W. A. Bettles, who was a ringer for 20 years, interred on October 17th.

## WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. K. MACKINDER ... ..Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 3
GEORGE JONES ... .. 2	HUGH MACKINDER ... .. 4
J. PAGE-WOOD ... .. 3	... ..Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

First peal for all except conductor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

## BIGBY, LINC.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*RONALD BOWNESS ... ..Treble	*LESLIE D. J. WHITEHEAD ... 4
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 2	FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 5
WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... .. 3	GEORGE L. HALL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch.

## HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, 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, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD MADND ... ..Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

RHUDDLAN, NORTH WALES.—On October 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 10 callings: J. H. Fuller (conductor) 1, J. Griffiths 2, P. Evans 3, J. Wilson 4, J. Wilson 5, F. Bailey 6. First quarter for ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th. To make ringing possible the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4 spent the afternoon cleaning and oiling the bells. Believed to be the first quarter of Doubles on the bells. The above ringers hail from Rhyll.

NORWOOD, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 20 lb.

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	THOMAS COLLINS... .. 4
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 5
* J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal on six bells.

MORETON CORBETT, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four 720's in the Kent, and three 720's in the Oxford Variation, rung alternately, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT G. CLAY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... .. 4
G. LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 2	REGINALD R. POLE ... .. 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal of seven extents of Treble Bob Minor by all the hand and for the association. First peal as conductor.

OLD BOLINGBROKE, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

HARRY JOHNSON ... .. Treble	CYRIL R. BORRELL ... .. 4
HARVEY E. BORRELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 5
HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being extents of Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE L. A. LUNN ... .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN... .. 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 2	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... .. 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

EDWARD C. COOKE ... .. Treble	ALLEN MAURICE LOVELL ... .. 4
VINCENT R. OVENS ... .. 2	GEORGE A. COOKE ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in five methods on the bells and by the ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th.

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**ANOTHER STALWART 'PASSES ON.'**

**DEATH OF MR. JAMES FERNLEY.**

Members of the Manchester District have lost a true ringer in every sense by the death of Mr. James Fernley, of 1, Grove Street, Hazel Grove, Manchester, who died on October 18th, aged 65. The interment was at Norbury Church on October 20th.

A hatter by trade, Mr. Fernley was a respected employe of Messrs. Christy's, and had been in their employ for years. For a month or two he had been 'off colour,' and had been taking things easy, but no one realised the seriousness of his illness until a few days before his death. He never seemed to recover from his wife's death last year. His grief at her loss was very marked. She was a true ringer's wife, ever ready to give encouragement when disappointments had shaken him, ready to praise when he had accomplished his heart's desire, and ever ready to entertain his friends. Many a good time has been spent round their table by visiting ringers.

His ringing career started with the installation of the bells of the Church of St. George, Heavily, the first band having been recruited from the employes of Christy's. Soon he threw in his lot with his brothers at Norbury, where a number of young fellows of a Sunday School class had replaced a band of 'the old school.' In course of time they joined the Chester Guild, where they mastered change ringing. Then Jim Wilde took them in hand; the material was there and the instructor made good use of it. The effects of that tuition are still bearing fruit, thanks to the good use Jim Fernley made of his knowledge. His conducting of the 'thirty-five method peal' at Norbury, the ringing of the 'thirty-eight method peal' at Knutsford by his pupils a year or so ago, convey more than an eloquent passage, and he was ever proud to say 'Norbury's a nursery for ringers.' Let us hope that will continue, for I know he will wish for no finer tribute.

**THE FUNERAL.**

With that simple yet impressive accompaniment of fully muffled bells and handbells, the remains of the late Mr. Fernley were laid to rest in Norbury Churchyard on October 20th. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Humphreys, assisted by the Rev. L. Wood (curate), with Mr. L. J. S. Lowe at the organ. In addition to the family mourners, many ringers, representing about eleven neighbouring towers, were present.

As the cortege proceeded to the graveside, rounds were rung slowly on the muffled tower bells, and at the conclusion of the committal prayers, a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells round the graveside by: A. Barnes 1-2, H. Jackson 3-4, A. Bailey 5-6, P. Lafin 7-8. This was followed by a few touches on the tower bells, and later a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. During the course of his sermon, on Sunday, the Vicar made a simple but touching reference to the deceased ringer. JOHN P. FIDLER.

**THE REV. A. T. BEESTON MEMORIAL.**

The Chester Diocesan Guild has decided to erect a tablet in St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, to the memory of the late Rev. A. T. Beeston. A committee has been formed to carry out the scheme, and it has been decided to issue an appeal for subscriptions to all members of the Guild, and to the ringing fraternity in general.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston was a member of the Central Council from 1911 to 1926 and an hon. member from 1927 to 1929, and during that time did very valuable work for the ringing Exercise, being a member of the Records and Analysis Committees of the Council. For sixteen years he was general secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and remained a treasurer for a further nine years, when in 1932 failing health compelled him to relinquish the office. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Stockport Branch of the Guild from 1907 until 1924, when he resigned his office as secretary, but remained treasurer until 1928, in which year he became chairman of the branch, and this office he still held at the time of his death in June of last year.

All subscriptions and donations will be gratefully acknowledged on behalf of the Guild by the secretary to the Memorial Committee, Mr. Arthur Whiting, 26, Church Street, Marple, Cheshire.

**A NEW BAND FOR WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD**

Nine members of the Curdridge band were elected members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District at Curdridge on October 20th. Members attended from Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Havant, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Soberton and Mr. J. Thomas (Edmonton).

The Guild's service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. A. H. Starey officiated. Tea was served in the Reading Room, and the Vicar presided at the business meeting. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Havant on April 27th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Curdridge for officiating at the service, also to the organist, Mrs. Stone for catering, and the local ringers. The Vicar suitably responded.

After the meeting the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

**LEWISHAM RINGERS' ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual district meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on October 13th. Touches in all the standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening at the service. The Rector (Rev. W. F. Lead-bitter) gave an interesting address. The presence of the choir and organist was much appreciated.

Some forty members were entertained at the Rectory to tea. At the meeting one lady was elected a member, and the election of two members previous to peal attempts was ratified. A report of the year's activities was read by the secretary and adopted. The Rector, who presided, congratulated the association on earning such a list of achievements, qualifying his praise with regret for two blemishes mentioned in the paper, viz., the difficulty in collecting subscriptions and the evidence of incompatibility of temper engendered by that strange mixture of co-operation and competition necessary to keep bodies such as theirs alive. Mr. A. Hill was re-elected district secretary, and Messrs. E. Barnett and W. Smith on the general committee, and Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., ringing member.

Erith was chosen as the place for the next meeting. Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the hon. general secretary, a welcome visitor, reported the successful completion of the Barnett memorial scheme. Thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service, his address and generous hospitality; to the organist and choir for their services; and to the ladies who had made tea such a pleasant meal.

After handbell ringing, the company returned to the tower, where further ringing (in which the Rector took a rope) until 9 p.m. brought the end of a very successful meeting.

**ACTIVITIES OF THE LADIES' GUILD.**

The Central District of the Ladies' Guild held a successful quarterly meeting at Beddington on October 13th. Sixteen members attended in addition to many other ringing friends. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar, and then followed the tea and meeting. In the absence of the vice-president, Mrs. A. D. Barker presided. Two ringing members and one life member were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edmonton, and also to hold a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Wednesday, November 7th. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and also to Mr. and Mrs. Kippin who had made all arrangements.

The ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by ten members of the Guild.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****BANBURY BRANCH'S FINE NEIGHBOURLY SPIRIT.**

Wardington, the most northerly tower in the branch, was the venue selected for the autumn meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on October 20th. It was a pity that the date had been fixed before that of the ceremony at St. Anne's, Caversham, in memory of the late Master of the Guild.

The service was conducted by Rev. F. D. Briscoe, of Wardington, who also preached an inspiring sermon. The congregation had no organist, but all sang lustily, and although the official starter began the wrong hymn once, there was no opposition, and all followed eventually.

A company of 35 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting which followed, a second subscription of £2 2s. was voted to Rousham, whose bells have recently been rehung. Such good progress has been made with the ringing there that it was agreed to encourage them as far as possible. This place was chosen for the next meeting. A collection was made among those present towards the cost of the restoration of King's Sutton bells. This tower is in the Peterborough deanery and not attached to a diocesan guild. £340 is required towards restoring the ring of eight. The neighbourly spirit prevailing among those at the meeting produced £1 5s.

After the usual vote of thanks, this invigorating and inspiring afternoon closed with a further visit to the belfry, where one or two had their first touch of Minor, and other beginners were piloted through Grandsire.

L. J. M.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****PENDING RETIREMENT OF HON. SECRETARY.**

Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, sprang a surprise at the quarterly meeting at Rumney, on October 20th, when he announced that at the annual meeting on Boxing Day he would not be available for re-election. He considered that after 31 years' service the time had arrived for the appointment of a younger man.

The meeting was exceedingly well attended, the bells a delightful ring of six by Taylor, being made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. M. Davies), assisted by the Vicar and curate of Machen, both of whom are ringers. After a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the Church authorities, the business meeting was held. The Vicar presided and welcomed the members to Rumney. Among the various items dealt with were restorations and augmentations, instructors' reports and new members. Votes of thanks to all who contributed to such an enjoyable meeting concluded the business.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ronald Bowness, who rang his first peal in three methods at Bigby, Lincs, on Saturday, is 14 years of age.

Mr. H. Hovard registered his 200th peal on October 13th at Northfleet. The peal was recorded in our last issue.

Whatever the state of ringing in other parts of the country enthusiasm runs high in North Kent as is shown by the fact that there were 25 at the practice at Dartford on October 18th.

Mr. G. A. Blaxcell cycled 35 miles each way to take part in a peal of Norwich Court Bob Major at Wymondham, Norfolk, on October 20th. The Exercise is proud of its cyclists.

With a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Henley, Suffolk, on October 20th, Mr. W. G. Rumsey completed the circle in the tower.

Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, of Kingston Magna Rectory, Dorset, has completed 21 years as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The congratulatory peal of Grandsire Triples at Salisbury on Saturday was rung by officials of the Guild.

In another column we record the death and passing of Mr. James Fernley, whose pioneer ringing and work at Norbury for over 40 years has been of great value to the Chester Diocesan Guild. Mr. Fernley rang in all 123 peals, the last being on April 28th, on the occasion of the wedding of his youngest son, James.

Readers who desire more information about East Bergholt bells will find an interesting article in the September issue of the 'Diocesan Magazine' for the county of Suffolk, and also on page 578 of Mr. Ernest Morris' work, 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' Mr. Morris gives illustrations and also details of the 120 changes rung on the bells referred to by Mr. Keeble.

Mr. W. Latter has relinquished the hon. secretaryship of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association after 40 years' devoted service. His service is believed to constitute a record in the annals of the Exercise. We regret to learn that Mr. Latter has gone into hospital and will probably have to undergo an operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

More golden wedding happiness. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Monk, of 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon, who celebrated the happy event on Sunday, October 14th. Similar good wishes from the Editor to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warnett, whose anniversary was on October 9th. Mr. Warnett is captain of the St. Mary's, Lewisham band, and he conducted a complimentary peal on October 18th.

## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION AT LEWISHAM.

There are not many ringers who can claim to have called the Original to celebrate their own golden wedding, but such was the case at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on October 18th, when Mr. Harry Warnett, sen., the popular leader of the band, called John Holt's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Warnett, who is well known in ringing, particularly in Kent and South London, was married at St. John's Church, Erith, on October 9th, 1884. He has been a ringer at St. Mary's, Lewisham, for 44 years, and the respected captain and leader of the local band for 38 years. The peal, recorded elsewhere, was specially arranged by the band as a fitting compliment to their leader, who was told that 'he must call the Original,' and right well he did it, in his usual masterly style. It was excellently rung and most ably conducted. Anyone who has called this composition knows full well that it is a fair test of the memory, even to a much younger person. Two of this particular band have done so, one of them on several occasions.

Included in the peal also were Mr. Harry Warnett, jun., his son, who has been a ringer at St. Mary's for 34 years, having joined the band at the age of 12, and Mr. C. H. Walker, a member of the band for 44 years and local secretary for 35 years. Another member of the S.S.D.S. also benefited on this occasion to the extent of one 'date.'

After the peal the band adjourned for a pleasant hour or so 'across the road,' where Mr. Warnett received both hearty and sincere congratulations from one and all, and it was requested that the same be conveyed to Mrs. Warnett, with best wishes for many happy (golden wedding) returns. J. B.

## CENTENARY PEAL AT CHRISTLETON.

A peal board in the tower of Christleton Church, Cheshire; recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1834, regained some of its former interest when a centenary peal was rung in the same tower on October 1st. The Christleton band of 100 years ago were considerably advanced for the times, and the peal was by way of being a local record, as the wording of the board shows.

—CHRISTLETON COLLEGE YOUTHS.

OCTOBER 1st, 1834.

Rung in this tower in 3 hours 38 minutes, a true and complete peal of Treble Bob Major, containing 6,720 changes, being the greatest number in this much-admired system ever rung in this county. The peal was composed by J. Reeves and performed by: Thomas Mayers treble, J. Venables 2, Geo. Mayers 3, Wm. Lunt 4, John Lamb 5, Wm. Mayers 6, Joseph Mayers 7, Samuel Cross tenor. Conducted by T. Mayers. J. Mayers, J. Dodd, Churchwardens; Rev. G. Lloyd, Rector; Rev. E. Evans, Curate.

## THE SNOWDON DINNER.

### SEVEN ASSOCIATIONS JOIN IN A BIG TRIBUTE.

#### AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' GREETINGS.

One of the great occasions in the calendar of the Exercise is the annual Snowdon dinner. This anniversary at Leeds on Saturday was largely attended. Seven associations were among the guests, and greetings and good wishes came from the Australian tourists.

The day's proceedings commenced with an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters on the fine ten in the neighbouring tower of Bradford Cathedral, but this was lost after two hours' good ringing. In Leeds the hum of great bells filled the air, as a large gathering of ringers tried the magnificent new ring of twelve at the Parish Church in a variety of methods. The towers of Headingley and Far Hendingley were also made good use of.

Some 140 guests attended the dinner at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, at which the president of the Yorkshire Association presided. Prominent among the visitors were Canon H. J. Elsec, Canon Solloway, Mr. H. Bacon Smith, Dr. A. C. Tysoe, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, Mr. T. Maude, Mr. J. Austin, Mr. C. F. Johnston, the Rev. R. J. Wood and the Rev. P. Thorman.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Canon H. J. Elsec proposed the toast of the evening, 'The memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.' He said it was a great honour for the president of the Lancashire Association to be invited by the Yorkshire Association to undertake the toast and called to mind again all the great work for ringing that was achieved by Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. He brought the greetings of all Lancashire to that gathering.

#### YORKSHIRE'S WEALTH OF CHURCHES.

Yorkshire, he continued, was fortunate in its wealth of great and fine churches, and the many magnificent rings of bells within its borders. Lancashire had little to commend it in that way, but as a county they were very proud of the 15,000 of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, and for the will that had brought laurels to the Lancashire Association by its past and present composers. Incidentally, Yorkshire had to come to Lancashire for its new Archbishop. Jasper Snowdon began a great revival in change ringing by the publication of his books, and these were largely instrumental in bringing in a better class of man to the science, and in raising the status of ringers in the Church.

The toast was followed by a plain course of Grandsire Cinques, rung by six members of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. H. B. Smith, in proposing the toast of 'The Church and State,' said the bells supplied the link of the Church with the outside world in proclaiming their message from various towers. The bells expressed the feelings of the nation in any great crisis, and the ringers had a high calling in the part they were privileged to play. He urged all to consider the inscription on Great Paul, 'Woe to me, if I preach not the Gospel.' Mr. Smith also paid a tribute to the self-denial of ringers, and mentioned that by the knowledge that they were calling others to devotion to God their lives should be made better and higher.

Canon Solloway, Vicar of Selby, responded, and expressed the hope that the high calling of ringers would have an ennobling influence on their lives.

Mr. C. F. Johnston proposed the toast of 'Continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association,' and paid a warm tribute to the work of the association and its hospitality to visitors.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' pointing out that visitors from seven associations were present, and the Rev. R. J. Wood replied on behalf of the visitors.

During the evening a letter was read from Miss Snowdon, expressing the deep interest that she and her mother (Mrs. William Snowdon) took in the proceedings, and though increasing years prevented Mrs. Snowdon from being with them, their interest would always be with the Yorkshire Association. The president was requested, and agreed, to send the greetings of the assembled guests to Mrs. and Miss Snowdon.

A radio telegraphic message was also received from the Australian touring ringers on the ss. 'Barrabool,' and a reply was also sent to this cheery greeting.

Several visitors stayed overnight and rang in the various towers the following day, thus ending one of the most enjoyable of the Snowdon dinners.

#### DEATH OF MR. C. HILLS.

Sussex ringers have sustained another loss by the passing of Mr. C. Hills, of Angmering, on October 15th, at the age of 76. Since 1881 he had been ringing at Angmering, and he had been a member of the Sussex Association since it was established 50 years ago. Through failing health Mr. Hills was unable to take his place in the belfry last Christmas, thus robbing him of a record of 50 years' ringing without a break.

At the funeral on October 18th wreaths were sent from the Angmering band and another from his brother ringers of the Sussex Association.

## THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN'S MEMORIAL.

### OXFORD GUILD AT QUEEN ANNE'S SCHOOL.

The service in the Chapel of Queen Anne's School, Caversham, on October 20th, will not readily be forgotten by those who were present, numbering upwards of 150 members and friends. The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge officiated. After singing the hymns, 'The King of Love my Shepherd is' and 'The Church's one Foundation,' the Rev. Master said: I am giving you just a short talk, knowing that this is a service of thanksgiving. The Guild memorial tablet in the cloisters at Oxford is a very fitting thing, but this extension, making the chapel, where our late beloved Master worked so devotedly, a thing of beauty, makes us all feel proud to know that our little has been added to the sum needed to defray the cost of the new aisle, which the late chaplain had so hoped to get done in his lifetime.

The hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' followed. The visitors were then shown over the chapel, and all were very pleased with the tablet erected on the south-west wall, inscribed:—

'To the Glory of God and in Memory of Cyril Walford Osborn Jenkyn, Priest and Chaplain of this School, 1910-33. This chapel was enlarged by the staff and scholars of the school (past and present) and friends, and by members of "The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers," of which he was Master for 23 years.'

Tea was laid in the Palmer Hall, Reading, and 100 members sat down. Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the Reading Branch for their hospitality and arrangements. The Chairman of the branch suitably replied, and in the evening the bells of St. Laurence's, Reading, and St. Peter's, Caversham, were kept going in various methods until train and bus time caused a parting of the ways.

### A NEW BEDFORDSHIRE EIGHT.

The Bishop of St. Albans dedicated on Sunday evening two new treble bells at Bromham, Bedfordshire. The old peal of six have been overhauled, and the new peal of eight, the work of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are in first-class ringing order. The two new bells are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. Skinner, of Bromham Hall, and have been added as memorials. No. 1 is inscribed:—

'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.'

Robert Skinner, in Memoriam.

Matris Bessie Skinner,

D.D., 1934.

Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

2nd bell:—

'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.'

Stella Margaret Skinner, in Memoriam.

Matris Harriett Caroline Elizabeth Dillon,

D.D., 1934.

Clamor meus ad te veniat.

Immediately after the prayer of dedication, the bells were rung in rounds by the local band, and after the ceremony, while the congregation was dispersing, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought round as follows: H. L. Harlow 1, C. Mortimer 2, F. Mortimer 3, F. C. Tysoe (conductor) 4, L. Williams 5, S. Foskett 6, A. Everest 7, P. Inskip 8.

Among those present were Miss E. Steel, Mr. F. Wilford (Ringing Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Mr. Shepherd (Swin-don), Mr. Sharman (Cogenhoe), and Mr. C. W. Clarke. Expressions of admiration were heard on all sides respecting the peal, and the 'go' is perfect. A meeting has been arranged for Nov. 3rd, when all are invited to come over and try them. The weight of the tenor is 22 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

### DEVON GUILD AT BRIXHAM.

There was a representative gathering of ringers present for the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild at Brixham. Ringers were present from Exeter, Brampford Speke, Sidmouth, Kenn, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Cockington, Paignton, and Milverton, as well as the local ringers. The bells were well utilised during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung.

A service in church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. J. S. Morris), assisted by the president of the Guild (Rev. E. V. Cox). The Vicar gave an excellent address, basing his remarks on the text, 'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

Tea was served in the schoolroom, followed by the business meeting presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman). Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Brixham for the use of his bells, for conducting the service, and for his address. Thanks were also passed to the organist, and to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Taylor, for carrying out the tea arrangements. Wolborough, Newton Abbot, was chosen for the annual meeting, which will take place in January.

The question of transferring Dawlish and Teignmouth to the Exeter Branch was discussed, and after various opinions had been expressed it was decided to adjourn the matter until the annual meeting. The election of seven new life members, who were proposed during a ringing tour in mid-Devon in August last, was confirmed. The visitors afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing.

# BELLRINGERS OF 60 YEARS AGO.

## TEWKESBURY ABBEY'S OUTSTANDING BEHAVIOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read in your 'leader' in 'The Ringing World' such a virulent attack on bellringers of sixty years ago. In my opinion it is an unwarranted slander on good ringers who have passed on, and on some who are still living. If belfries were filthy holes, where were the church officials or the incumbents to allow such a state of affairs? and as for ringers being a drunken and disorderly lot, I do not believe it; such a slanderous statement should never have been made.

I am 56 years of age. My father, Josiah Wathen, was conductor at Tewkesbury Abbey for 50 years, and I never heard him say anything of the kind. He it was who formed a band of change ringers at Tewkesbury with the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies about 1868, and persevered through difficulties, eventually producing a good band, who rang Union, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and I understood from him that he called the first 1,008 of Double Norwich Major ever rung in the county of Gloucester. I well remember the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies visiting us at the water works at Tewkesbury when I was very small. He was heart and soul with my father in the art. I also remember Mr. Coleridge (now Canon) visiting us too. As I said before, it was with difficulty that my father succeeded as far as he did owing to departures and other reasons. I rang with the band at the Abbey from 1898 to 1912, at varying intervals, but during that time the band was depleted so that there was little chance of advancing. I now ring here with the Stowmarket band, and the oldest ringers here do not remember such bad times as you quote.

I have the minutes of Tewkesbury Abbey Society when first formed, and the rules then were much the same as are general now. I have also the handbells on which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies first practised ringing with my father. I might also say that my father spent a lot of time in coaching young beginners, but they would not give the time and patience necessary to become efficient. Please pardon me, but I felt quite hurt when I read the particular paragraph to which I have referred, as that was the period in which my father was giving his all to further the art of change ringing. In 1890 my father was presented with a clock by the ringers, Vicar and churchwardens of Bushley, as a small token of esteem for the pains he took to instruct a band of six-bell ringers there. I remember one of them was 70 at that time, and they could all ring several Minor methods.

60, Union Street, Stowmarket.

WM. E. WATHEN.

Of course, there were very many exceptions, and I fully believe all that Mr. Wathen says of his father; but it is true that as a class the old ringers were a drunken and disorderly lot. The evidence I have collected for the history of ringing I am trying to write leaves no doubt about it. Here are a few quotations from contemporary men who must be accepted as authorities. They were all lovers of bells and true friends of the Exercise.

S. Beaufray in 'The Ringers' True Guide,' published in 1804, and reprinted 1857: 'They generally go to the ale house and spend the money they receive in waste. Quarrelling frequently abounds among them and intoxication often ensues.'

A Cantab in 'The Ecclesiologist': 'It is hopeless to attempt to disassociate the two ideas of ringing and drunkenness—the church steeple and the tap room.'

Rev. Walter Blount in 'Use and Abuse of Church Bells,' 1846: 'Belfries are left in a state of filthy dilapidation, and very frequently the drinking places of the most profane and profligate persons in the parish, who ring the bells for their amusement amid oaths and obscenity.'

'Quarterly Review,' 1854: 'Bellringers as a class have always had the credit, or discredit, rather, of being a disorderly set.'

Rev. C. W. Lukis in 'An Account of Church Bells,' 1857: 'Why should [belfries] be left to the sole occupation of unclean birds and profane and irreverent ringers?' 'The ringers—generally the most unruly set of men in the parish.'

Rev. Robert Walker in a lecture delivered at a clerical meeting in 1859 (the MS. is in the British Museum): 'Most clergymen have been accustomed to regard ringing as the lowest and most debased and debasing form of amusement. They associate it with the idea of sottishness and uproarious revelry and ribald profaneness, and, finally, turnings-out of the public-house at the closing time to remain in the gutter perhaps half the night.'

'It is now an antiquated and generally received idea that sots, drunkards, rogues and ringers are mutually convertible expressions.' 'Ringers are generally from the very lowest orders. Generally speaking, they are very unsteady men in every way.'

Rev. H. T. Ellacombe in 'Practical Remarks,' 1859: 'The practice in a country belfry had better be passed over in silence, for such things as I remember would hardly be tolerated in a village ale-house.' 'It was a well-known fact that as a body a more drunken set of fellows could not be found.' 'Perhaps no one thing has been the source of such constant trouble and annoyance to the clergyman as the belfry and the ringers. I have heard of clergymen who even refused to accept a living where there was a peal of bells. And one

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# POLICE DEFY SUPERSTITION.

## SUCCESSFUL PEAL AT LEICESTER.

As we recorded last week a band of police officers met at Leicester on October 13th and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques. No heed was paid on this occasion to the horrors and fears of the 'Unlucky Thirteen,' for it was arranged on the 13th day of the month, and, furthermore, thirteen members of the Guild met for the peal. Even on the way to the belfry two ladders were leaning against buildings (across the footway), but there was 'no dodging the column.' With heads erect and chests out in true pouter pigeon style, the straight course continued 'underneath the arches.'

It was truly a mixed band, and, seeing that seven of those who took part rang their first peal of Stedman Cinques, the band are to be congratulated on the achievement. On behalf of the remaining five members of the band it is requested that any bouquets from the 'Encourage the Learners' brigade should be addressed to 'Askem and Helpem,' Encouragement Purveyors, London, Birmingham, Manchester, High Wycombe and Leicester.

The thanks of the band are due to Sergeant Jenney, of Leicester, who very willingly offered to stand as reserve for any last-minute emergency and, incidentally, to allow a younger member at Leicester to ring. This indeed shows fine spirit and considerably helps to lessen the many difficulties of those responsible for the arrangements. Surely Sergeant Jenney's action reflects great credit on the drillings he has received from Leicester's famous 'Sergeant Major,' alias 'Freddie,' of Dextrous Variation fame, who will accept nothing false except from the dentist.

After the peal, a social evening was held, and the party was joined by some of Leicester's notables. The programme included tunes and change ringing on the handbells, and songs by ex-Sergt. Dowding, Mr. Josiah Morris, members of the Leicester C.I.D., and two unexpected but very welcome visitors from Grimsby, including our old friend, Mr. Harold Rushby. The night owls of the party made for the station just after midnight, and concluded the day with a course of Stedman Triples at 12.50 a.m. on the railway platform.

The band wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Rev. Parsons, Vicar of St. Margaret's for the use of the bells and for his interest and welcome, and also Mr. Josiah Morris for having everything ready at the church.

# TREATMENT OF JUVENILE RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of October 5th, dealing with paid instructors, I fully agree with your concluding paragraph. I personally disagree with your statement that the success of a band depends mostly on the learners who are willing to become ringers but are not prepared to give the time and trouble necessary to learn. If a young learner has the idea of taking a place among the regular ringers after three or four visits to the belfry, it is without a doubt the fault of the instructor.

In regard to beginners, I give them all to understand that before they can become proficient it means a lot of study and thinking out, as I tell them that even the best ringers have always to keep learning. But I find that the majority, once they can handle a bell, will progress and stick to it providing (this is where the snag comes which disheartens youngsters) that after being able to manage a bell they should be encouraged to ring rounds, call changes or hunting up and down at every opportunity.

In my own tower I have had many cross words with members who I considered did not give the youngsters a chance to get on, often refusing to ring if the boys rang. I remember well one Sunday, when our conductor was trying to make up a band for Grandsire Caters, and I asked that one of the young boys should ring the treble. One of the old members said at once if the boy was included he would refuse. So the conductor, very much to his regret, had to leave the boy out. That same night I took the boy up to a London church, where he rang the treble to Grandsire Caters, the quarter-peal just being missed two leads from home through no fault of the boy, all the band being surprised, I think, at the way he rang.

Now there are four of the boys full members of the tower, as well as members of the county association, and they are helping to bring along some more learners in the tower. No, sir, providing that youngsters are treated by methods of 1934, not methods of 1834, bellringing will appeal to them more than ever owing to the higher standing of our art.—Yours faithfully,

17, Midhurst Avenue, Croydon.

H. E. WILLS.

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of those who have, said, on learning the number of bells in the tower, 'Then certain it is that there are as many drunkards in the village.' 'That man is a ringer' is quite enough in some places to intimate that he is an idle sottish character.'

Need I quote any more? Surely here is enough to show the greatness of the reform movement of the last half-century or so, the work of a few devoted men who loved bells and ringing and, as I said, had patience and faith in the ringers, too, and saw the good that was there as well as the evil. For the above is not everything that can be said about the old ringers; and there are many things in this world much worse than taking too much to drink.—J. A. TROLLOPE.

## FORTY YEARS A SECRETARY.



Top row (left to right): H. Markwell, F. M. Mitchell (hon. general secretary), T. Saunders, T. Groombridge, H. Ford. Centre (standing): E. H. Lewis (president, Central Council), W. Latter (hon. district secretary). Bottom (left to right): G. Edwards, A. Richardson, Canon H. Masters, Miss G. Collison.

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**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT'S PRESENTATION TO MR. W. LATTER.**  
The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association at Speldhurst on October 6th was an historic occasion, as it marked the conclusion of 40 years' service by Mr. W. Latter as hon. secretary of the district. A large number of ringers were present.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by Canon H. Masters, and an original and interesting address was given by Rev. J. Smith, of Groombridge.

Tea was served at the George and Dragon Hotel, and the principal guests were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president, Central Council), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general secretary of the association), Mr. F. White (Cranbrook), Canon H. Masters (Speldhurst), and Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne). The oldest member present was Mr. W. Lambert, of Benenden, who at the age of 79 years is still an active ringer. Four lady ringers were also present—Mrs. Pankhurst (Leigh), Mrs. Richardson (Tonbridge Wells), Miss W. Turley (Speldhurst), and Miss G. Collison (Tonbridge Wells).

The business meeting followed, preceded by a well-struck course of Bob Major on handbells by Messrs. S. H. Green, T. Groombridge, E. H. Lewis and E. J. Beer. Canon Masters presided, and extended to the district a hearty welcome to Speldhurst.

The hon. secretary, in his report, stated that there were 19 bands in union in the district, with 167 practising members. During the year 24 new members were elected. There was a balance of £17

5s. 6d. Mr. W. Latter then announced his intention of relinquishing the post of hon. secretary after 40 years in office. There were many expressions of regret, and on the motion of Mr. G. Edwards, seconded by Mr. T. Saunders, Mr. Alec Richardson was appointed his successor. In expressing his thanks for his election, Mr. Richardson said it had always been his ambition to hold office in the association so that he could really do something, but he had a difficult task to follow Mr. Latter. Messrs. G. Edwards and E. Everest were elected district representatives on the Central Committee, Mr. Everest being elected in the place of Mr. H. Markwell.

At the close of the meeting Mr. E. H. Lewis, on behalf of the members of the district, presented Mr. Latter with a copy of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing' by E. Morris, and a cheque for £12. Mr. Lewis said they all appreciated the work done by Mr. Latter and such men as he, but he felt that there were not enough young people taking up ringing. So many drifted off to other attractions without realising what there was behind ringing. Mr. Latter thanked the members for their gift and appreciation, and recalled that 20 years ago he was presented with a clock in recognition of 20 years' service. He also congratulated the district on their choice of his successor, who is a good ringer and conductor, and a strong advocate of Sunday service ringing.

Mr. G. Edwards called on the company to rise and say 'Thank you, Mr. Latter,' in appreciation of his long and devoted service to the Exercise and the Tonbridge District in particular.

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.**—On October 14th, at the Church of St. Matthew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Adams (first quarter-peal) 1, J. W. Cotton 2, L. Freeman 3, W. Brooker 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, W. Curson 6, G. W. Clayfield (conductor) 7, W. Bosworth 8. First quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt.

**GOSPEL OAK, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Martin's Church, on October 7th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Harwin 1, W. J. Harwin (first 720) 2, R. Newman 3, J. Payton 4, E. Bonfield (conductor) 5, F. Bonfield 6.

**COBHAM, SURREY.**—On October 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Arthur Holden (first 720) 1, A. Roberts 2, W. Faulkner 3, W. James 4, E. Matthews 5, W. Holden (conductor) 6.

**MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Lawrence, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Ethel Pearce (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Loynes 2, E. Holder 3, D. Kinchin 4, F. Kinchin 5, F. Fairfax 6, F. Tuffley (conductor) 1, L. Kinchin 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by a local company.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On October 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Paul 1, S. Hoare (conductor) 2, W. Norris 3, R. King (first in method) 4, F. Bullock 5, A. Dix 6, H. Cashmore 7, R. Bell 8. Rung also as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Jones, who is still an active service ringer at Watford.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At All Saints' Church, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. Chesterman 1, H. Balaam (conductor) 2, J. Ballard 3, F. Munday (first 'inside') 4, C. W. Munday 5, E. Austin 6, G. Cooper (first in the method) 7, H. Wooding 8.

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—At St. George's Church, Wilton, on October 7th, prior to morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. T. Clarke 1, D. H. Sheldon 2, A. W. Hayward 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. G. Coles 5, W. A. Sivier 6, A. J. Wyatt 7, S. A. Wyatt (conductor) 8. Prior to evening service a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,248 changes): W. T. Clarke 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, S. A. Wyatt 3, H. E. Causley 4, A. W. Hayward 5, W. A. Sivier 6, A. J. Wyatt 7, S. G. Coles (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

**ALLIANCE MINOR.**

There are very few novelties to be had in six-bell ringing nowadays, but the peal rung at Lamberhurst on October 6th breaks fresh ground. It was a further adaptation of the plan of splicing Alliance and Little Methods which is explained at length in the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.' The following are the methods that were rung:—

**MORLAND ALLIANCE.**

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**BASTOW LITTLE COURT.**

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**CAVERSHAM S VETERAN BAND.**

For long partnerships, the record of six members of the Caversham band is outstanding in the Exercise.

In 1883 Ernest Menday and George Essex joined the band, followed in 1884 by Joseph Hands and Henry Simmonds. These four ringers completed 50 years together early this year. The other two members are E. W. Menday (1891) and A. D. Cullum (1895). All six are still members of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, and ring regularly each Sunday together with the exception of the brothers Menday, who only resigned from the Sunday service band at Easter this year. Henry Simmonds was made steeplekeeper in September, 1883, and still holds that position, an entirely voluntary one, having now completed 51 years' service. The 'Bell News' of 1891 speaks of him as 'Prince of steeplekeepers.' The truth of that lies in the bells' condition today. They have not been in the bell hangers' hands since 1891, when they were rehung and the trebles added.

The following verse, from the pen of Canon Coleridge, himself an old member of the band, appeared in the Parish Magazine when Mr. Simmonds completed his jubilee as steeplekeeper:—

'For fifty years the faithful Henry trod  
The parish highways to the House of God.  
Both church and churchyard know the Verger's feet,  
While hands are skilled on rope and organ seat.  
Blacklead and grease make bells a joy to ring,  
But elbow grease, broom, duster—'where they sing.'  
Long life to Henry! May his praises sound  
In grateful hearts to Heaven's remotest bound.'

As a young ringer I can only say, 'All honour the old brigade.  
May their service be an inspiration to us younger ones for many a year to come.  
G. W. S.

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**STEDMAN'S BELLS.****To the Editor.**

Sir,—Mr. Powys' argument in defence of old principles in bell hanging is hardly in keeping with the objects for which his society stands, namely, the protection of ancient buildings. Has Mr. Powys ever paused to realise the amount of strain which was placed upon many of our towers by the old methods of bell hanging, and how this has been reduced by the more modern ones? Boston Stump, for instance! For the sake of sentiment, is Mr. Powys still going to argue in favour of 'old principles'? I would like to refer him to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of August 30th, 1930, headed 'Common sense before sentiment'—a good tonic for Mr. Powys! One can appreciate his society's efforts to preserve and protect our ancient buildings, but I fail to see how he can parallel an unmovable structure with a movable one! There is beauty in much of our church architecture, and I agree with him that this should be protected; but I am 'hanged' if I can see what there is beautiful in a wood headstock or the canons of a bell, and what there is to be gained in protecting them! When new fittings have to take the place of old ones, I see no sense in refitting on the old principle, while there are others more lasting, more economic, and place less strain on the walls of a tower.

RINGER.

**ELY ASSOCIATION VISIT FIVE-BELL TOWER.**

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Little Shelford on October 20th. Members came from Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Ickleton, Melbourn, Newton, Over, Stapleford, Trumpington and a splendid muster of the local band, who displayed great keenness.

The Rev. E. H. Berwick, Rector, conducted service and gave an inspiring address. The singing at the service was very good, thanks to the kindness of the choir. Tea was served at the Prince Regent Inn. Mr. Cook, District Ringing Master, thanked the Rector, the choir, and the organist. This was seconded by Mr. Webb. The progress and enthusiasm of the local band is a very encouraging sign, and they were able to get some good practice during the afternoon and evening.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**PRESTON, SUFFOLK.**—On September 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): J. B. Hall (conductor) 1, R. Chambers 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Pryke 4, H. Hollocks 5, F. Day 6. First quarter-peal by the Preston band as a whole.

**BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.**—On October 7th, for the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. E. T. Pauley 1, C. H. Smart 2, Rev. C. A. Phillips 3, E. T. J. Field 4, D. W. C. Gant 5, W. J. Gosney 6. Arranged for the Rev. C. A. Phillips, secretary of the Wimborne Branch, who was preaching.

**LONDON.**—At St. Lawrence Jewry, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. K. Markwick 1, E. Murrell 2, R. Allen 3, F. C. Shorter (conductor) 4, B. J. E. White 5, S. F. Stonard 6, G. T. Moody 7, E. S. Owen 8. Rung to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the Rev. W. P. Bestey as Rector.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): A. Lawrence 1, F. S. Wilson 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. Badger 4, H. W. Bishop 5, S. Palmer 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, E. Bishop 8, W. B. Kynaston 9, A. W. Harrington 10. Arranged for Mr. Wilson, of Wincanton.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—At the Parish Church, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major: R. Smith (first quarter of Major) 1, K. E. Fletcher 2, D. R. Fletcher 3, W. Henley 4, W. Edwards 5, W. H. Fletcher 6, T. Price 7, H. Wingrove (conductor) 8.

**SUTTON, SURREY.**—On October 14th, at All Saints' Church, Benhilton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Randall 1, E. Enticknap 2, H. Smardou 3, G. Rayner 4, G. Chiverton 5, W. G. Smith 6, H. Good (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**BUCKDEN, HUNTS.**—On October 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. D. Mann 1, T. H. Stanyon 2, J. E. Papworth 3, W. Cornell 4, F. W. Lack (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and believed to be the first on the bells, which until they were rehung in 1930 had not been rung since 1863.

**BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—At the conclusion of the Furness and Lake District Branch annual meeting, 1,284 Bob Major: J. Hughes (longest length) 1, W. T. Clark 2, E. Jennings (conductor) 3, J. Williams 4, N. Newby 5, A. Stedman 6, C. J. A. Cushing 7, J. E. Burles 8. The ringers 'stood to' and the conductor was given the figures of the touch verbally. He called it without faltering.

**SOFTON, DEVON.**—At St. Michael's Church, for the wedding of Mr. W. R. Mortimore and Miss Irene White, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Holway 1, A. Gooding 2, A. G. Betts 3, J. Dunster 4, W. Seldon 5, A. Tapley 6, W. Recks (conductor) 7, J. Knight 8.

## NOTICES.

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Street, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4, followed by tea and business.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral bells available after 6 p.m. St. Alphege and St. Stephen's at 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Dinner and Social, Oct. 27th. — Tickets now available, 4s. each, apply W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, or D. Brown, 56, Greame Street, Manchester, 16. Early application essential to facilitate arrangements. Ringing during the afternoon as follows:—St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne (12), 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (train, bus and tram services from Manchester); Manchester Cathedral (10), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.; Manchester Town Hall (10), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Lloyd Street entrance); Sacred Trinity Church, Salford (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. John's, Miles Platting (8), 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m. Conducted tour of Town Hall (Lloyd Street entrance) at 3 p.m. Conducted walks arranged at Town Hall if required, with a visit to the Chief Fire Station. Dinner at Victoria Hotel, opposite Cathedral and Exchange Railway Station, 6 p.m. prompt. Good and full social programme, with talented artistes. Extension till 11 p.m. Full day guaranteed. Come and see what happens when Manchester entertains.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The bells (8) of St. Gregory's will be available from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. Ringing at St. Peter's (8 bells) 4.30 to 5.30 and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5.30 at the Black Boy Hotel, Market Hill.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—A district meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Potte's Café, High Street, at 1s. 9d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. J. Min-gay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southampton District.—A meeting will be held at Netley on Oct. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—An extra meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Oct. 27th. for practice in plain methods. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., price 1s. No rail allowance to this meeting. — S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worle, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Kindly notify.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Enfield, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Edmonton bells from 6.30 to 8 p.m. All ringing friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cucklington on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Haddenham (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at 3.15 p.m. An invitation is extended to all members of the Guild.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards, at which the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Offley, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion, 5 p.m. A peal of handbells also available. A 'jubilee' meeting, please.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moor-mead Close, Hitchin.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. J. Carter, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. O. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, Andover, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**BRIXTON, DEVON.**—Bells restored and new treble added to complete ring of 6 (tenor 13 cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Bishop of Exeter on Monday, Oct. 29th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 30th (nomination night), St. Magnus' on Nov. 1st, 15th, 29th, St. Andrew's on the 8th (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th (election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Eastern District) **AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—A joint meeting will be held at Braughing on Wednesday, Oct. 31st. Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Tea and service. Come in good numbers to this old-world village.—W. H. Lawrence and H. A. Wacey, Dis. Secs.

**KINGSBRIDGE, S. DEVON**.—The ring of 8 bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Totnes on Thursday, Nov. 1st, at 3 p.m.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**.—All members are notified that practices have been arranged at Shoreditch on alternate Thursdays from 6.30 till 8 p.m. from Nov. 1st. Will members please make an effort to attend?—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**.—A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. H. Box, 19, Brindley Street, Burslem, not later than Oct. 31st.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the churchwardens, in Church Hall, The Steyne, at 5.30. Don't forget that 1934 subscription, will you?—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Oct. 31st.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wallasey (St. Hilary's) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Cosgrove on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Service 3 p.m. Number for tea before Nov. 1st.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Branston (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Fylde Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at Wendon. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wasey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Room, 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 31st, please.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8), just restored by Taylor's, ready from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 5, but please notify.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Jubilee gathering at St. Albans, Saturday, November 3rd. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Dinner at the Conservative Hall, St. Peter's Street, 6.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets must be purchased not later than October 24th. The slogan must be 'No ticket, no dinner.' Tickets obtainable from all the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Everleigh on Nov. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea 4.30. Ringing friends especially welcome, but please send me a card not later than Wednesday, Oct. 31st.—A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

**HOLMFIRTH, YORKS**.—Ringers' Day, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. New ring of 8 by Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Tea will be provided free of charge to those notifying Mr. H. Booth, Weetwood, Dunforth Road, Holmfirth, by Tuesday, Oct. 30th.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. For tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh, by Oct. 30th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea, in Schoolroom, at 5 p.m. Short meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—Hinckley District.—A quiet time for ringers is to be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Addresses will be given at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 5 p.m. Conference at 5.30, followed by service at 6 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by Wednesday, Oct. 31st. All ringers invited. Conductor: Rev. W. Grome-Merrilees, of Theddingworth.—A. E. Rowley, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. and tea at Anchorage, adjoining church, at 5 p.m. Postcards for tea to Mr. J. McRobie, 58, Bensham Road, Gateshead, by Nov. 1st certain. Please rally and make a good start for winter.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glenton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.**—Two trebles added to complete ring of 6 (tenor 6½ cwt.) and new frame and fittings for peal supplied by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Monday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-West District).—A joint mid-week meeting of the above will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Wednesday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Manor Arms 5.45 p.m. The bells at Immanuel Church also available after tea. All ringers are heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Miss E. E. Hardcastle, 23, Dafforne Road, S.W.17, by Monday, Nov. 5th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

**CORSCOMBE, DORSET.**—The Lord Bishop of Salisbury will rededicate the bells on Friday, Nov. 9th, at 5 p.m. The ring of 6 bells have been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at St. Wilfred's, Standish. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be supplied at a charge of 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. E. Birchall, Preston Road, Standish, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 7th. Will all towers please make a note of the date.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. You can make it a good meeting if you come. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**MR. H. W. BADGER**, of 12, Queen's Road, Thame, Oxon, would be pleased to know of any ringers who are bank clerks, with the object of attempting a peal at some future date, preferably a Bank Holiday.

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**LIVERPOOL.**—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on October 20th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Marsh 1, T. G. Horridge 2, G. R. Newton 3, T. Hammond 4, J. Ridyard 5, J. Meldrum 6, L. L. Gray 7, E. Caunce 8.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,280 Bob Major by the following: R. Burgess 1, P. Chapman 2, N. Knee (Warminster) 3, P. Harding (N. Bradley) 4, F. Brown 5, T. B. Holway (conductor) 6, R. Newton 7, F. Penn 8.

**BRANSTON, LINCOLN.**—On October 13th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob (1,260 changes): H. Pearson 1, P. Webb 2, J. Dixon 3, E. Webb 4, H. Carter 5, M. Billings (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Guild).

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.**—On September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's Church: F. Corke (conductor) 1, P. E. Jones 2, E. Hancox 3, R. Warnett 4, C. E. Nicholls 5, S. W. Childs 6, R. Carter 7, E. Preston 8.—On October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Margaret's Church: B. Fuller 1, Miss E. Bedford 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, A. Bray (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, F. Corke (conductor) 5, F. W. Baldwin 6, C. E. Nicholls 7, S. W. Childs 8.

**BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.**—After the annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association, on Saturday, September 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung by: \*J. Hughes 1, W. T. Clark 2, C. Jennings (conductor) 3, J. Williams 4, N. M. C. Newby 5, A. Stedman 6, C. J. A. Cushing 7, J. E. Burles 8. \* Longest length and first attempt.

**SPRINGFIELD.**—On Sunday morning, for service, a quarter-peal of Minor in 43 mins., consisting of 720 Kent, 360 Oxford, and 180 Plain Bob: J. Myhill 1, Miss A. White 2, F. Brinklow 3, J. Longley 4, M. Windley 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Watford, and was married at All Saints' Church 16 years ago.

#### LATE NOTICE.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upwell (Norfolk) on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

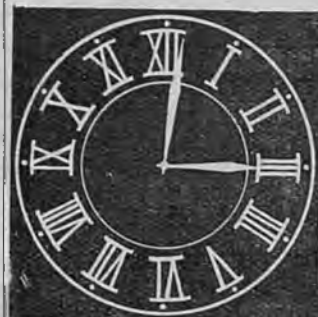
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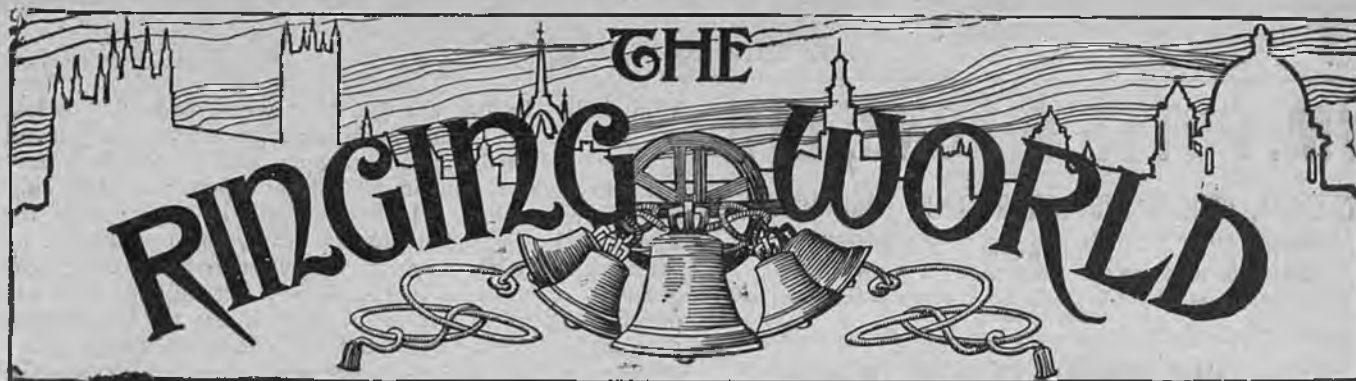
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But so it is, and we are not surprised that the same thing happens in the history of the Exercise. Some ringers of old time have been remembered and they have deserved it; but others equally deserving have clean passed out of mind. Everyone knows of Fabian Stedman, not because he was our greatest writer, but because of the chance connection of his name with a popular method (with which, in its modern fully developed form, he had little to do), and because of a legend invented by later men that he was the Father of Change Ringing and the first person to arrange changes regular methods. But there were clever composers before Stedman's time, only they have been forgotten, and it seems worth while to try and rescue the name of the greatest of them from the oblivion under which it has lain hidden for nigh three centuries.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5807 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE F. FEARN ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 7
ALBERT WALKER... .. 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 8
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD... .. 9
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 4	†WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 10
ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 11
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 6	ALAN SHORT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cinques away from tenor. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal in any method. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for the laying of the foundation stone of the new hospitals centre.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 7
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 8
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. 9
WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 5	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

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

\* 200th peal for the association. Birthday peal for Audrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone. The composition, No. 276, is rung for the first time.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 6
ERNEST SPILLER ... .. 2	*JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3	HORACE BELCHER ... .. 8
WILLIAM T. GRICE ... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 9
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 2	HARRY TOOKE ... .. 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	WALTER R. FARROW ... .. 7
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... .. 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. 7
ARTHUR SMITH ... .. 4	H. WALTER SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. MOTTS. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 22, 1934, in Three Hours and ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHARLES W. PRICE ... .. Treble	H. CHARLES BOND ... .. 5
HERBERT L. COOKE ... .. 2	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN. ... 3	FRANCIS J. LEWIS, JUN. ... 7
HARRY S. PARSONS ... .. 4	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN.

\* First peal and first attempt. Arranged and rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of F. J. Lewis, jun., which took place on October 23rd. The ringer of the 6th is from Winchester Cathedral.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... Treble	WALTER SCOTT, JUN. ... 5
*EDWARD DRAKE ... .. 2	FRANK TAYLOR ... .. 6
HENRY J. TUCKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM UPTON ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	SIDNEY MOODY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN J. TOBY ... .. Treble	*EDWIN M. SMITH ... .. 5
JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... .. 6
EDWARD T. BAILEY ... .. 3	D. REES JAMES ... .. 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	†FRANK MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

\* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Edith Phillips, wife of the ringer of the second.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF BOVENY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*HORACE H. HILLIER ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 7
†EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal. First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. BENNETT, JUN.

\* First peal in the method.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, 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.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	†FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7
*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method, and is the first resident lady to ring a peal of London in the county. † 50th peal of London.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... Treble	JOHN COOK ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 6
*WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

\* 250th peal.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES H. JUDD ... .. Treble	HUGH R. THORPE ... .. 5
FREDERICK E. MITCHELL ... 2	ARTHUR G. WILLETT ... .. 6
BERNARD H. WELLS ... .. 3	RICHARD V. FULLER ... .. 7
WILLIAM ASHDOWN ... .. 4	WALTER CLAYDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. F. HOAD. Conducted by R. V. FULLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. F. Hoad. First peal as conductor.

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## WIMBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ... .. 1 Treble	CHARLES H. JENNING ... .. 5
* LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 2	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... .. 6
† H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 3	GEORGE PRESTON ... .. 7
† WILLIAM A. HOULTON ... .. 4	H. JIM RALPH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

## ARKSEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE CLARK ... .. 1 Treble	† ARTHUR STAVBLEY ... .. 5
* EDWIN LEE ... .. 2	HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE HALKSWORD ... .. 3	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 7
ERNEST COOPER ... .. 4	EDGAR C. STACEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by ERNEST COOPER.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Wilfred Clark, eldest son of Mr. F. Clark, hon. sec. of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association.

## SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT G. LEWIS ... .. 1 Treble	THOMAS HURD ... .. 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 2	* ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 6
* JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 4	† KENNETH THACKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Stedman and first attempt. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Ven. Archdeacon D. H. Crick to the Bishopric of Stafford.

## BRAUGHING, HERTS

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Being all combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5.6 without 3rd in 6th's or 2nd ever in 5.6 at a course end. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY ... .. 1 Treble	STANLEY A. CARTER ... .. 5
* MICHAEL POLLMAN ... .. 2	JOSEPH LADLEY ... .. 6
CYRIL A. HOUSE ... .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 7
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First attempt for a peal of Major and first attempt for a peal on a 'bob' bell.

## RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

* WILLIAM T. GARRETT ... .. 1 Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD ... .. 5
† FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... .. 2	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 6
† ARTHUR G. ROSE ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 7
ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WM. E. CHEATER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Major. First peal on eight bells for ringer of fifth. First peal of Major as conductor. First on the bells since their restoration.

## HANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 1 Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 5
* ALBERT E. CHRESMAN ... .. 2	* THOMAS NORMAN ... .. 6
* NORMAN HOBDEN ... .. 3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 7
* JOHN HOBDEN ... .. 4	* EDWIN T. WOOLOFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

\* First peal in the method.

## MITCHAM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 1 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT ... .. 1 Treble	CHARLES POIBECARY ... .. 5
* HARRY SIMMONS ... .. 2	AMOS W. CLARE ... .. 6
ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... .. 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 4	WHITTIED SPARKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. S. SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, also to Mr. D. Wright, who was one of the band which rang the veterans' peal three years ago.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

W. CYRIL SMITH ... .. 1 Treble	* W. ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 5
JOHN BRAMS ... .. 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 6
* WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7
* WILLIAM C. JAMES ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur H. Smith, and as a 21st birthday compliment to his cousin, Miss M. E. Quilley, of Isleworth.

## BLADON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

* DAVID MACKAY ... .. 1 Treble	† FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	* HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 6
CESAR DAVIS ... .. 3	RONALD C. BECK ... .. 7
* KENNETH FORD ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung to mark the coming of age of the ringer of the third.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## ULCEBY, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, Grandsire and St. Simon's, and 12 of Plain Bob.

* GEORGE ATKINSON ... .. 1 Treble	* CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... .. 3
JACK BRAY ... .. 2	MARTIN WALKER ... .. 4
* GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 3	...

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Doubles.

## HARROLD, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

DONALD COCKINGS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal of Minor by the ringer of treble. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of the only son of the ringer of the 3rd, which took place on that date at St. Peter's, Rushden, Northants.

## NORWICH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 42 extents in the 10 variations of calling without extremes. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Treble	GEORGE MYERS ... .. 3
*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... .. 2	†ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal on five bells. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Denham. Mr. Denham reintroduced change ringing into this tower.

## WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ROCKWELL GREEN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One 720 of Kent Treble Bob and six extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HERBERT A. WALKER ... Treble	JACK ROY ... .. 4
*ALEX A. WALKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... .. 5
WALTER H. POOLE ... .. 3	JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HUNT.

\* First peal in an even-bell method. Rung to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

## LEAKE, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 4
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 5
CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 3	*VERNON TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.

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

## MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Bob, two of Double Oxford, one each of College Single and Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES CLARKE ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First attempt for a peal of Minor.

## LAMBERHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT RELFE ... .. Treble	JAMES BASSETT ... .. 4
JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... .. 2	GEORGE WAGHORN ... .. 5
THOMAS FULLER ... .. 3	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WAGHORN, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

## SHELLY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EMMAUEL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of each of the following methods: Shelly, Burton, Kirkburton, Ecclesfield, Felkirk, Barnsley and Wath. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE LORD ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	*ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* 80th peal rung together.

## MILTON REGIS-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Five different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*DOUGLAS KNOWLES ... Treble	†ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4
†DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY B. DOBBIE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on six bells. This is the first peal on the bells, which have been augmented, and believed to be the first peal ever rung in this tower.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## THE ARABIAN SEA.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

ON BOARD S.S. 'BARRABOOI.'

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	*CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

\* First peal 'in hand' on eight bells. The peal was composed on the voyage.

## STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

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

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire—Alfred Barnes.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal on handbells.

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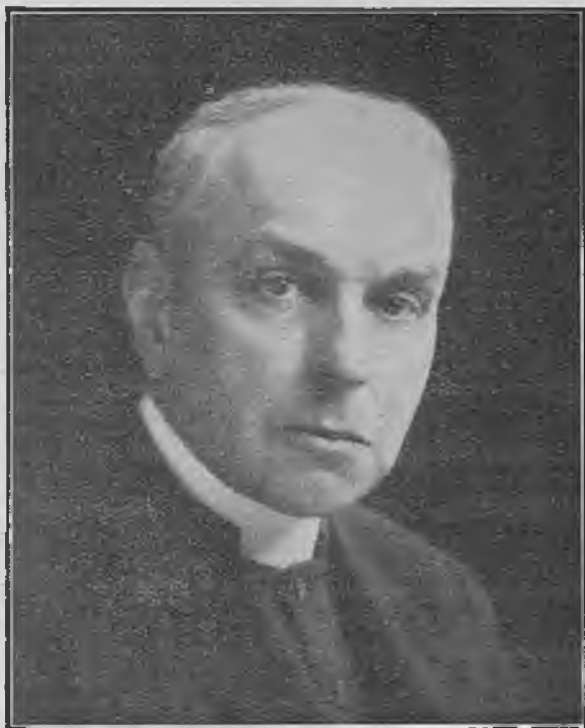
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## THE CAMERADERIE OF LANCASHIRE.

### MAMMOTH GATHERING AT ASSOCIATION'S DINNER.

#### PEALS NOT THE PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF RINGING.

The third annual dinner of the Lancashire Association was held last Saturday at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, and proved a huge success. About 263 members and visitors attended, the party including many men whose names are familiar to readers of 'The Ringing World' as some of the most expert and energetic ringers in the country. Canon Elsee, the president of the association, was in the chair, supported by the Bishop of Hulme, the Archdeacon of Rochdale, Mr. W. M. Shuker (the hon. secretary), Mrs. Shuker, and Messrs. Claude Davies, J. A. Trollope, F. R. Williams, J. F. Smallwood, A. E. Wreakes, J. C. Fidler, A. E. Pegler, W. W. Wolstoncroft (with Mrs. and Miss Wolstoncroft), Ben Thorpe, W. C. Bridgford, P. O. Laffin, Alan Bailey, T. B. Worsley, J. White, Alfred Barnes, F. Page and others. One veteran was present in the person of Mr. Albert Adams, of Ashton-under-Lyne, whose brother rang in the 16,608 of Treble Bob at Mottram in 1884, and who himself took part in the 12,244 Treble Twelve, and the 14,000 Treble Ten at Ashton.



CANON H. J. ELSEE,  
President of the Lancashire Association.

The visitors represented the North Wales, Yorkshire, Warwickshire, Chester, North Staffordshire, Middlesex and Midland Counties Associations, and there were others from Slough and Chelsea.

An excellent musical entertainment was provided. The Avon Singers gave some beautiful quartettes. Mr. Graham Watson and Mr. Reginald Redford sang some fine tenor and baritone duets, and Mr. Tom Proctor brought the house down with dry humorous sketches which are so dear to the hearts of North Countrymen. A perfect course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Alfred Barnes 1-2, Alan Bailey 3-4, Fred Page 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, and Peter O. Laffin 9-10.

#### UNRECORDED WORK MOST VALUABLE.

After the loyal toast, the toast of the evening was given by the Bishop of Hulme. He said that he had been most impressed by the mysteries of change ringing. He had been listening to two gentlemen on his right. He believed they were English, but they had been talking a foreign language about Grandsires and Bob Majors and Stedmans and other deep matters. It seemed to be the rule that 'once a ringer always a ringer'; the older they got the more they were absorbed in their art, and he had just heard of ringers of 80 and 82 still going strong. But he was also impressed by the ministerial part of their work. It was not what was in their annual report but what was not that most impressed him. It was recorded that

one peal had been rung last year at his own church at Middleton, but nothing was said about the ringing that went on regularly for the church services during the 52 Sundays of the year. That was their chief work, and the work of which they could justly be proud.

'Bells have the extraordinary power of touching the emotions and of reviving the memories of people,' said the Bishop. It was so throughout the world. In Osaka, in Japan, he had seen a bell, claimed to be the biggest in the world, and cast from the votive offerings of the people, who brought their brass and copper and silver that they might all be founded into one mighty bell. And he told how in China the Emperor ordered the finest bell to be cast; how the bell founder tried and tried again without success, until the oracles declared that not till the blood of a pure virgin should be mingled with the metal would the task be accomplished; and how the daughter of the craftsman sacrificed her life for the sake of her father's art.

Canon Elsee, replying, congratulated the association on the largest meeting of the sort it had ever held, except, perhaps, that at Liverpool two years ago. He remarked on the great improvement that had taken place in the number and quality of the bells during the last 40 and especially the last 20 years. They had now a beautiful peal at Manchester Cathedral, and Preston ring, restored and augmented, was shortly to be rung again. As he had said at Leeds the week before, Lancashire could not equal Yorkshire in the number of its great churches and peals of bells, but they had ringers and composers second to none. There was that great composer and conductor, Mr. T. B. Worsley, and the ringing of the record peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton was an unsurpassed feat. Last year they had not rung so many peals. The number was about 100, as against 150 the year before. He did not regret that very much. Many peals were often rung by visiting bands, and did not represent the real work of the local bands. Simply to pile up peals was not the principal object of the association. The two great objects they should set before themselves were first to ring the bells for the Sunday services, and, second, to train up young ringers. It required patience, but it was worth while for their own sakes. As old men drop out a band can easily go to pieces unless there are new recruits. And by introducing young men to ringing they were giving them something which would be a joy for life and would add to their happiness as long as they lived. So he urged upon them to make the Sunday ringing as good as it could be and worthy of the service of God.

#### LANCASHIRE'S SOCIAL SPIRIT.

Mr. W. C. Bridgforth proposed the health of 'The Visitors,' and Mr. J. F. Fidler (in the absence of the Archdeacon of Manchester, who had had to leave the city earlier than he had expected) replied. Mr. Fidler said he did not quite know what sort of a visitor he really was, for although he lived outside the county he was born within a few miles of Manchester and was a member of the association. He said that visitors were always welcomed in Lancashire, which was noted for its kindly social spirit, and he said that nowhere was that spirit more reciprocated than in Devon, where the people (why he did not know) seemed to have an affection for Lancastrians.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood proposed 'The Press,' and especially 'The Ringing World.' The Editor, having made his fortune, had gone to Australia to spend it, and had left the charge in other hands. He congratulated those people that the quality of the paper had not fallen off. The Exercise got the paper it deserved, and if ringers wanted a bigger and a better paper they must first deserve it. He would like to see many other things in it, a page for beginners, for instance. To make room, why not cut down the size of the advertisements? He was sure the bell founders would agree if as compensation they were allowed to pay double fees.

Mr. J. A. Trollope thanked the president and others for the kind things they had said about him. It was not exactly for his own merits, but because he represented, however unworthily, 'The Ringing World.' He had now seen that paper from three different aspects, all of which were different. First as a general reader (which was the point of view of all those present), then as a contributor of articles, and now, lastly, from the editorial side. He mentioned the complaints that were so often made, and said that those things must happen (quarter-peals must sometimes be omitted), unless the paper could be made bigger; and as it must pay or it could not live, it was for ringers to give it greater support and to increase the circulation. He said that he had no financial interest in the matter, and so could speak freely. There was no body of men who were so dependent one on another as ringers. One man could not ring a peal by himself; there must be a band. One band, if they kept to themselves, never prospered; they needed the help of others, and they must have societies and associations. Even the big associations were dependent one on another in the long run. And so ringers had built up that big organisation that they called the Exercise, with the Central Council at its head. But all this could not exist without a paper. They were dependent at every turn on their weekly organ. Even a meeting like that night could not take place without 'The Ringing World'

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**FOBBING HAS NOW A PEAL OF SIX.****RECTOR'S GENEROUS GIFT.**

The new treble bell, presented to Fobbing, Essex, Parish Church by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Gardner), in memory of his mother, was dedicated recently by the Bishop of Barking. This makes the sixth bell on the peal, and it was cast by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and installed following the re-roofing of the tower. During the service the Bishop went to the ringing floor of the tower, where the dedication took place.

In the course of a short address, the Bishop said Fobbing originally had four bells in its tower, now 500 years old, the fifth being added in 1726, and now the sixth had been added 210 years later. He thanked the Rector, on behalf of the parish, for his generous gift, and said it meant more to a parish than one realised to have a peal of bells like they had at Fobbing, and not the least thing about it was the toil and trouble of the bellringers. People took it for granted and forgot the difficulty of keeping a team of ringers together in present-day conditions. There was a great deal more science, skill and art in bellringing than most people supposed.

A collection was taken for the Gresford Colliery Disaster Relief Fund during the service, and at the conclusion of the service the bells were rung, the striking being particularly good.

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or some equivalent. And so he urged them for their own good, and for the good of ringing and the Exercise to support the paper.

Mr. F. R. Williams proposed the health of 'The Artistes,' who had really earned the thanks of the gathering.

The organisation of the dinner was entrusted to Mr. D. Brown. The large gathering and the general spirit of happiness that prevailed testified to his efficient organisation.

**A MATTER FOR MANCHESTER CORPORATION.**

Ringling was provided during the day at Ashton-under-Lyne, Manchester Cathedral, the Sacred Trinity, Salford, and at the Town Hall. A good number turned up ultimately there, but there was no very great anxiety on their part to ring. A tenor of 52 cwt., a long draught of springy ropes, and bad going bells make it a man's job. One who did ring can testify that he pulled the treble rope down several inches and then found himself swinging clear of the ground and the bell refusing to budge a bit! Manchester Corporation is one of the wealthiest in England. They have the bells rung twice a week. Why don't they spend some money and by rehanging and retuning turn them into one of the finest rings in the country?

**FARNHAM RINGERS AT CAMBERLEY.****DISCUSSION ON BENEVOLENT FUND.**

The proposal to start a benevolent fund in the Guildford Diocesan Guild was discussed at length at a meeting of the Farnham District at Camberley on October 20th. The Vicar (the Rev. F. W. T. Waithman) presided at the meeting, and it was decided to send the following resolution to the executive committee: 'This meeting considers it advisable to make a collection at annual district meetings, and also at the annual general meeting of the Guild. It does not approve the suggestion to raise the subscriptions.' Each tower in the Guild has been asked to express an opinion on this matter. Congratulations were extended to the Yorktown ringers, who rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles recently.

The meeting was very successful. In the afternoon the bells of St. Michael's Parish Church were rung under the direction of Mr. R. Hasted, the District Ringing Master, and again in the evening, a very high standard being reached. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. G. A. Ford, and a company of 45 sat down to tea in the Church Room. Thanks were expressed to all who contributed to the success of the meeting.

Members were present from Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Hawley and the local tower, and visitors from Beddington, Pirbright, South-wark, Southsea, Croydon, Feltham, Yateley and Farnham Royal.

**DEATH OF MR. RICHARD HOLDER.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. R. Holder, who passed away on October 14th after an illness of three months at the age of 63 years. He was a native of Cowfold, Sussex, and came to Haywards Heath about 30 years ago, when he joined the Lindfield company, and remained a member up to the time of his death. He was also an old member of the Sussex County Association.

The funeral took place at the Haywards Heath Cemetery on October 17th. Ringers were represented by Mr. A. Tomsett and Mr. H. Tomsett, of Lindfield, and Mr. Watts, of Lower Beeding.

Two touches of Grandsire Triples (504 changes) were rung muffled at the Parish Church, Lindfield, on October 20th, in memory of the late Mr. Holder.

On October 20th, at the Parish Church, Lindfield, the bells were rung muffled in memory of the late Mr. R. Holder (two touches of Grandsire Triples, 504 changes). The ringers were: Messrs. A. Tomsett, H. Tomsett, F. Willey, E. Patching, H. Fullock, and F. Howell (Lindfield), G. Apps and E. Quickenden (Cuckfield), and W. Watts (Lower Beeding). The touches were conducted by A. Tomsett and W. Watts respectively. The bells were also rung muffled for Sunday services.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The broadcast interval signal of Bow bells is recorded on Columbia 4082.

Five of the eight ringers at Banstead, on Saturday, rang their first peal of Stedman Triples, and are all members of the local band. Mr. D. D. Cooper has completed the circle in this tower.

This is the 'Jubilee issue' for the Hertford County Association. The thoughts of all ringers go to St. Albans on Saturday. The Abbey and St. Peter's bells will be available from 2 p.m.

Pressure on our space has necessitated the curtailment of many interesting reports. Will correspondents please accept the sub-Editor's apology in the best spirit of the Exercise?

By ringing a peal in the very difficult method, Silchester Surprise, the Helmingham band completed a peal in 26 Surprise methods. This is undoubtedly a record, and a few years ago would have been deemed an impossibility.

Boveney Surprise Major, rung for the first time at Old Windsor on October 25th, composed by J. Reeves (adapted), and conducted by Mr. Alan R. Pink, is Mr. George Baker's 'Ashted' with seventh place under the treble deleted and first's place substituted. It has a clean proof scale and a 4th place bob.

Sixteen towers were represented at a meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Sudbury on October 27th. The Rev. J. F. Hughes, who welcomed the visitors, was thanked for the use of the bells at St. Gregory's and St. Peter's. Among the 26 to tea at the Black Boy Hotel was Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, who has done so much to further the art of change ringing in West Suffolk.

Congratulations to George E. Fearn, who has conducted his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Birmingham, as recorded in our peal column. This was his first attempt at calling a peal. The ringer of the 3rd in this peal, Daniel T. Matkin, had the misfortune of a rope breaking in his first attempt as conductor of a peal of Stedman Caters at Wednesbury on the previous Saturday (20th inst.), after 2½ hours' ringing, and with only a few courses to go. Better luck next time.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT STAINES.

A peal board commemorating a peal rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Mary's Church, Staines, 50 years ago, was dedicated in the belfry on October 20th by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Flecker). Mr. W. H. Fussell, who participated in this peal, was congratulated, although being on the tour to Australia he was not present in person.

A service in the church conducted by the Vicar followed the dedication. Tea was kindly provided in the Church Room by the Vicar and Church Council. At the business meeting five new members from Mr. G. Gilbert's youthful band, ages ranging from 12 to 14 years, were elected. At the ringing after the meeting the touch of Grand-sire Triples by this young band from Burnham was greatly admired. Other touches rung during the afternoon and evening were Bob Doubles, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Among the many whom the secretary (Mr. G. A. Card) desired to thank for such an enjoyable gathering were the Vicar and Church Council and Mr. E. Butler, who made the local arrangements.

## HANDBELL RINGERS OF JERSEY.

The fourth annual meeting of the first Jersey Guild of Handbell Ringers was held on October 19th under the presidency of the Rev. C. C. C. Wilson. The retiring hon. secretary reported that the finances of the Guild were satisfactory; membership had increased and keenness had been shown by all in the art of handbell ringing. Members had assisted at over 50 concerts, bazaars and similar functions for various charitable causes and for different denominations. The Guild was grateful for donations received from Aquila Road Methodist Church, Cercle St. Thomas' Men's Club, and Jersey Mechanics' Institute.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. C. C. C. Wilson; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Lovett; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Holley; captain, Mr. R. Perchard; Ringing Masters, Mr. C. Lovett (change ringing) and Mr. G. Grills (tune ringing). Thanks were accorded the president and other officers for their work during the year.

The Guild will welcome any ringers visiting Jersey from the mainland on communication with the hon. secretary, C. E. Lovett, Bago-telle Lane, St. Saviour's, Jersey, O.I.

## FROM FATHER TO SON.

The meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association at Hailsham, on October 20th, was a happy day for the hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst), when his son, Mr. R. W. J. Pankhurst, was one of the two new members elected, the other being Mr. W. Pickworth, of Hastings. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Cambridge preceded the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. C. Chapman). Mr. W. D. Smith presided at the business meeting and thanked the Vicar, the organist, and Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, for so kindly defraying the greater part of the expenses for the tea.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

### A REVIEW OF FIFTY YEARS.

#### OFFICERS WITH LONG SERVICE.

Fifty years ago last Monday, that is to say on Oct. 29th, 1884, the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers was formed at a meeting held at St. Albans and became one of the fast increasing links in the network of ringing organisations throughout the country, established to promote belfry reform and the encouragement of the art of change ringing. The event will be commemorated at St. Albans on Nov. 3rd by a special service, dinner and other appropriate proceedings.



MR. E. P. DEBENHAM,

President and one of the founders of the Hertford County Association.

The association has been fortunate in the officers who have served it, men with the highest sense of the importance attached to the ringer's office and determined to uphold the status both of the ringers themselves and the art they practise. From the earliest days there have been two outstanding figures, Mr. Edward P. Debenham and Mr. George W. Cartmel. The latter has given unbroken service for 30 years as Honorary Secretary; the

former has occupied various offices, including that of Hon. Treasurer since 1888, and in this jubilee year has been elected President, an honour previously accorded him in 1907 and 1915. Mr. Debenham, out of his unique knowledge of the Hertford County Association, contributes the following article dealing with its past history.

#### THE FOUNDING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

##### BY THE PRESIDENT.

I have been honoured by the Editor of 'The Ringing World' in being invited to pen an article for that excellent newspaper describing the formation of the Hertford County Association, and some tit-bits relating to its early days and its founders, having regard to the approaching celebration of its jubilee on November 3rd, and whilst I am conscious of my shortcomings for such a task, I have invoked the assistance of the hon. secretary, Mr. George W. Cartmel, and am responding to the call.

About the time of its formation a forward movement in change ringing was prevalent throughout England. Many counties and dioceses had their associations with marked success, and the ringers in those districts without one, in order to get their peals recorded, had perforce either to join a neighbouring association or to become members of a central organisation, such as the Ancient Society of College Youths or the Cumberlands.

The St. Albans Cathedral Society of Change Ringers, founded in January, 1884, held a special meeting of its members in September of that year, with the result that the secretary of the society convened a meeting of representatives of change ringing societies in Hertfordshire to be held at the Rectory on October 29th, 1884, with the view of a county association being established. This meeting was duly held under the chairmanship of the Venerable Archdeacon Lawrance, the Rector of the Abbey, and was attended by representatives from Hertford, St. Albans, Ware, Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Baldock and Great Hallingbury, and on the proposition of the Rev. W. Wigram (Hertford), seconded by Mr. N. N. Hills (St. Albans), the county association came into existence.

The Bishop of St. Albans was suggested as president, and Archdeacon Lawrance was elected a vice-president. Mr. H. L. Waddington was elected treasurer, and the Rev. W. Wigram secretary, with Mr. Herbert Baker (Hertford) as his assistant. The first quarterly meeting was held at Hertford early in 1885, when the proposed rules of the association were considered and adopted.

The first annual report stated that branches existed in seven different centres of the county, viz., St. Albans (three bands), Hertford, Baldock, Sawbridgeworth, Hitchin, Bishop's Stortford and Benington. The membership for the first year consisted of 92 ringing members and two honorary members, eight peals being rung in the year.

As regards the early days of the association, the Benington band, under the leadership of Squire Proctor, was still in the heyday of its success; the Hertford College Youths, under the guidance of Mr. Baker, was doing excellent work, and the other centres were maintaining their positions. The St. Albans Cathedral Society, thanks to the enthusiasm of Messrs. Cartmel, W. H. L. Buckingham and J. C. Mitchell, was forging ahead, and handbell peals, under the conductorship of one or other of them, with myself and Mr. T. Waller also taking part, were numerous, and Mr. Henry Lewis' shop was frequently called into requisition for practice. For some years Mr. Lewis was the only active change ringer in St. Albans, and his knowledge and assistance were greatly valued. Messrs. Buckingham and Mitchell, with Mr. C. F. Winney and the late Mr. McLaughlin, took part in a non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) and a non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples, both on handbells.

#### OFFICE BEARER SINCE 1888.

In 1888, on the resignation of the Rev. W. Wigram, I was elected secretary and treasurer of the association, and Mr. Proctor (Benington) was elected president, which office he held until his death in 1895. He was succeeded in that office by Canon Wigram, who also held office until his death in 1906. Since then it has been made, whenever practicable, an annual appointment of one of the members of the association.

In 1890 Mr. Cartmel was appointed assistant secretary, and in 1904 I resigned from the secretaryship, but retained the office of treasurer, which appointment I still hold. Mr. Cartmel, the assistant secretary, was elected hon. secretary, and has continued in that position ever since.

Up till 1900 it was the custom to hold quarterly meetings of the association at different centres, but in that year it was decided to divide the county into districts, each one having a district secretary. At the present time there are five districts, viz., St. Albans, Watford and the Northern, Eastern and Western, and this arrangement is working very well.

Amongst the noteworthy achievements of the association are the following:—

April 8th, 1912: Bristol Surprise Major (12,160 changes), in 7 hrs. 18 mins., conducted by G. N. Price.

June 5th, 1933; Bob Major (18,144 changes), in 10 hrs. 52 mins., conducted by S. Carter.

Also the first peal of Aldenham Surprise Major, of Bushey Surprise Major, and of Hertfordshire Surprise Major, each of them composed and conducted by H. G. Cashmore, the first rung at Aldenham on October 21st, 1933, and the second and third at Bushey on November 23rd, 1933, and August 11th, 1934, respectively. Both the former and



MR. GEORGE W. CARTMEL.

30 years Hon. Secretary of Hertford County Association.

latter peals were rung without previous practice. On handbells on July 27th, 1933, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (5,056 changes) was rung, conducted by F. W. Brinklow.

I may add that the last annual report shows a band membership of 468, attached to 55 towers, unattached members 21, non-resident, life and ordinary members 216, and hon. members 50, making a total of 753.

Before I call 'Stand' I should like to express my sincere thanks to the hon. secretary, the district secretaries, and the Sunday service bands for their enthusiasm, and to offer my congratulations to the conductors of the various peals rung by the associations, and to the members who took part in them. I am proud to think that the association is fulfilling so well the objects for which it was established.

E. P. DEBENHAM.

## TWO GREAT STALWARTS.

### THE PRESIDENT.

The president of the Hertford County Association in this, its jubilee year, was, as recorded above, one of the foundation members, but he had been a ringer for many years before that, for he had his first practice in St. Peter's belfry on March 18th, 1875—almost sixty years ago.

Mr. Edward Percy Debenham, who will be 76 years of age on November 28th next, was born at Ivy House, St. Albans, adjacent to St. Peter's Church, with which he has been associated all his life. He was only 16 years of age when he took up ringing, and was identified first of all with the St. Albans Association of Change Ringers, which was formed in January, 1876, with James Haworth (a former well-known College Youth) as instructor. This band met twice a week and used to have the occasional assistance of John Cox and James Pettit, of London, but it was disbanded about the year 1881.

In 1878 Mr. Debenham took over the conductorship of St. Peter's Society and spent practically all his spare time in coaching young ringers. He scored his first peal in March, 1878, under the conductorship of Matt Wood, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, where he also rang his first peals of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. In April, 1883, he took part in the first recorded peal on the Abbey bells since the year 1765.

Mr. Debenham's professional duties prevented him from doing as much peal ringing as he would have desired, but he has rung between 70 and 80 peals, including a number on handbells. He was one of an enthusiastic party who, in the 'eighties, met for handbell practice at every available opportunity.

Mr. Debenham has filled all the important offices in the Hertford County Association. In 1888 he succeeded Canon Wigram as hon. secretary and treasurer, but resigned the former office in 1904 on account of the pressure of his professional affairs. He, however, continued as hon. treasurer of the association, and has retained that office without break ever since. For thirty years he and Mr. Cartmel (as hon. secretary) have run in double harness, with great benefit to the association. In 1907 Mr. Debenham served as president, and was again elected to that office in 1915. No happier choice could possibly have been made than his selection once more to occupy the office in the association's jubilee year.

Besides his ringing activities, Mr. Debenham has served the Church in several important capacities. He was for many years churchwarden of St. Peter's Church and a member of St. Albans Diocesan Conference and the Ruri-decanal Conference. He has occupied many important public positions in St. Albans, and succeeded his brother as town clerk of the city in 1909. He has held high rank in Freemasonry, to which he was admitted in 1882, and received honours in the Grand Lodge of England in 1914. He is a Past Provincial Grand Registrar of Hertfordshire.

If advancing years prevent Mr. Debenham taking as active a part in the belfry as formerly, his interest in ringing has in no way abated, and in Mr. George Debenham and Mr. Gilbert Debenham he has two enthusiastic sons who are following in his footsteps.

### THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

Out of the fifty years during which the Hertford County Association has been in existence, Mr. George W. Cartmel has filled the office of honorary secretary for no less than 30 of them, and filled it with great ability and a full conception of the relations which should exist between ringers and the Church. Mr. Cartmel has always set a high standard on the duties of the church bellringer, and has always urged the importance of putting 'first things first.' He has throughout his long official career sought to elevate the ringer's office, and his annual report to the members of his association has never failed to direct attention to higher things.

Mr. Cartmel, whose father was a native of Carlisle, was born on September 29th, 1865. He began ringing in the autumn of 1883, and was admitted to the St. Albans Cathedral Society in January, 1884. In those days there was no change ringing at St. Albans. Bennington and Hertford were the only towers in the county where the art was regularly practised, but despite the drawback the St. Albans men set about change ringing in earnest. In August, 1885, Mr. Cartmel rang his first peal. This was Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral, conducted by Mr. H. J. Tucker, and then, in January, 1886, he rang on the same bells in the first peal at the Cathedral by an entirely local band for upwards of 120 years, and the first 'local' peal in St. Albans since 1810.

With other now well-known St. Albans ringers, Mr. Cartmel took up handbell ringing with great keenness, and in April, 1886, rang his first peal 'double handed,' a peal of Grandsire Triples, to which he rang 7-8, jointly for the College Youths and the Herts Association, it being the first handbell peal for the latter. It is interesting to recall that this peal was rung by Henry Lewis, Challis Winney (conductor), Newman N. Hill and George W. Cartmel. Handbell peals became fairly frequent after this, and at the old Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, a famous meeting house for ringers, which has now entirely disappeared, Mr. Cartmel called his first peal, Holt's Original, from 1-2. The other ringers were Messrs. E. P. Debenham, C. F. Winney and W. H. L. Buckingham. Afterwards Mr. Cartmel called Holt's Original from every pair of bells and was the first to do so.

Mr. Cartmel joined the College Youths in 1885, and in 1889 he was appointed conductor of St. Albans Cathedral Society, which office he held for five years, resigning after a prolonged illness. In consideration of these services he was elected a life member of the Cathedral Society. Under medical orders he abstained from ringing for some few years, during which he took up church work in other directions, and was for a long period a Sunday School teacher, and afterwards the leader of a Bible Class for men. He is a lay reader in the diocese, and a prominent temperance worker. He has never again taken up peal ringing seriously, but his interest in the work of the association is as keen as ever. He occupied the office of president (an honour which the association passes round to its members) in 1928-9.

Mr. Cartmel succeeded his friend, Mr. E. P. Debenham, as secretary of the Hertford County Association, in 1904. These two stalwarts have thus piloted the destinies of the association through all but four years of its existence, and at its jubilee they are found, full of years and honour, occupying its most important offices.

# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

## A Handbell Peal on the Arabian Sea.

### COMPOSED AND RUNG ON THE SS. 'BARRABOOL.'

The most interesting event in the next stage of the journey to Australia, according to the report received by the last mail, was the ringing, while crossing the Arabian Sea, from Aden to Colombo, of a peal of Bob Major, composed by the Rev. E. Bankes James while the vessel was passing through the Mediterranean Sea.

ss. 'Barrabool,'

Approaching Colombo,  
October 4th.

We have had almost a full week at sea since touching our last port. The days have passed very pleasantly for us, and we are enjoying comparatively calm seas. Only once during the past five days have there been absentees at meal times.



MR. C. SHARPLES.

Nearly all our party went ashore when we reached Aden on Saturday, September 29th. We got to this sun-blistered spot at dawn, and two hours later started on a motor tour. Joe Hardeastle left his shirt off. 'Ay, 'twere grand, wi'out shirt,' he said afterwards. Some of the rest of us wished we had followed his example. Much to the surprise of most of us, Aden (said to be the hottest town on earth) has a good deal to interest the visitor. There are mountains of volcanic origin, and we visited the village built in the old crater. There is a shipyard where Arab dhows are built, said to be the oldest shipyard in the world. But the 'show piece' is the ancient water tanks, seven in all, excavated in the mountain side probably 2,500 years ago. Their purpose is to collect the water from the hills when it rains. The last time it rained in Aden was in the year 1928! Although the English weather forecast may have said something about a depression over Iceland, we took the risk of going

ashore without umbrellas.

The lowliest profession in the world is that of a hewer of wood and drawer of water. We saw members of this profession at their work in the gardens which have been developed along the side of the tanks. To encourage the shrubs they are watered with a brackish water got from a very deep well. It is hauled up in a skin bucket—probably of less than two gallons capacity, and leaking profusely, by four nearly naked Arabs, who chant some sort of song as they pull. They were glad to receive coppers to be photographed.

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Our tour took us to the Sheikh Othman oasis, where there is a public garden, and here, doubtless for the first time in the history of Aden, handbells were heard, two parties each ringing a course of Grandsire Triples, while natives stood agog. While the ringing was in progress two British aeroplanes from the R.A.F. aerodrome flew low overhead, a reminder of the watchful eye and ever-ready arm that guards the Britisher all the world over.

The native homes are squalid hovels, mostly one-room affairs, without windows or furniture, sometimes shared by the proprietor's goats, but all so ramshackle that the inhabitants never want the rain to come for fear of washing their abodes away. In the last rains over 200 of these 'homes' disappeared, we were told. But for all their environment, the natives, with their deep copper-coloured skins, are a good-looking race, and lots of the children definitely pretty.

Ralph Maude replenished his wardrobe by one shirt, bought from the vendors who cluster round the ship here as at all Eastern ports, and Rupert restocked his larder with limes (which, after tasting, he was prepared to give to anyone for the asking) and water melons (for which he has developed a liking which threatens to outvie his taste for ice-cream). Then, soon after noon, we said 'Good-bye' to Aden and headed away into the blue and the breeze, the latter being greatly welcome after nearly a week of sweltering weather, for September is one of the hottest months of the year in these parts. We were in the Gulf of Aden on Sunday, and towards mid-day passed the easternmost point of Africa, Cape Guardafui. Like the rest of the African coast that we have seen it is barbarous and forbidding. A lighthouse stands on the farthest point. It has a history. The territory is Italian Somaliland, and for a long time the natives prevented the building of the lighthouse. When eventually it was completed they ate the lighthousekeepers! A nice place, Guardafui. The lighthouse is now protected by a military detachment.

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The comparatively cooler weather has enabled a little more energy to be put into handbell practice. Since leaving Aden two or three peal attempts have been made by different combinations, and a Bob Major company got a peal home in the Arabian Sea. They attempted it on Tuesday, October 2nd, but it went overboard through a trip after 1 hr. 56 mins., much to everyone's disappointment. This attempt was made on the foredeck, where the first peal had been rung. This site, which is really in the crew's 'preserves,' is only possible for ringing on in the late afternoon, when the superstructure of the ship gives welcome shade. On this occasion the party missed both the peal and their tea. But that is just the luck of the game.

The morning ringing is done in the greater seclusion of the Isolation Hospital reserve, where protection from the sun is afforded by an awning. Beneath this shelter, which is right in the stern of the ship, where the endless thrashing of the propellers creates a continuous roar, another effort to ring the peal was made immediately after breakfast on Wednesday, October 3rd, and it ran home in 2 hrs. 35 mins., after only one hitch that seriously threatened success. That was in the last course but one, but it was skilfully saved by the conductor, who never let the trip get out of hand.

The peal was rung between latitude 8.49 degrees north, longitude 68.48 east: and latitude 8.42 north, longitude 69.27 east, the ship's run, while the ringing was in progress, being 58 miles.

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The composition was a 'twelve part' specially composed by the Rev. E. Bankes James, who figured it out while the 'Barrabool' was in the Mediterranean Sea. To the tourists it will always remain known as the 'Barrabool peal.' It is on a new plan, as far as I know, and shows that even now Bob Major is not completely worked out. Here are the figures and the peal, which will be found well worth ringing:—

THE 'BARRABOOL' PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5,040 BY REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

23456 W. M. H.

64235	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—
32564	—	S	2
63524	—	—	3
26534	—	—	3
53264	—	—	—
43265	—	S	—
52436	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
24356	—	S	—

The last three courses are repeated ten times, omitting the single in the fifth repetition.

The peal was rung for the Middlesex Association, as that was found to be the only one of which all the ringers were members. It was Mr. Sharples' first handbell peal on eight bells, his only previous peal 'in hand' having been in seven Minor methods and rung 37 years ago. Incidentally that peal was the first ever rung on handbells in seven methods.

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In the evening the peal was celebrated with a gala dinner and fancy dress dance. At any rate, if the festivities were not exactly put on to commemorate the performance, they served the purpose. Most of our party apparently came to the conclusion that their nor-

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**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****YOUNG RINGERS AND PEALS.**

A representative gathering of ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Bedworth on October 20th. Ringing ranged from rounds to London and Bristol Major, a special feature of this meeting being numerous touches of Grandsire Triples for the younger members, especially the local young men, who displayed great keenness.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting presided over by Mr. J. H. W. White (Master of the Guild). Leamington was chosen for the next quarterly meeting in January, 1935, and Exhall and Shilton for November and December respectively. The election of three life members proposed prior to peal attempts was confirmed at the meeting, viz., Dr. F. S. Poole (Wigston Magna), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), and Mr. R. H. Dove (Croydon).

A discussion arose regarding peal attempts. Mr. L. J. Hinde (Bulkington) urged that the younger members should be given a chance occasionally. Several members aired their views on the matter, including the chairman, who said he was sure that if any member felt that he was proficient enough to ring a peal in any particular method he should ask the band, or the conductor, where he obtained his practice, and a peal could be arranged for him. He was confident the older and more experienced men would willingly help.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and a return to the tower for further ringing concluded a successful meeting.

**HAPPY MEETING AT CANTERBURY.**

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was a typically happy affair. Rounds for beginners preceded the Guild service at St. Stephen's Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Watkins) officiated and gave the address. After tea at the Parish Room, attended by 53 members and friends, Canon F. J. O. Helmore presided at the business meeting. Mr. Percy W. Smith was re-elected district secretary, and Messrs. H. Smith and F. Brett, district representatives. Mr. E. Spice thanked them for their services during the past year. Whitstable and St. Peter's, Broadstairs, were chosen for quarterly meetings for 1935, and Selling for the next by-meeting. Thanks were expressed to all who made the meeting so enjoyable, and musical honours were accorded the chairman. The bells of St. Alphege and the Cathedral were also available during the afternoon and evening.

**THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR—continued.**

mal dress was already 'fancy' enough, without bedecking themselves further. For instance, Mr. James in his old school blazer, Joe Hardcastle in his shirt sleeves without collar or tie, George in a bath (as he has been ever since we touched hot weather—a bath of perspiration, of course, I mean), Bill in his big game hunting rig-out, and most of the rest of us dressed nearer native than we are ever seen at home, make us already a sufficiently fancy party to satisfy our modest aspirations. Ralph cut a merry figure. He appeared as the 'absent-minded professor' in evening dress, without his trousers. No, nobody was shocked; in fact, his legs were greatly admired, especially by the ladies. Some of the costumes adopted by the passengers were very amusing, and not a little originality had been displayed in their design. Many of them were made from materials collected on the boat. And after the 'parade' there were high jinks until a late hour.

The Grandsire Triples party have been badly out of luck. There has been some topping ringing on several occasions, but the stars in their courses seem always to frown on the efforts to score a peal.

We are nearing Colombo, where we hope to have a day ashore. We feel we need it, for we have been more than five days without sight of land, and we have ten more days ahead of us, during which our horizon will be bounded entirely by the sea. We have seen among other things shoals of flying fish and the wonderful phosphorescence of the tropical seas by night. It is fascinating to stand in the stern of the ship and watch the strange and ever-changing luminosity of the water. It is just three weeks since we left England, but, while the days pass quickly, so much that is novel and interesting has been crowded into them that it seems an age since we said 'Good-bye' to our friends at home.

I am happy to say that all our party is keeping in excellent health.

THE EDITOR.

Late News.

There was another concert to-night, at which Bill and George again excelled themselves with handbell tunes before an admiring audience.

The first serious catastrophe has just befallen us. Bottled grape fruit juice has been our principal liquid refreshment at the bar. News has just gone round that we have cleaned out the store, and there will be no new supplies this side of Australia.

There is, however, one consolation. There is still some good beer to be had.

**BESMIRCHING THEIR MEMORY.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very glad to see Mr. W. E. Wathen's letter in your last issue protesting against Mr. Trollope's remarks in 'The Ringing World' dated October 12th.

What conceivable interest is served by the latter's unwarrantable repetition of this old calumny?

Notwithstanding the quotations Mr. Trollope now gives, there is not the slightest reason to suppose that the ringers of 60 or 100 years ago were any better or worse than their contemporaries. Why should they have been?

If they had beer in the belfry, it is doubtless equally true that the parsons had gin in the vestry and that the 'Squire' had his bottle of port, as well as a stove, in his family pew. It was the custom of the times. Also it is known that at one church in the Midlands the adult members of the choir used to leave their places and adjourn to a nearby pub during the sermon!

It is common knowledge that many parsons have been deprived of their livings for drunkenness and/or immorality—one notorious case received much publicity only a short time ago—yet no one but a fool would on that account, assert that parsons as a class were a 'drunken and disorderly lot.'

Why, of all men, a ringer should so unnecessarily and gratuitously besmirch the memory of the old ones who have passed on is beyond my comprehension, and it is devoutly to be hoped that Mr. Trollope will not give still further publicity to such nonsense when he writes the history of ringing to which he refers.—Yours truly,

A. PADDON SMITH.

Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

Dear Sir,—I was exceedingly pleased to see the letter from Mr. W. E. Wathen in your last issue of 'The Ringing World.' Every word in his opening paragraph I wholeheartedly endorse, as the words in your leader in the previous issue, 'that the old ringers as a class were a drunken and disorderly lot,' was a slanderous statement.

I was introduced into a belfry well over 60 years ago, amongst all sorts and conditions of men, but I can truthfully say not once can I remember any who deserved such a character, although we used to visit each other's towers for nearly 20 miles around.

At that time in the early seventies and on I was learning and ringing Doubles off by heart (figures), and we used to be going from tower to tower frequently throughout the year for ringing and mutual friendship. This was years before the Winchester Guild was established.

I think it a great pity these old tales are trotted out from time to time, as they do more harm than good, and history contradicts them by showing that ringers as a body were only on a par with others of their day.

I would like to refer brother ringers to the splendid articles in the old 'Bell News' by Mr. R. A. Daniel in 1899-90, volume 18, Nos. 919 to 935, to confirm my statements in backing up Mr. Wathen's letters of the 26th.

GEORGE WILLIAMS,

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

1, Stoncham Avenue, Eastleigh.

Dear Sir,—Page 582 of current issue contains both tragic and humorous comment on our art. Our friend W. E. Wathen is full of righteous indignation (in which I share) of the status of character meted out to our forebears, and likewise our friend J. A. Trollope proceeds in the opposite pole to lay on cement and mortar in thick layers of the folly as diagnosed by the ancients, mostly clergy, of the ringers of bygone days. Well, there are and always will be black sheep in every fold, but when one pauses to think of what that most versatile of writers, Charles Dickens, had to say in his various volumes of the spirit of the age covered by the contemporary men quoted, is it to be wondered at? What idea or chance was given at that time, either educationally or socially? It would, however, be interesting to know who provided and fixed in our belfries the peal boards recording past feats covered by the dates under review. I should say the ringers. So much for column one.

Column two describes in a perfect blend how a peal should be rounded off; and, incidentally, I have heard the rendezvous called the Glue Pot, and seen it advertised in our 'Chronicle' as the Coffee Pot, so the choice is there, ladies and gentlemen, of what will you have.

Bromsgrove.

HARRY PRICE.

**SUCCESSFUL BEGINNERS' MEETING.**

Specially arranged for simpler methods, the meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex Association at Hursdpierpoint, on October 27th, was a great success. The attendance, which was greater than that at some of the quarterly meetings, was particularly encouraging, taking into consideration the fact that no rail allowance was made. It was resolved to repeat the experiment in January, Uckfield being suggested, with Upper Beeding as a second choice.

## MIDDLESEX AND THE TOURISTS.

The news of the ringing of a peal of Bob Major on handbells in the Arabian Sea on Oct. 3rd by the Australian tourists and credited to the Middlesex Association, was received with acclamation at the meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Enfield on October 27th. The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), who made the announcement, said he had received a letter from Mr. Rupert Richardson, posted at Colombo. 'I am sure the members will appreciate the honour done the association,' added Mr. Coles. He promised to convey to Mr. Richardson and the rest of the tourists their thanks and good wishes.

Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master) presided. Three new members were elected, and Kilburn was chosen for the next meeting. Good ringing was obtained at St. Andrew's and St. Mary's Churches and at All Saints', Edmonton. Appropriate votes of thanks were accorded all responsible for the success of the meeting, especially the ladies for preparing tea.

## RINGERS' PEAL BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I saw a ringers' peal book made up in coloured country views of various designs for inscriptions and names to be filled on them. Do you happen to know of a publisher of this make of a book, say, for eight bells?—Yours truly,  
85, Station Road, Hadfield. FRANK HALL.

## HARVEST TOUCHES.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. E. Pound (first on eight bells) 1, A. J. Mayor 2, G. Cross 3, A. Bailey (conductor) 4, A. W. Osborn 5, H. Osborn 6, A. Jeffery 7, L. Baker 8.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cosgrove (first quarter-peal) 1, A. J. Nicholas 2, W. Cosgrove, jun., 3, J. Igglesden 4, J. O. Weller 5, F. A. Nicholas 6, G. A. Selby (conductor) 7, W. Cosgrove, sen., 8. For evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. A. Nicholas 1, J. Igglesden 2, W. Cosgrove, jun., 3, J. O. Weller 4, W. E. Mathews 5, Mr. Daynes, jun., 6, Mr. Daynes sen., 7, A. J. Nicholas 8.

TRING, HERTS.—On October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. H. Heley 1, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 2, H. Brackley 3, H. Bishop 4, F. C. Reeve 5, W. Randall 6, C. Badrick 7, N. Brackley 8.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Chapman 1, W. Evans 2, H. Boobier 3, S. Russ 4, F. Greedy 5, C. May 6, J. Elsworthly (conductor) 7, W. Parker 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on October 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Feist 1, W. Charman 2, P. Charman 3, W. Watts (conductor) 4, J. Cook 5, F. Hindes 6, R. Langridge 7, C. Langley 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Wadey 1, G. Feist 2, P. Charman 3, W. Watts (conductor) 4, J. Cook 5, F. Hindes 6, R. Langridge 7, W. Charman 8.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on October 14th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: D. Braine 1, N. Randall 2, F. Palmer 3, H. Lawrenson 4, J. Berry (conductor) 5, T. H. Brame (first 720) 6. After evening service 720 of Bob Minor: N. Randall 1, E. Smith (first 720) 2, F. Palmer 3, J. Scott 4, H. Lawrenson 5, J. Berry (conductor) 6.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): Stanley Prestidge 1, Ronald Goodman 2, John W. Smith 3, John Goodman, jun., 4, Harry Hubble 5, Albert Prestidge, jun., 6, Gilbert Guest 7, Herbert Sheppard 8, Henry Goodman 9, Jos. Davies 10. Conducted by John Goodman, jun.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—At St. Etheldred's Church, on October 11th, 500 changes of Stedman Triples: Arthur Shepherd (conductor) 1, John T. Kentish 2, Daniel Ellingham 3, Richard E. Richardson 4, Sidney Cull 5, Harry Nobbs 6, James G. Dunham 7, Leonard Cull 8. —On October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,264 changes): Albert Lawrence 1, William Nash 2, W. E. Coles 3, Sidney Cull 4, Daniel Ellingham 5, \*Richard E. Richardson 6, \*Dudley W. W. Richardson 7, John T. Kentish (conductor) 8, James G. Dunham 9, Leslie Lawrence 10. \* First quarter-peal on ten bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—At the Church of All Saints', on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. J. Adams 1, H. N. Pittsow (conductor) 2, N. Holden 3, J. Hobden 4, F. G. Woodiss 5, T. Norman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, E. Wooloff 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Whitford (first quarter) 1, E. Wilson 2, R. Clark 3, S. Winkworth 4, G. Pullinger 5, E. Wheeler (first as conductor) 6, J. Hill 7, C. Ayliffe 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Andrew's Church, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Baverstock 1, H. W. Brown 2, R. O. Fry 3, M. Smart (first quarter in method) 4, A. Evans 5, F. Morrett 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Merrett 8.

VATELEY, HANTS.—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Bunch 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. T. Hearman 3, A. Goodall (conductor) 4, G. Butler 5, C. Bunch 6, S. Riddell 7, G. Over 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 15th and 29th, St. Andrew's on the 8th (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th (election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upwell (Norfolk) on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the churchwardens, in Church Hall, The Steyne, at 5.30. Don't forget that 1934 subscription, will you?—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at Wendon. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wasey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8), just restored by Taylor's, ready from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 5, but please notify. — Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A quiet time for ringers is to be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Addresses will be given at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 5 p.m. Conference at 5.30 followed by service at 6 p.m. All ringers invited. Conductor: Rev. W. Grome-Merrilees, of Theddingworth. — A. E. Rowley, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hershams, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Room, 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Jubilee gathering at St. Albans, Saturday, November 3rd. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Ringing at the Abbey from 2 p.m. and immediately after service until 6 p.m., and at St. Peter's from 3 to 3.45 and after service until 6 p.m. Dinner at the Conservative Hall, St. Peter's Street, 6.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets must be purchased not later than Oct. 24th. The slogan must be 'No ticket, no dinner.' Tickets, price 5s. 6d., obtainable from all the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glenton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**HOLMFIRTH, YORKS.**—Ringers' opening of the new ring of eight bells by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd.

**BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.**—Two trebles added to complete ring of 6 (tenor 6½ cwt.) and new frame and fittings for peal supplied by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Monday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.**—The ring of eight bells will be rededicated on Tuesday evening, Nov. 6th. The peal has been rehung by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-West District).—A joint mid-week meeting of the above will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Wednesday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Manor Arms 5.45 p.m. The bells at Immanuel Church also available after tea. All ringers are heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Miss E. E. Hardcastle, 23, Dafforne Road, S.W.17, by Monday, Nov. 5th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

**CORSCOMBE, DORSET.**—The Lord Bishop of Salisbury will rededicate the bells on Friday, Nov. 9th, at 5 p.m. The ring of 6 bells have been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to

Tuesday, Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at St. Wilfred's, Standish. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be supplied at a charge of 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. E. Birchall, Preston Road, Standish, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 7th. Will all towers please make a note of the date.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. You can make it a good meeting if you come.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 10th. Tower open for ringing 2.30 till 8.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 10th. The new bells (10) will be available from 2.30 to 5.30 and after tea till 8 p.m. Tea provided (by kind invitation of the Vicar and Wardens). All who intend being present must send names to J. T. Binson, 29, Euston Street, Preston, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 7th. A hearty invitation is extended to all.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, at 5 p.m., only to those who send their names to Rev. J. R. King, The Vicarage, Measham, Burton-on-Trent.—W. H. Curson, Dis. Sec., Netherscale.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Creton (5 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

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**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 3 p.m. Members requiring tea please advise me by the 8th inst.—J. E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Teas provided at Holt's Café. A good attendance desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Kendal on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea in the school at 4.30, price 1s. Please notify Mr. J. McLean, 1, Barker Terrace, Burton, Carnforth, for tea.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Ringing (chiefly on 6 and 8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. After tea St. Peter's tower (only). Names for tea by previous Thursday, please.—S. Thursday, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Hemel Hempstead Sat., Nov. 10th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements as to tea and service. A cordial welcome to all, but post cards are cheap and the P.O.'s have a good stock of penny stamps.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 14th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend being present please notify Mr. L. W. Wiffen, 3, Cressing Way, Braintree, not later than Wednesday, the 14th, or me?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. The members are being entertained to tea by the Wanstead Band, and it is essential that all those intending to be present advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 14th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Wisborough Green on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Three Crowns Inn at 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All those who intend being present should advise me before Nov. 14th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.**—The Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the bells on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. The ring of 5 has been restored and augmented to 6 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**MR. H. W. BADGER**, of 12, Queen's Road, Thame, Oxon, would be pleased to know of any ringers who are bank officials, with the object of attempting a peal at some future date, preferably a Bank Holiday. Method: Stedman Triples, if possible.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. H. Walker has removed from Fieldhead, Off Tinsill Road, Cookridge, Leeds, to 14, Chestnut Avenue, Heworth, York.

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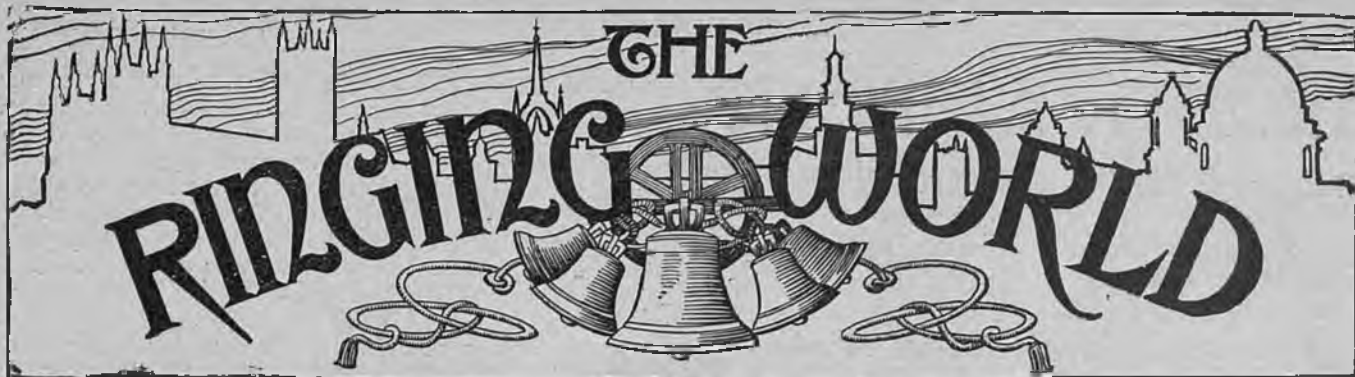
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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

Last Saturday was the jubilee of the Hertford County Association, the latest of the many societies which, beginning with the Devonshire Guild, were founded fifty or sixty years ago. It was at the close of a critical time in the history of the Exercise, probably the most critical it has ever passed through, for though the ringers of the time did not know it, the very existence of the Art trembled in the balance. In the middle of the last century the state of bells, belfries and ringing generally was deplorable, a scandal and a disgrace both to the Church and to the Exercise, and as the Church is much the greater, so was her responsibility that much the more. It was not the fault of individuals; it was the result of causes which had come down through centuries. The social and religious influences which had created and controlled change ringing in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries had worked themselves out and were bankrupt. Change ringing had never, from the beginning, been connected with the service of the Church. It was partly a secular sport, and partly done to celebrate national, civic, or private events. The Exercise in its organisation did not acknowledge the Church, and the Church shamefully neglected her duties to the ringers.

Then came changes in social and religious opinion which widened the breach, so that conditions, which were tolerable in the eighteenth century, were rapidly becoming intolerable in the nineteenth. The Exercise was faced with the alternatives of reform or destruction. The clergy and Church authorities, as a body, though they were quite aware of the scandal, shut their eyes and did nothing. Well for us they did not. For had a real attempt at reform come from that quarter, there can be no doubt that ringing would have shared the fate of the village choirs and orchestras of a generation or two earlier, and been swept into oblivion. As it was, ringing practically died out in some parts, the Norfolk villages for instance. Fortunately the Exercise was able to start the reform movement from within itself. The men who so strongly denounced the faults of ringers and the state of the belfries were the men who cared most for the real interests of the ringers and who loved bells and ringing. Those quotations from Ellacombe and others which were printed the other week in 'The Ringing World' are not slanderous attacks on the old ringers. They were frank recognition of evils which those men had made up their minds to end if it could be done; for they knew that if they were not ended, ringing itself would be ended.

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Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

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DANIEL COOPER ... .. 3	* ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... .. 8
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WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 2	JOHN W. DAVIS ... .. 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 7
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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Candida and the Holy Cross,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. Treble	*H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 5
*CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
*HENRY G. KEELLY ... .. 3	*FRANK PRICE ... .. 7
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. SEUTE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by Rev. C. CAREW COX.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 2	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER ... .. Treble	JOHN BURLES ... .. 5
RICHARD SMITH ... .. 2	E. GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6
MISS KATHLEEN BEER ... .. 3	EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 7
AMOS CONSTANT ... .. 4	STUART SANDFORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft,

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

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. 5
HARRY TOOKE ... .. 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Royal. A farewell peal to W. E. Bason.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHESMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. Treble	*FRANK BROWN ... .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 6
FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 3	†ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 7
JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 4	†FRANK WEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRATT.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of Frank West and Edmond A. Clemence, both members of the St. Peter's band. 100th peal on the bells.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. Treble	H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 5
JOHN F. ATKINS ... .. 2	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 6
REGINALD CHANCE ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 7
VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... .. 4	JOHN E. EATON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding at this church of Miss Dora M. Vaughan (daughter of Mr. James Vaughan, of the local band) and Mr. Wm. H. Cox, and of the wedding of Mr. John Withers, jun., of the local ringers, and Miss Daisy Stokes, at Yardley Parish Church.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 7
JAMES TOPP ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED. W. ROGERS.  
First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor, of Loughborough.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
*PERCY NEWTON ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 3	FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 7
ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... .. 7
FRANK SADLER ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* 400th peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. A compliment to Mr. William Mustoe, who celebrated his 93rd birthday on October 19th, and who was for eight years organist and seven years clerk respectively at the above church.

POOLSTOCK, WIGAN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

NORMAN BROWN ... .. Treble	THOMAS SMITH ... .. 5
RICHARD FORSHAW ... .. 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 6
*CHARLES BLACKBURN ... .. 3	SIDNEY FORSHAW ... .. 7
GEORGE T. JENES ... .. 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN HEAPS.

\* First peal in method, and first attempt. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Councillor James Horne, J.P., and Mrs. Horne, Mayor and Mayoress of Wigan.

GREAT BARDEFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 2	WALTER SMITH ... .. 6
*HAROLD TOWNSEND ... .. 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. 7
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... .. 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, the late Master of the association. The ringer of the fourth is the first lady to ring a peal in this tower.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. Treble	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 2	†EDWARD FOSTER ... .. 6
HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 7
*FREDERICK C. HOOPER ... .. 4	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Conducted by G. E. FOSTER.

\* First peal in a Major method. † First peal of Plain Bob and first as conductor. The composition is now rung for the first time.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

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

FREDERICK C. PERRIN ... .. Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... .. 5
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 2	JOSEPH C. MILLER ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 7
EDWARD H. KING ... .. 4	JOHN G. MASH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Hertfordshire Association and also in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Major and Mrs. Smith-Bosanquet, of Broxbourne Bury.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. Treble	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5
EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 2	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM RAWSON ... .. 7
HARRY L. SMITH ... .. 4	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

The band wish to thank the ringer of the 6th for standing in at the last moment.

WHITTLESEY, PETERBOROUGH.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

DENIS D. WRIGHT ... .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
BERRY WAYMAN ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 3	WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 7
ROBERT SMITH ... .. 4	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung to mark the engagement and forthcoming marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina.

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## LINTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 7
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

Birthday peal for Mr. C. H. Sone, who has now 'completed the circle' in this tower three times. The composition, No. 145 (consisting of 63 short courses), is rung for the first time. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality after the peal.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. Treble	WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 4	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

## DODDESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

WILLIAM HOPWOOD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRYLAND ... .. 4
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 3	THOMAS GUEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GUEST.

## SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS BRITTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SWAIN ... .. 4
HAROLD DOUGHTY ... .. 2	CYRIL M. HEATHCOTE ... .. 5
TOM CLARKE ... .. 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

First peal in the method for the association.

## RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WALTER GAINBY ... .. Treble	CHARLES HAYTINGS ... .. 4
FRED HAWKES ... .. 2	WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... .. 5
CYRIL HALLING ... .. 3	JOSEPH HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAYTINGS.

\* First peal.

## ALLENDSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 21 different 240's by Pitman, Morris and Lindoff. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. HARRY YOUNG ... .. Treble	ERIC R. WRBB ... .. 4
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
*TRACEY H. YOUNG ... .. 3	*ALBERT G. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal.

## MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, October 28, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 22 six-scores and five 240's by Pitman and five by Morris. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM WARREN ... .. Treble	*JOHN DAVIES ... .. 4
CHARLES DAVIS ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
GEORGE A. COUSINS ... .. 3	THOMAS G. STOKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. Rung for the harvest festival.

## WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*WALTER ELSEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 4
*FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 2	DAVID WHITING ... .. 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 3	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC G. BENNETT.

\* First peal in two methods.

## REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising one 720 each of Plain Bob and Woodbine Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL ... .. 4
*HERBERT C. FORDEHAM ... .. 2	GEORGE FILEY ... .. 5
†LEWIS J. BAYLEY ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal on a working bell.

## SANDY, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithun,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... .. Treble	MANFIELD GINN ... .. 4
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 2	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 5
CHARLIE BALL ... .. 3	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

\* 25th peal.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On October 25th, for harvest festival, 720 Doubles in the following methods: Plain Bob, April Day, St. Simon's, New Grandsire, Union, Grandsire. After service, 720 Doubles as before with Original in place of St. Simon's.—On Sunday, October 28th, 1,260 Doubles, Original, Plain Bob, April Day, New Grandsire, Union, and Grandsire, for evening service: E. J. Lambert 1, J. Higgins 2, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, F. Lambert 4, E. Hillyer (conductor) 5.

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

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Woodbine, Double Bob and Plain Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER ROGERSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST SWAIN ... .. 4
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
NICHOLAS NEWBY ... .. 3	HERBERT PALMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

First peal in five methods by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a compliment to the tenor ringer, who has been a ringer for 30 years, also in honour of his son's 21st birthday.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Collego Single and Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN H. PAGGETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 4
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	PERCY RICHARDS ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. WATKINS ... Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 4
WILLIAM BEAVER ... .. 2	ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 5
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 3	V. JAMES CARLESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. JONES.

\* First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor. Rung for the festival of All Saints.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 2, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT 5, CHURCH ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

GEORGE HESKETH ... .. 1-2	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 3-4
JOHN W. GARDNER ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

Witness—Mr. J. GARDNER.

First handbell peal in Halewood and first by all the band.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Plain Bob and 24 of Grandsire.

JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 1-2	WALTER M. GODDARD ... .. 3-4
*CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

Witness—Mrs. W. M. Goddard.

\* First peal in hand.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church, on October 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Trotman 1, F. Fisher (conductor) 2, F. Nicholas 3, S. Woodard 4, T. Edwards 5, J. Woodruffe 6, G. Blake 7, J. Sawyer 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On October 23rd, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 1, H. L. Cooke 2, H. S. Parsons 3, W. Andrews (Winchester) 4, H. C. Bond 5, F. J. Lewis, jun., 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. G. Cook 8. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. J. E. Waters, wife of J. E. Waters, who has been a ringer and chorister at Watermoor Church for over 40 years.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CANON BAKER.

BELFRY STAIRCASE AT DUNSTABLE PRIORY CHURCH

To the memory of Canon W. W. C. Baker, a former president of the Bedfordshire Association, a belfry staircase and memorial tablet were dedicated in the Priory Church of St. Peter, Dunstable, by the Bishop of St. Albans on October 15th.

The service was attended by many friends of the late Canon, and the Bishop gave an inspiring address. Among those present were the Rector of Dunstable, Rev. H. A. Griffith, the curate and churchwardens, the widow, Mrs. Baker, and three daughters, Rev. A. Rust (president of the Bedfordshire Association) and other clergy of the surrounding district, Miss E. Steel, Mr. A. King, and Mr. J. Nicholls (vice-presidents), Mr. A. Sharman (general secretary), and ringers of the local tower, Luton, etc.



THE PRIORY CHURCH, DUNSTABLE.

The staircase, made of wood, and erected by Mr. Watson, builder, Dunstable, and the tablet, cast in bell metal by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with the inscription in relief, were much admired by the congregation and ringers. The tablet was inscribed as follows:—

'In memory of Canon W. W. C. Baker, M.A., president of the Bedfordshire Association of Bellringers, the belfry staircase of this church was erected by his brother-ringers, July 1934.'

The bells were rung before and after the service. The balance sheet of the memorial fund states that the receipts totalled £25 4s. 10d., the following subscriptions being received: F. Bailey 2s. 6d., Rev. R. Copeman 5s., G. W. Cartmel 5s., Central Council £3 3s., W. P. Duffield 5s., W. H. Fussell 2s. 6d., Dr. H. Goldsmith 2s. 6d., Rev. C. Jenkin 10s., H. Knight 2s. 6d., R. Lathbury £1, D. Mears 1s., W. J. Nevard 5s., Rev. A. Rust £1 1s., R. Richardson 5s., Canon Robins 5s., W. H. Shuter 2s. 6d., Southgate ringers 6s., Miss E. Steel £1 5s., Miss Steel's lecture £3 7s., E. D. Taylor 10s. 6d., G. D. Thurston 2s. 6d., Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake 5s., 'Kitty' 1s. 3d., G. Heley 11s., the churchwardens, Dunstable, £4 0s. 6d., and the following towers: Aspley Guise 10s., St. Paul's, Bedford, 2s. 6d., St. Peter's, Bedford, 15s., Cardington 2s., Husbome Crawley 4s. 6d., Clapham 4s., Dunstable £1 5s., Leighton Buzzard 12s. 6d., Luton £1, Stagsden 2s. 6d., Barton 5s., Turvey 5s., Woburn £1, Totternhoe 6s., Riseley 3s., bank interest 1s. 7d. The expenses came to £25 4s. 10d.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR HEAD. COLLAPSED AFTER RINGING AT CHELMSFORD.

A very sad fatality occurred in the belfry at Chelmsford Cathedral on October 30th at the conclusion of the usual practice. Mr. Arthur Head, who had been ringing all the evening on the front eight to assist less experienced members, later rang the tenor for three leads of Kent Maximus. He then sat down, saying that he did not feel well. The bells were rung again, and practice concluded at the usual time. Mr. Head then put on his coat and, reaching for his cap, collapsed. He was placed on a handbell box, but had passed away. A doctor was fetched at once. The police and ambulance arrived, but owing to the circular stairway he had to be lowered to the Cathedral floor through the trapdoor with new ropes.

Mr. A. Head, who was 55 years of age, was the fourth of five brothers. All the brothers were taught to ring at Writtle under W. Lincoln, and all rang peals. He had rung just about 200 peals and was always at the heavy end. The majority of his peals were rung with the writer. An excellent ringer and striker, very seldom making a trip, as a heavy bell ringer his place cannot easily be replaced.

The funeral was on November 3rd. The service at the Cathedral was attended by a very representative company of ringers, and was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. Canon Morrow. The interment followed at the Writtle Road Cemetery, where many people, including members of the Chelmsford Corporation to which deceased belonged, were waiting to pay their last respects. The Provost took the committal service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by: G. Green (Great Baddow) 1-2, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) 3-4, W. Keeble (Feering) 5-6, W. Lincoln (Chelmsford) 7-8.

At the morning service, on Sunday, the Provost preceded his sermon by paying a tribute to his memory, his devotion to his beloved art, and his duty to the church, and expressed sympathy to his widow. During the evening the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled by the local and other ringers who had come to pay their last respect.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on October 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wright 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, J. C. Mitchell 3, W. E. G. Hewson 4, John Lee 5, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 6, J. W. Euston 7, S. Gardner 8.

**CHATHAM, KENT.**—On October 28th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Belsey 1, H. Hogarth 2, H. Springate 3, A. S. Richards 4, S. J. T. Shellock 5, W. J. Walker 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. Rung on the 26th anniversary of the rededication of the church.

### A VALUABLE BOOKLET.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have just been reading the Central Council's excellent little booklet, 'Hints to Instructors and beginners,' a copy of which should be in every tower. As I go about from place to place I cannot help thinking what a long-felt want this little work has filled.

It is disgraceful the way some ringers handle their ropes. Is it to be wondered there are so many bad strikers when they stand as they do and have one hand about a foot above the other on the eally or catch it so low they cannot possibly have good control?

Bad habits in ringing are, as in everything else, easy to acquire but very difficult to get rid of.

Now a suggestion for another 'Hints for the would-be conductor.' I would suggest this because I know it is wanted. I remember some few years ago standing in a touch of Stedman at Tring, and not one of the band could call a couple of courses, so Mr. Walter Ayre called it from his chair. I felt this so much that I was determined not to be caught napping again. I mentioned the matter to G.G. (H. VIII.), and he very lucidly explained some standard callings to me, for which I was very grateful. Then my old friend, George Martin, gave me some valuable hints on ringing and calling which I shall always remember. But it is not everyone who can call on the assistance of such experts and know they will be helped, as I have been, in such language as can be readily understood by 'the would-be conductor.'

Cookham.

T. J. FOWLER.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Eastern District of this association was held at Gateshead on November 3rd. The district-vice-president, Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland, presided at a short meeting after an excellent tea at the old Anchorage. A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing the tea, was proposed by the new president, Councillor Arthur Payne, J.P. Councillor Payne congratulated the Rector (Canon Stephenson) on the completion of 20 years as Rector, and also commented on the very great improvement in the surroundings of the church since the opening of the new Tyne Bridge.

The venue of the next meeting on January 5th was left in the hands of the vice-president and secretary. Two new members of St. John's, Newcastle, were elected, and on the proposition of Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. C. L. Routledge, the president was heartily congratulated on his re-election to the Gateshead Town Council.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations to Mr. William Ranford, who rang his 400th peal at Badsey, Worcestershire, on Saturday.

Congratulations to Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, the assistant secretary of the Middlesex Association, on the birth of a son and heir.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, chairman of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who is still in the Bristol Royal Infirmary, is making slow but satisfactory progress towards recovery.

We regret that the peal at Epsom on October 27th was stated to have been rung under the auspices of the Surrey Association. It should have been credited to the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The peal rung at Dudley, Worcestershire, on October 20th, should read 5,057 changes. It was Mr. W. C. Rhodes' first peal of Grand-sire Caters. Mr. W. C. Cooper has rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

Mr. H. O. Over, of Hugglescote, Leicester, writes suggesting that those contemplating ringing peals in honour of the forthcoming Royal wedding of the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina, might as an appropriate method for the occasion select 'Kent.'

Ald. J. S. Pritchett, the Recorder of Lincoln, was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths on November 10th, 1874. His 60th anniversary will doubtless be remembered by those assembling at the festival dinner on Saturday.

The weight of the tenor at Middleton Cheney, Northants, where a peal of Surprise Minor was rung on October 6th, was 22 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb., and not 26 cwt. approximately as stated. Mr. G. Dawson asks whether a peal in seven different Surprise methods has been rung on heavier bells.

The old and the young were in happy company at Ipswich on Saturday, when a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung. The ringers included Miss Tillet, aged 15, and Mr. R. H. Brundle, aged 83, the youngest and oldest persons to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus.

Other Parochial Church Councils must follow the example of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where all iron parts of the frame, wheels, stocks, stays, sliders, etc., have been painted with two coats of paint and the beams and other woodwork inspected for death-watch beetle. This was done without any pressure from the ringers!

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Ilkeston, on October 31st, for the dedication of the entrance doors and screen to the memory of the late Mrs. Muirhead Evans, was the 200th different composition called by the conductor, Mr. Maurice Swinfield. The band who rang the peal desire to express their thanks to Mr. E. C. Goby for having everything in readiness for them.

The many friends of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow will learn with regret that he has been compelled to enter the Middlesex Hospital for an operation which will put him out of active ringing for many weeks. He expects to be at the hospital for three weeks, and then at home until Christmas. Everyone will echo our sincere hope that he may have a speedy recovery.

Norwich ringers regret the departure of Mr. W. E. Bason to take up duties as stationmaster at Thetford. A farewell peal of Double Norwich Court Bob was rung on October 30th at St. Peter Mancroft, where Mr. Bason was a member of the Guild, a former Ringing Master, and chairman of the North Norfolk Branch. The peal was the 100th occasion on which Messrs. W. E. Bason and G. Mayer have taken part in peals together. The Exercise will wish Mr. Bason every happiness in his new appointment.

Last October 23rd was the 50th anniversary of a performance which is a landmark in the history of the art. It was the first time that Holt's Original was rung entirely non-conducted, and was rung on the anniversary of what was supposed to be the first time it was called by a man who took part in the ringing. The idea originated with the Rev. C. W. P. Davies, who induced James Pettit, then the leading conductor of the College Youths, to make up the band. Mr. Challis Winney, who is still going strong, is the only survivor. We hope he may live to call the Original many times more.

Mr. Henry James Tucker, of 2, Gordon Villas, The Broadway, Chichester, writes that he attended the first meeting of the Hertford County Association and is still a member of the association, although not able to be present at the jubilee. He corrects the statement that Bennington and Hertford were the only towers in the county where the art was regularly practised, as change ringing took place at Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth. Peals were rung at the former place as far back as 1827 by a local band, and one at Sawbridgeworth about 1881, conducted by the late Mr. G. Rochester.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PEASEMORE, BERKS.—On October 20th, 720 of Bob Minor: Miss J. Mullins (first 720) 1, Miss M. Field (first 720 on 'inside' bell) 2, M. Rosier 3, R. Rex 4, G. Townsend 5, J. Berry (conductor) 6. The ringers of the treble and second become the first ladies to ring a 720 on the bells.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.—On October 29th, an extent of Coventry Delight Minor (720 changes). W. Thomas 1, A. E. Richards 2, J. W. Clarke 3, P. Swindley 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6. Also a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Geo. Simon 1, T. Simon 2, W. Thomas 3, A. E. Richards 4, J. Swindley 5, J. W. Clarke 6, P. Swindley 7, J. Morgan 8. Both touches were conducted by J. Morgan.

## JUBILEE OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### A PEAL OF TWELVE FOR ST. ALBANS ABBEY.

#### BISHOP'S GIFT TO COMMEMORATION FUND.

On October 29th, 1884, the Hertford County Association was founded at a meeting held in Archdeacon Lawrence's study at St. Albans Abbey, and last Saturday the jubilee was celebrated by a service at the Cathedral and a dinner at the County Hall.

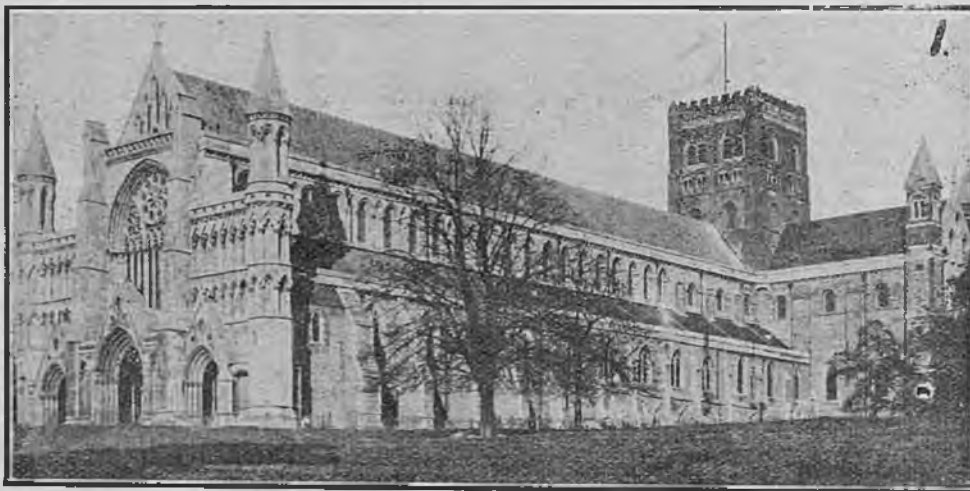
At the Abbey the Dean preached an eloquent sermon, expressing thankfulness for what the association had been able to do. The president (Mr. E. P. Debenham) read the first lesson, and the Bishop gave an impressive Blessing. At the close of the service a perfect course of tittum Grandsire Caters was rung by H. Hodgetts 1-2, C. W. Woolley 3-4, W. Ayre 5-6, H. G. Cashmore 7-8, F. W. Brinklow 9-10. In the evening the same men (except Mr. Ayre) rang a course of London Surprise without the least faltering from start to finish, proving that they are at present the premier handbell band of England.

At the dinner the president (Mr. E. P. Debenham) took the chair. He was supported by the Bishop, the Dean and the Mayor of St. Albans, Mr. G. W. Cartmel (the hon. sec.), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Alexander Young (Master of the College Youths), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild) and Mr. Challis Winney. Among the well-known ringers at the large gather-

not yet one nation. The main clauses in Magna Charta said that the Church should be free, and they must look to it that there should never be in England what they were seeing on the Continent, where men were trying to make religion and God himself the servants of some theory of State rule.

The Dean, in proposing the toast of 'The Hertford County Association,' said how glad Dean Lawrence would have been to see the result of the work begun in his study fifty years ago, and how the ideas he had set his heart on had flourished. Their beloved and revered president had assisted throughout its history, and Mr. Cartmel had held office nearly as long.

He had been informed by Mr. Goodenough, the captain of the Abbey band, that restoration would have to be done there, and he had come to the conclusion that it would be an excellent thing to mark the jubilee of the association by increasing the peal to twelve. The Parochial Church Council and the Advisory Committee of the diocese had approved, Mr. Lewis had given a favourable report, and Mr. Alexander Young had inspected the tower and said it was strong enough to carry the extra weight. All that was wanted was to find the money. The restoration of the present eight was, of course, a charge which would be undertaken by the Cathedral authorities. For the extra four bells a sum of £383 was wanted. There were some of St. Albans' merchant princes present. He hoped that they would



St. Albans Abbey, the peal of which is to be augmented to 12 bells.

ing were the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Messrs. W. H. Buckingham, Maurice Hibbert, A. A. Hughes, Jas. Parker, L. Goodenough, F. W. Elliott, G. W. Debenham, G. Kilby, A. W. Coles and others. Mr. J. A. Trollope represented 'The Ringing World.'

A most generous programme, musical and oratorical, had been provided, and what with encores and the clerical speakers taking their usual generous allowance, not much more than half the items had been reached before the guests had to leave to catch trains. There was, however, no cause for complaint, for the standard both of the speeches and the music was high. Mrs. A. A. Hughes' tunes on the handbells and the course of London Surprise already mentioned were perhaps the most appreciated.

After the toast of 'The King,' the President proposed 'The Church and State.' He pointed out that the bells are the property of the Church, and the ringers are the officers of the Church, and it was meet and right that they should ring on Sundays to mark that it was not an ordinary day. On the 29th the bells would be ringing for the wedding of the Duke of Kent, and on May 6th for the silver jubilee of King George.

#### THE FREEDOM OF THE CHURCH.

The Bishop of St. Albans, responding, said he was very grateful for the honour done him in allowing him to be present on so great an occasion. When he was a boy he began to learn to ring a bell, but he did not persevere, otherwise he might know the difference between an original and a royal triplet, or between a Cambridge Surprise and a Cambridge sausage. The nearest he had got was to find out that a Cambridge sausage was sometimes a Cambridge Surprise. He congratulated the association on including the old toast of 'Church and State.' The Church came first; and it must be free. At the Synod of Hertford held under Archbishop Theodore, which they had lately commemorated, there was only one Church, but there was

give liberally, and he hoped for small amounts from every part of the diocese. His ambition was to have the 12 bells rung for the first time on the silver jubilee of the King next May. It would take a bit of doing, but he was going to try.

#### ASSISTANCE OF COLLEGE YOUTHS IN EARLY DAYS.

The President said that a peal of twelve at the Abbey had always been a dream of his, and now it was going to be realised. The Bishop had just promised £25 towards the fund. He went on to express his deep sense of gratitude for all those who had helped him during the past 50 years. First of all was Mr. Cartmel, who for 43 years had held office and given invaluable service. It was nearly 60 years since he first began to ring, and he was not finished yet. He called to mind the old College Youths who used to come down and assist them, and with whom they used to ring handbells—Bob Haworth, Matt Wood, James Pettitt and, above all, his dear friend Challis Winney, who was present that day. He remembered once that the College Youths started for Holt's Original at the Abbey. They rang past the first single and then lost the peal!

Mr. W. Ayre proposed 'The Central Council of Church Bellringers.' Mr. Lewis, in reply, said that his position enabled him to give to them the congratulations of all the other societies in the land. He called to mind that the previous representatives of the Hertford Association had been that fine old ringer, Squire Proctor, their present president, Herbert Baker, and Bertram Prewett. They were now entitled to four members, and he asked them to send men who could give constructive help in debate. There was a lot of work to be done. The Council must watch the anti-noise campaign very closely. They ought to form themselves into an anti-noise commission. For while well-struck bells were very fine music, badly-struck bells were definitely a noise, to which people could legitimately object.

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## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS OF PAST CENTURIES.

### SOME INTERESTING PERSONALITIES.

#### CAVALIERS, LAWYERS ACTORS AND MUSICIANS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Who and what were the men who first invented and developed our art? For the most part they belonged, as ringers generally have belonged, to the lower orders. They were artisans and farm labourers and small tradesmen, with a sprinkling of farmers and members of the lesser professions. But there was always in the Exercise a tradition of a time when ringing was a fashionable sport, when you might find gentlemen at the rope's end in the belfry; yes, and even knights and real lords.

There was some foundation for this tradition in the early seventeenth century. We come across indications that there were two sorts of ringers—'gentlemen' and 'others'—who moved on separate planes, and if they mixed as ringers, which was seldom, never mixed socially. The gentlemen enjoyed privileges at the hands of the churchwardens for 'peals of pleasure,' which were denied to the commoner sort, but the others did the paid ringing, which at least in the towns was not inconsiderable. No doubt the gentlemen supplied most of the brains, and to them we owe early method ringing—Plain Bob and Treble Bob, and certainly Grandsire. I imagine, too, that those early societies of which we get occasional glimpses were composed entirely of the better-class ringers—such societies as the Scholars of Cheapside, the Loyal Youths of Litchfield, the Esquire Youths, and the rest—and that ordinary ringers had about as much chance of being included in them as a modern race-going man has of being elected to the Jockey Club, or you and I have of being elected to the Athenæum.

Then, in course of years, as the century waned, this was all gradually altered. Soon after 1700 ringing had practically ceased to be one of the recognised sports at the Universities. Most of the old societies lapsed, the others changed their character, and in the eighteenth century, though here and there a few gentlemen were ringers, they were exceptions and were looked upon as rather eccentric persons. Of the old state of affairs the Society of College Youths is the only relic that remains, and its history socially is the story of the changes that took place in the Exercise. It started at a very high level, so high that it could not be maintained, and gradually it got lower and lower until, in two hundred years, it had gone from the top to the bottom. From the King's Court at Whitehall to a low pot-house in the purlieus of Southwark—that is the measure of the social decline of the society during two centuries. I do not doubt that the later College Youths were just as worthy men as their predecessors, as they certainly were better ringers; but that is another thing.

Founded by a nobleman, the son-in-law of one of the most influential courtiers of Charles I., and composed of young country gentlemen who were up in town to play their part or seek their fortune in the royal circle or the Law Courts, for the first five years of its existence the society lived almost in the shadow of the King's palace. But times were changing—1637 is a year notable for more things than the founding of the Society of College Youths. It was the year when events first came to a head which were to change the whole character of England, and therefore of the modern world. It was the first year of the revolutionary epoch. Five years later the Civil War began. The Royal Court left Whitehall for many years, and henceforth the College Youths found their centre in the Inns of Court among the lawyers.

#### PROSPERITY IN THE COMMONWEALTH

During the war and the Commonwealth that followed, the society prospered exceedingly. I do not imagine that its members were ever strong supporters of Cromwell, and when the Restoration came they were glad enough, as many as could, to push their claims for advancement in Charles II.'s service; but while the republicans were in power the College Youths, like sensible men, accepted things as they were, and made the best of both worlds.

One thing is certain; they were not Puritans. They could hardly have been that in any case, since their founder was the son-in-law of George Goring, who was the typical, hard-drinking, hard-swearing, roistering Cavalier, and though there is no evidence that Lord Breton himself was that sort of man, he certainly was under the influence of his father-in-law. When the Restoration of Charles II. came in 1660, the College Youths, like all the other lawyers, welcomed the change and quickly took advantage of the altered political and especially of the altered social conditions. By this time the doors of the society had been widened, and they were no longer quite so exclusive as they had been. They by no means admitted just anybody. Common ringers were as far outside as they ever had been. The new recruit belonged to what we should now call West End Bohemian society, writers, members of the Civil Service, and actors, with lawyers still the majority. If we may judge the bulk from the samples we know of, they were a jovial, dissolute, drunken lot, though that is only part of the tale. There were many clever hard-headed men among them, men who could sit up half the night over

the bottle, and turn up next day at Westminster Hall or at their offices and play their part worthily. Some of them were magistrates, and there were still country gentlemen among them. I may, perhaps, one day be able to give a more detailed sketch of some of these men, show how very wide of the mark is almost everything which is usually written about the early days of this society.

One interesting fact is the presence among them of a distinct theatrical element which lasted for many years, because, knowing what sort of men the actors were in those days, it helps us to judge the characters of the others. The earliest actor, who was a College Youth, was Cave Underhill. He was the leading low comedian of the time and a prominent member of the company at Drury Lane and Covent Garden. By birth and education he was very different from the original College Youths, and no doubt owed his election to his jolly, companionable, sociable nature. He 'divided his gay hours between Bacchus and Venus with no little ardour,' and paid the penalty, for he was so afflicted with gout that 'he prayed one moment and cursed the next.' He lived at Salisbury Court under the shadow of St. Bride's Church in Fleet Street, where there was (and still is) a tavern called the Barley Mow. It was a noted place for holding clubs; in later years we know definitely that it was the headquarters of the College Youths, and it is reasonable to suppose that as early as the last quarter of the seventeenth century this was the place where the society usually held its meetings.

#### A LINK WITH SHAKESPEARE?

Two other actor College Youths were sufficiently prominent in their profession to be included in the 'Dictionary of National Biography,' and later on in the next century John Rich, who is well known as the man who first produced Gay's 'Beggar's Opera,' was a member of the society and held office. But the most interesting link between the theatre and the society is supplied by John Hardham and John Cundell, neither of whom was actually an actor, though both were intimately connected with the stage. Both of these men, and especially Cundell, were keen, capable ringers. Hardham was a remarkable man and deserves an article all to himself; Cundell's ringing career is part of the story of the great Benjamin Annable, of whom he was a life-long rival. I have only space here and now to mention a theory I have formed which, if true, shows a link (though a slight one) between William Shakespeare and the Society of College Youths.

One of Shakespeare's friends and fellow-actors was a man named Henry Condell. He, Burbage, Shakespeare and Heming were among the Lord Chamberlain's men at the end of Queen Elizabeth's reign, and the great poet in his will left legacies 'to my fellows John Hemynges, Richard Burbage, and Henry Condell to buy them rhynges.' In 1623 Condell and Heming put the whole of humanity in their debt by collecting Shakespeare's plays and publishing the first folio. Condell, who was a prosperous actor and lived in his own house, retired from the stage in 1623 and died in 1627. He was a married man and had begotten sons and daughters, some of whom survived him.

The man who founded Drury Lane Theatre was a bookseller called Rhodes, and H. Rhodes (probably not the same, but a son) published 'The School of Recreation,' which has a chapter on ringing. A copy of one of the editions of this now in the British Museum belonged to a William Cundell, of whom I know nothing. A generation or two later we have John Cundell, the College Youth, who, in his later years, had charge of the box office at Covent Garden. Further on still there was a Henry Condell. He was not an actor, but a musician, a violinist and composer, whose whole life was spent in the service of Covent Garden, Drury Lane, and the King's Theatre. He could very well have been John Cundell's son or grandson. John Cundell and Shakespeare's Condell both spell their name both ways—a not unusual thing in early days. Now, seeing that the name (Cundell, though not exactly rare, is not a very common one, and remembering how the tradition of a trade or a profession lasted in families in old time, I think it a reasonable supposition that all these Cundells were in the same lineal descent, and that in John Cundell the College Youths have a link with William Shakespeare. The connection of the society with another supreme poet was much closer, for both John Milton's brother and son-in-law were College Youths.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**DARLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.**—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on October 28th for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Jeff 1, G. W. Park 2, R. Busby 3, Victor Jarrett, R.E. (Chatham) 4, W. N. Park 5, Roland Park (conductor) 6.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On October 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Tabrett 1, T. Cullingworth (first quarter) 2, G. Swaffer 3, F. Conley (first quarter) 4, S. Nicholls 5, H. C. Castle 6, O. W. Everett (conductor) 7, D. Godden 8.

**MERTHAM, SURREY.**—At St. Katherine's Church, for the annual sportsmen's service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Wood 1, G. Welch 2, K. D. C. Birt 3, A. Cheaseley 4, H. B. Wells (conductor) 5, C. Killick 6.

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During the service an address was given by Canon Briggs, who explained that the customary service in June had been postponed owing to the decision to wait for the brackets to be installed. The tower was one of the most beautiful parts of the church, and was a beautiful tribute to the memory of Mr. J. W. Taylor and his forefathers. Canon Briggs then dedicated the lamps and brackets, and the ser-

vice concluded with the singing of the hymn, 'Sing all the people gathered,' and the Benediction.

Further ringing took place on the Parish Church bells until tea, which was served in the Fearon Hall. The thanks of the assembly were voiced by Canon Briggs to Mr. Denison Taylor for his hospitality.

### WORK OF MASTER CRAFTSMAN.

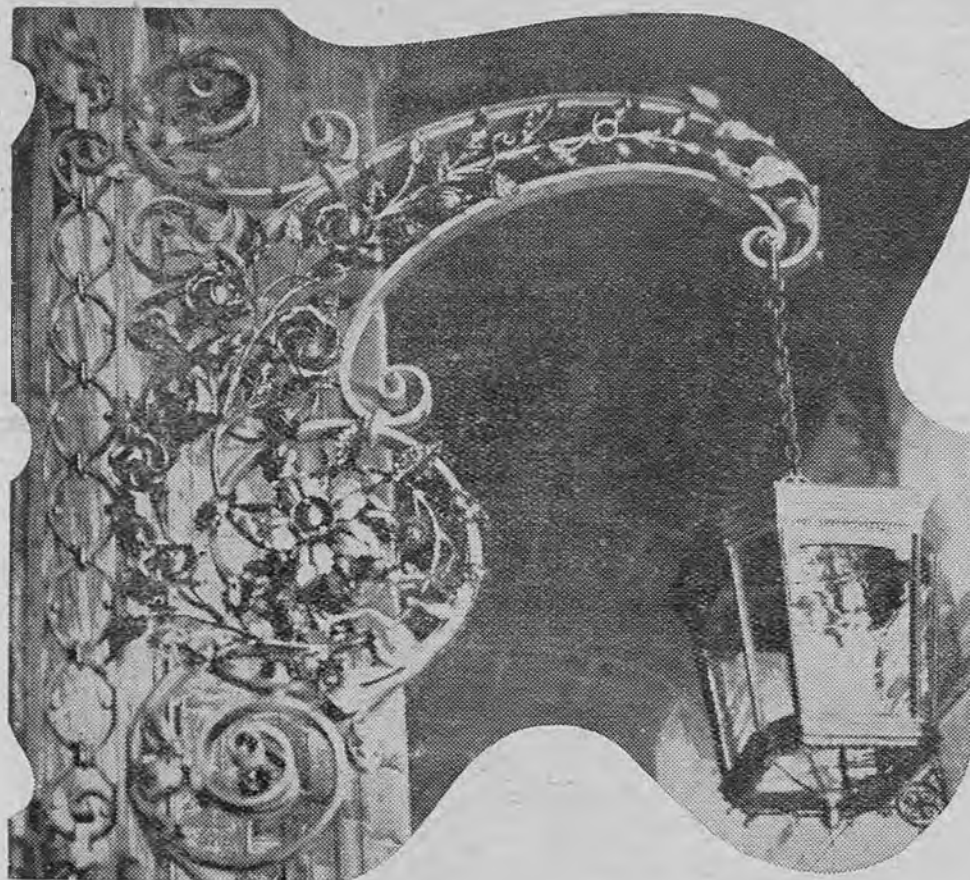
Explaining the genesis of the gift, Mr. Taylor said that when the Canon first came across these two extremely graceful pieces of iron-work, with his critical and appreciative eye for anything truly artistic and worth while, he saw at once that they had been forged by a master craftsman. When Canon Briggs suggested putting them in the 'Ringers' Corner' as a memorial to Mr. J. W. Taylor, he was struck at once with the idea, as, above all things, his father delighted in a bit of clever smithwork, and at one time ran a smithy in addition to the Bell Foundry. The beauty of the brackets had been enhanced and embellished under the expert guidance of Mr. Albert Herbert, of Leicester, the well-known architect, whom he was so pleased to see with them that afternoon.

In conclusion, Mr. Taylor expressed regret at the impending departure of Canon Briggs, and wished him health and strength to carry out his work in the shadow of that ancient cathedral.—Canon Briggs assured the assembly that he would do his best to be present at the service next year.

A hearty vote of thanks was recorded the ladies who had prepared tea, and Mr. W. Manning (Vicar's warden) also expressed the indebtedness of the company to Mr. Denison Taylor for his hospitality. 'I am proud of the Loughborough ringers in their service to the Church,' he added, 'and I hope they will always ring on.' A tribute to Mr. Denison Taylor's work was also paid by Mr. W. W. Lax (people's warden).

A plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. Ernest Morris, Colin Harrison, J. Paget, Jim Fenton and Redvers Elkington.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the belfries of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry. Admiration was expressed at these two fine peals, the very 'tricky' ring at the Bell Foundry having special appeal, as these are the lightest ring of ten bells in the world. Many well-known ringers were present including Ernest Morris and Frederick Dexter. All methods, from Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, to Plain Bob Minor were rung, continuing at the Foundry until 9 p.m. An interesting feature of the evening was an inspection of the Bell Foundry, conducted by Mr. C. Harrison. Great interest was evidenced in the peals of bells that had been cast and retuned.



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### NEW ALTAR AT BENHILTON, SURREY.

A beautiful new altar has been fitted at All Saints' Church, Benhilton, to replace the original one, which has been presented to West Wickham. The new altar was dedicated by the Bishop of Woolwich on All Saints' Eve. To commemorate the dedication a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the service by the following members of the local band: Sid Rayner 1, E. Enticknap 2, F. Randall 3, G. Rayner 4, G. Reed 5, H. Smerdon 6, W. C. Smith 7, R. Foreman 8. This is the first quarter-peal by the treble ringer, who is thirteen years of age, and son of the ringer of the 4th. The same band (except that H. E. Good stood in place of H. Smerdon) rang a quarter-peal for service the following evening.

### LOSS TO KINGSTON SEYMOUR, BRISTOL.

The death of the Rev. Major Revel R. Green, of Kingston Seymour, near Bristol, is deeply regretted by his parishioners and many friends. He had ministered in the parish for 30 years, and to commemorate his 25 years as curate-in-charge the ringers and friends added the treble bell to the peal. On October 29th the local ringers met to attempt a peal with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect, but owing to a late start it was decided to ring a touch exceeding a quarter-peal; 1,800 Grandsire Double (10 callings) were brought round in 75 minutes by: E. S. O. Baker 1, \*Mrs. E. R. Norton 2, E. R. Norton 3, H. A. Price (conductor) 4, \*A. E. Harris 5, H. W. Price 6. \* Longest touch yet rung.

## REMINISCENCES OF BYGONE RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In common with many other readers of 'The Ringing World' I am very interested in the correspondence now appearing on the question of temperance or otherwise amongst ringers in days long gone by, and, speaking generally from an experience extending well over 56 years, I am of opinion that their misdeeds in those far-off times may be somewhat exaggerated.

Over half a century ago I used to visit the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe in his delightful residence at Clyst St. George, Devon, and he distinctly told me that in his first book, 'Book on Ringing,' he strongly denounced ringers as disorderly persons, but that when he became a ringer himself and mixed more freely with them he flatly contradicted his former statements! He also made this remark to many of my old College Youth friends, with whom he became acquainted!

In my early ringing career, over 50 years ago, I paid several visits to Tewkesbury and became very friendly with the then leader, Mr. Josiah Watthen, who kindly arranged for me to call one of the first peals by the newly-formed 'Gloucester and Bristol Association,' and which was successful at the first attempt in December, 1884.

I can state with the greatest confidence that Mr. Jos. Watthen was a perfect model of what a man should be, in the position he held there for so many years. He was indefatigable in his earnest work of teaching young ringers, for he was a skilled conductor and also a composer, and a great deal of 'spade work' fell to his share. He was a quiet, inoffensive man, always ready to do a 'good turn' for anyone, and on some occasions I have stayed at the waterworks, where he was the resident engineer in charge. He it was who taught the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies to ring, and actually called his first peal, also at the Abbey. Mr. Davies' father was formerly Rector there, and I wish Mr. Davies had lived long enough to have spoken more openly on this matter.

During these visits I became acquainted with all the ringers in the neighbourhood, and can assure your readers that they were one of the most respectable and trustworthy set of fellows anyone could wish to meet, not only as regards temperance, but most respectful and obliging to all visitors, and also mindful of the real reasons why bells are rung at all.

It is true that after ringing we used to adjourn to the Hop Pole Hotel, one of the most delightful, comfortable and well-conducted of the old country inn class, for there was nowhere else to go, but anything bordering on excess in any way was quite foreign to their nature. Therefore I can quite understand the letter from Mr. Wm. E. Watthen, whom I now remember as a very small boy. He was little Willie then, and used to tap tunes on his father's handbells.

Now, having visited over 1,000 bellfries in the United Kingdom and met the best and worst, I am of opinion they were not all so bad as painted. True, I have been warned on a few occasions that such and such a band 'was a wet lot,' and once the leader of a call change party was very careful to point out to me 'the house they used'!

I have no doubt there have been excesses in olden times, such as Mr. Trollope mentions, but I honestly believe them to have been in the minority.

F. E. DAWE.

Kingfield, Woking.

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## BELLS AND ANTI-NOISE.

He hoped when the new bells were put in the Abbey tower the old ones would be tuned, because, although they are at present a very good peal, the new bells would show up their defects. He also hoped that the addition of four bells would not lower the standard of ringing. It did often happen that a really good eight bell band was changed into a poor or indifferent twelve-bell band. They should ring such methods as Duffield, Forward, or Little Bob on twelve bells, not Cambridge Maximus, the music of which the public did not appreciate.

Mr. Cartmel proposed 'The Kindred Societies,' and contrasted the state of bells and bellfries 50 years ago and their present state. Then they were filthy places, hardly fit to go into. It was due to the work and influence of the kindred societies.

Mr. Alexander Young, the Master of the College Youths, assured the Hertford Association that his society wished them every success. In three years' time the College Youths would celebrate their tercentenary, and he hoped that Hertford men would come and take a part in it.

Mr. C. T. Coles pointed out how much the Middlesex Association owed to Hertford men. It was actually founded at Barnet, which is in Hertfordshire. Mr. A. T. King, their first secretary and afterwards their president, lived in Hertfordshire. So did Mr. Milne, also their president, and now the Ringing Master had followed their example. The Middlesex and Hertford Associations always worked together in the greatest harmony.

Other speeches followed.

## MARLBOROUGH BRANCH AT EVERLEIGH.

Much useful practice in the more simple Doubles methods was obtained by the members of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at the monthly meeting of the Branch held at Everleigh on November 3rd. Members were present from Aldbourne, Ogbourne St. George, Pewsey, Collingbourne Kingston, Marlborough and Everleigh, while a welcome visitor was Mr. W. B. Kynaston, secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Bristol and Gloucester Association.

The Rector, the Rev. J. S. Macnutt, conducted the Guild service and afterwards entertained the ringers to tea at the Rectory. He was thanked on the proposition of the secretary (Mr. A. Taylor). Handbells were rung at the Rectory, and a return was then made to the tower. After leaving Everleigh several of the company visited Collingbourne Ducis, where members of the local band were persuaded to keep their eyes from the boards they were accustomed to ring by, and with the help of the visitors were steered through their first touch of Grandsire Doubles.

## SHORTAGE OF RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On going through my 'Express' paper last Sunday I came across the following paragraph:—

'A shortage of bellringers has resulted in the 900-year-old bells of Southwark Cathedral, London, being fixed with chiming apparatus. It was not possible to ring the bells at a number of weddings recently.'

I understand that at the Parish Church, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, where there is a ring of eight, and at one time a good band to ring them, the Vicar and the majority of the local band prefer the chiming apparatus for weddings in preference to ringing. I noticed in 'Belfry Gossip' a few weeks back that the Vicar had closed the tower owing to a disagreement between himself and the ringers. This caused some of the band to resign, as they would not agree to use the chiming apparatus.

I gather the tower is now open again, and the so-called ringers have gone back to Doubles and call changes. I also understand they are members of the Hertfordshire Association of Change Ringers. I think, sir, all towers where the band prefers the chiming apparatus to change ringing they should be barred from joining any association of change ringers.

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## HONOUR WHERE HONOUR IS DUE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I—the son of a change ringer and the grandson of a bell-ringer of the old school—be allowed to support the indignant protest of Mr. Wathen, also to add I agree with Mr. Paddon-Smith and Mr. G. Williams that no good can possibly come of reiterating these isolated condemnations of old-time ringers. It is the easiest thing in the world to decry a man's faults and bad habits, and to so dwell on them that his good qualities and abilities are lost sight of. Throw enough mud and some is bound to stick!

It is disgusting to hear so often clergy (from Bishops down to curates) telling us what good lads we are to-day as compared with the ringers of years ago. They delight to pick out from old church-warden's accounts the references to so much 'ale' or 'beero' given to ringers on some festive or other occasions, and most conveniently leave out the fact that everyone received a like payment 'in kind.' I would ask Mr. Trollope and others interested to turn to page 572 in my 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' where I give just a few of these extracts, also to a recent issue of 'Apollo,' where, in an article on ringers' jugs, pitchers, etc., I try to show that ringers, as a whole, were not so black as sometimes painted.

When the recent Oxford Movement centenary was celebrated, I sat under several clergy who very forcibly told us what a bad lot their forerunners were, neglecting services, church and parishioners alike, and generally behaving themselves in anything but a Christian-like manner as befitted their calling. But we to-day (oh, yes), we are so different! It is a fact that a certain parson in a Dorset village kept a barrel of cider in the vestry, and that during Queen Victoria's reign a bottle of sherry used to be provided in the vestry of the Chapel Royal for distinguished preachers' refreshment. Many such cases could be quoted. And these clergy to-day complacently tell us the ringers were a bad lot! They do not mention the famous church ales, and the fact that many of the public-houses which the ringers supported by their custom were owned by the Church. (Belgrave St. Peter's owned the Talbot till quite recently.)

The old-time ringers must be revered for keeping the art going under difficult circumstances, and those who rang long peals on bells in conditions vastly inferior from those prevailing to-day must be praised for their sheer dogged perseverance, and, to use a very old English phrase (often used by our dexterous Leicester sergeant-major), 'they did have guts,' which I am afraid a great many ringers of to-day have not!

In those early days such beverages as tea, coffee, cocoa, etc., were unknown, and within living memory things which only rich folk could afford. Home-brewed ale, cider, and the like, were the common beverages, and children were brought up on them! Mr. E. Denison Taylor tells us that as a boy of nine or ten years of age he went to a boarding school, and every day the boys had a mug of ale to their meals!

The improvements in bells and belfries of recent times are not due to either the ringers or clergy individually, but to a general amalgamation of each and better understanding prevailing all round.

Mr. Trollope very conveniently adds after his reiterations the paragraph, 'There are worse things than drunkenness,' and that, I presume, will be the line on which he will wriggle free from his adverse critics.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.**—At All Saints' Church, on November 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten callings): F. Stuart 1, G. Bolt 2, C. Savage 3, D. Pidgeon 4, B. Pidgeon (conductor) 5, C. Ebdon 6. First quarter-peal by all the ringers.

**LEEDS, YORKS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 28th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes): C. E. Lawson 1, J. A. Teale 2, G. Robinson 3, G. Barraclough 4, F. Renton 5, J. Jessop 6, W. Woodhead 7, F. Barker 8, W. E. H. Ash 9, L. W. G. Morris (composer and conductor) 10 (42½ cwt.). Arranged and rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Broadley, Bradford, who was an old associate of the late Jasper W. Snowdon. First quarter-peal of Royal on the bells.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On November 3rd, 420 of Bob Triples: N. Bristow (age 16) 1, R. G. Taylor (age 12) 2, J. E. Taylor (age 13) 3, W. Cyster (age 14) 4, J. D. Taylor (age 14) 5, B. T. Harrison 6, G. R. Limmer (conductor) 7, G. H. Limmer 8. For evensong 336 Bob Major: R. G. Taylor 1, J. E. Taylor 2, J. D. Taylor 3, W. Syster 4, G. R. Limmer 5, B. T. Harrison 6, G. H. Limmer 7, G. Gilbert 8. First touch of Major to be rung at Burnham by a local service band.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At All Saints', on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. P. Maslen 1, F. Butler (first quarter) 2, J. Ballard 3, G. Cooper 4, H. Wooding 5, H. Balaam 6, E. Austin (first as conductor) 7, J. Woodley 8.

**TEWKESBURY, GLOS.**—At the Abbey, on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,287 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, S. T. Holt (conductor) 2, Miss A. R. Johnson 3, J. Austin 4, J. D. Johnson 5, F. Lawrence 6, G. Hinton 7, T. W. Lewis 8, G. Lewis 9, F. Hawks 10, C. Camm 11, W. Ranford 12. First quarter-peal on the twelve bells.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 15th and 29th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th (election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Tuesday, Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at St. Wilfred's, Standish. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be supplied at a charge of 6d. per head. Will all towers please make a note of the date.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. You can make it a good meeting if you come. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 10th. Tower open for ringing 2.30 till 8.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton District. — The next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, 6d. each, at 5 p.m., only to those who send their names to Rev. J. R. King, The Vicarage, Measham, Burton-on-Trent.—W. H. Curson, Dis. Sec., Netherseale.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 10th. The new bells (10) will be available from 2.30 to 5.30 and after tea till 8 p.m. Tea provided (by kind invitation of the Vicar and Wardens). A hearty invitation is extended to all.—J. Char-nock, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Kendal on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea in the school at 4.30, price 1s. Please notify Mr. J. McLean, 1, Barker Terrace, Burton, Carnforth, for tea.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Hemel Hempstead Sat., Nov. 10th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements as to tea and service. A cordial welcome to all, but post cards are cheap and the P.O.'s have a good stock of penny stamps.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 14th, for tea. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend being present please notify Mr. L. W. Wiffen, 3, Cressing Way, Braintree, not later than Wednesday, the 14th, or me?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. The members are being entertained to tea by the Wanstead Band, and it is essential that all those intending to be present advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 14th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Wisborough Green on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Three Crowns Inn at 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All those who intend being present should advise me before Nov. 14th. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Shifnal on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me not later than Nov. 14th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Nov. 17th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and business after. I hope for a good attendance. Just a card as a help for tea arrangements will oblige.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Wonerish on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Grantley Arms 5.15. Nominations for next year's district officers must be made at this meeting. Bramley bells also available afternoon and evening. Please send numbers for tea to me by Nov. 12th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

**DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.**—The Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the bells on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. The ring of 5 has been restored and augmented to 6 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—A practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Attenborough, on Nov. 17th. Bells available 5.30 p.m.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Nov. 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at St. John's, Old Hackney (Mare Street). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Visitors welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chapman House, Lower Chapman Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting in the tower at 6. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea can be obtained nearby.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**LEICESTER.**—Lantern lecture by Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., on 'Famous Bells.' Museum Lecture Hall, Saturday, Nov. 17th, 7.30 p.m. Admission free. All welcome. No tickets.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, by invitation of the Vicar. Notify me for tea by the 14th, please. All welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley, Glos.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Rodbourne Cheney on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. Corporation buses from Swindon Town Hall or Junction Station every ten minutes.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**PEBMARSH, ESSEX.**—A dedication service for new treble bell, at St. John the Baptist Church, 11 a.m., on Sunday, Nov. 18th. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. The five old bells will be rung before service, afterwards the peal of six will be open all day. All ringers welcome. Tea will be prepared for those sending their names to Mr. R. Potter, King's Farm, Pebmarsh. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Essex Association, Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Countesthorpe (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notification for same to me by Thursday previous. A good meeting is requested. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chelmsford Cathedral bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 21st, without fail?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, usual terms. Please advise me, without fail, by Nov. 21st. All members and friends welcomed. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Full particulars later. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

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#### MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT ACTON.

##### REFERENCE TO ANCIENT PEAL BOARDS.

The November meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association was held at Acton on November 3rd. As usual, a happy gathering resulted, about 30 ringers and friends being present. During the afternoon various methods were practised; the beginners had plenty of rounds, while several courses of various Surprise Major methods were rung. Tea, provided by the churchwardens, was served in St. Mary's Hall.

At the business meeting Mr. F. G. Cole (unattached) and Mr. G. Nicholls (St. John's, Hillingdon) were elected ringing members. St. Stephen's, Ealing, was selected for the place of the next meeting, provisionally arranged for December 8th. The hon. secretary gave notice of the third annual supper, which was to be held on January 12th at Heston. The annual district meeting would take place at Hillingdon on February 2nd. Members were requested to support all of these events.

A final report on the condition of Hayes (Middlesex) bells was presented. The six bells are not in a fit condition for ringing. A restoration would have to include the recasting of two bells, a new frame and foundations, besides extensive repairs to the tower. From conversations with the Rector, little hope exists of launching a restoration scheme for the present. Mr. W. H. Coles was heartily thanked for his activities in this connection.

Mr. Coles also referred to an article which appeared recently in 'The Ringing World,' dealing with the conditions and restoration of ancient peal boards. He stressed the importance of maintaining these relics of the past in good condition. He thought that where action appeared desirable the Church Council should be approached in the first instance. Messrs. Hillier and Chandler also contributed to the discussion, and the debate was adjourned until the next meeting. Thanks were accorded to all who had contributed towards the success of the meeting.

#### DEVIZES BRANCH WELCOMED AT HOLT.

With a practical ringer in the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. H. Brewis) to welcome them, the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild spent a most enjoyable time at Holt on November 3rd. After the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar, tea was served in the school-room arranged by local ringers, with the assistance of their ladies. Mr. E. F. White (vice-chairman) presided at the business meeting, and a letter was read from the branch chairman, Mr. C. D. Eeginbotham, thanking all for their kind inquiries and condolences. The secretary was asked to convey the meeting's best wishes and their sincere sympathy to him on such a painful and prolonged illness. To the appropriate votes of thanks the Vicar replied. The members then returned to the tower, where methods up to London were rung on this excellent ring of six.

#### SUPPORT FOR FIVE-BELL TOWER.

A well-attended meeting of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Cosgrove, Northants (five bells), on November 3rd. The visitors included the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, of Staverton, Mr. F. Wilford, Guild Master, and ringing friends from North Bucks, one of them playing the organ at the service, at which the Rev. E. S. Powell preached. Tea was provided at the Barley Mow Inn, following which the Master voiced the thanks of the company to the Rector and all who helped to make the meeting such a success. In the evening parties visited Stony Stratford for eight-bell ringing.

#### LATE NOTICES.

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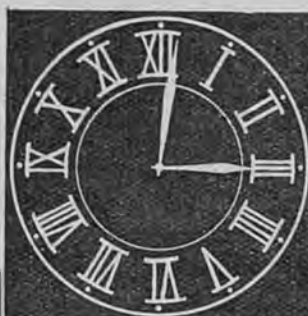
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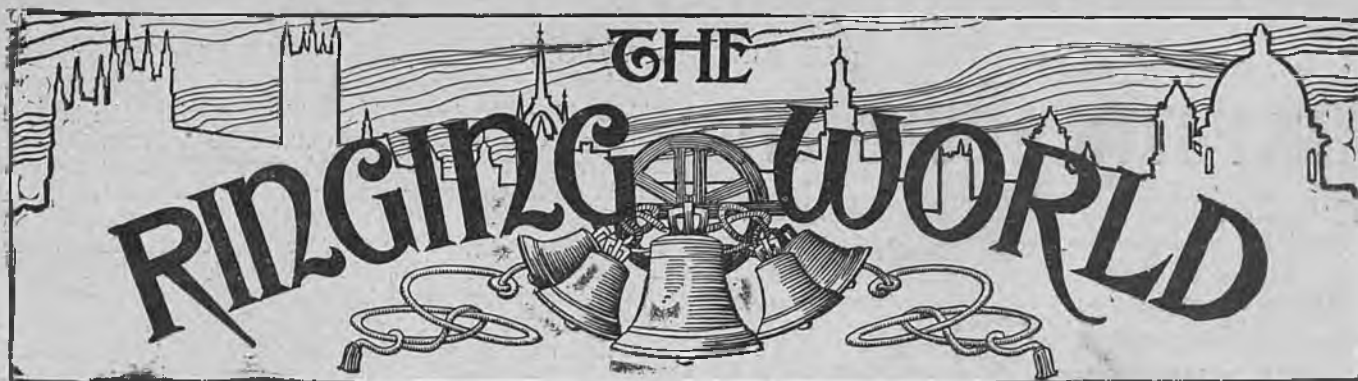
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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

In his speech at the Hertford County Association jubilee and again at the College Youths' dinner the President of the Central Council stressed the importance of good striking. While, he said, well struck bells are very fine music, badly struck bells are definitely a noise to which outside people can legitimately object. To this every ringer will assent, but the difficulty is that, though we all agree that striking in general needs improving, we are slow to apply the lesson to ourselves. We know that other people's striking can be bettered, but usually we are quite content with our own. For this there are several very natural reasons. Some people do not possess a really sensitive ear or sense of rhythm. To some the interest of method ringing is so great that it dwarfs all other interests; they would much rather ring indifferently struck Surprise than first class Treble Bob, when the poor striking is the price that must be paid for practising a new or difficult method. Some people have never heard really good striking and do not realise what its charm is. And others, who in happier circumstances would have been good strikers, have to do all their ringing with beginners and indifferent bands and gradually get to tolerate a low standard.

Change ringing has progressed enormously during the last thirty or forty years, there are many more change ringers, there are many more methods and much more difficult methods practised than formerly, but it is doubtful, generally speaking, whether the standard of striking is not rather lower than it used to be. The Grandsire and Stedman that used to be rung in London and the Treble Bob that used to be rung in the Eastern Counties and in Yorkshire were struck better than the average Surprise methods of to-day; while the less advanced bands then were content with stoney, which, of course, can be struck fairly well by any reasonably intelligent band. On the other hand, it is true that there are parts of England where there never was a tradition of good striking, and there the standard is generally higher than it was. What people do not realise is the enormous difference between striking which is good and that which is really good. So long as the bells are rung fairly evenly without any actual clashes, that is all that they expect or hope for. But first class striking is very much more than that. It has character. It is not like clockwork, for the good striker does not strike his bell equally over all the other bells. Consciously or unconsciously he will be just a shade wider over a heavy tenor than over a small bell, and in Major he will make the last blow at backstroke distinct.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5093 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HAROLD DYSON ... .. Treble	HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 6
*HORACE FOX ... .. 2	JOHN H. LENTON ... .. 7
ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 3	THOMAS HOLDER ... .. 8
HERBERT WALKER ... .. 4	*FRED NEWTON ... .. 9
GEORGE DYSON ... .. 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

\* First peal in the method. Conductor's 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Walker.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ROBERT GREEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... .. 6
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 2	*HERBERT IMPEY ... .. 7
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**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;**

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JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 2	HARRY GOODMAN ... .. 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM GOODMAN ... .. 8
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HENRY GOODMAN ... .. 5	*JOSEPH H. DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ROBERT WALMSLEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 5
* ARTHUR W. LEIGH ... .. 2	JOHN L. WRIGHT ... .. 6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 7
HAROLD WALMSLEY ... .. 4	THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, October 31, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

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JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBBY ... .. Tenor

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*On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

* JOHN W. HOBSON ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... .. 5
JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 2	* JOSEPH ATKINSON ... .. 6
RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 3	* ARTHUR E. WEST ... .. 7
JACK CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

\* First peal in method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. Cowton and Miss Vera Blood, who was a member of the local band; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th and the wife of the treble ringer.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 24½ cwt.

* GEORGE CORNWALL ... .. Treble	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 6
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 3	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 4	HARVEY H. WINNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

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ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, November 5, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 5
RONALD BOLLEN ... .. 2	HARRY G. FELTON ... .. 6
GEORGE IVES ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... .. 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. WIFFEN.

First in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the St. Michael's Guild.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... .. 5
HARRY ARGENT ... .. 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 6
JOHN BURLS ... .. 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 7
* RICHARD A. MUNN ... .. 4	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. Tenor

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**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
* ALBERT GORRINGE ... .. 2	JAMES W. MELDRUM ... .. 6
† THOMAS G. HORRIDGE ... .. 3	JOSEPH RYDARD ... .. 7
* EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... .. 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. Also first peal in the method on the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ROBERT BARBER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FLATT ... .. 5
SELIM GOODEN ... .. 2	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 6
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. Tenor

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On Thursday, November 8, 1934, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of All Saints,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS ... 5
* JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 2	ROGER W. DANIELS ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.  
\* First peal of Bob Major.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Friday, November 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Treble	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	THOMAS HOAD ... 7
GEORGE KING ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.  
Arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who attained his 60th birthday on this day.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Friday, November 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Remigius,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	HARRY TOOKER ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 6
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 3	WALTER R. FARROW ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEXWOOD. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.  
Mr. C. T. H. Bradley is from Folkingham, Lincs. The conductor's 50th peal this year.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
R. NARBOROUGH (1st Cambs.) Treble  
A. COPPOCK (2nd D.L.I.) ... 2  
IDA B. THOMPSON (V.A.D.) ... 3  
FRANK BRADLEY (75th R.E.) ... 4  
W. THORNLEY, JUN. ... 5  
W. THORNLEY, SEN. (5th N. & D.) ... 6  
R. A. HICKTON (14th D.L.I.) ... 7  
F. A. SALTER (4th M.G.C.) Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.  
Owing to indisposition of one of the selected band, the ringer of the 5th took his place at very short notice. All the others had served overseas.

WORCESTER.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,  
**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	* GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
* WILLIAM LEWIS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
\* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,  
**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... Treble	GEORGE LEWIS ... 5
* MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
* JOHN F. MILNER ... 3	* GEO. W. CREASEY ... 7
* MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4	ALBERT NASH ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by A. NASH.  
\* First of Yorkshire. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,  
**A PEAL OF LITTLE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt.

* WILLIAM NEWTON ... Treble	CECIL E. CARR ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	* FRED COTTON ... 6
* ERNEST E. PICKERING ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
* ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
\* First peal in the method. Longest length yet rung in this method, the extent of tenors together.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

* WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... Treble	FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... 5
† WILLIAM A. HOULTON ... 2	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 6
† LODIS J. LOCKYER ... 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7
WILLIAM M. STONE ... 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. E. CHEATER.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

HYTHE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20 cwt.

* CHARLES F. SWAN ... Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... 5
WILLIAM FRIGHT ... 2	† ALFRED A. SWAN ... 6
* WILLIAM F. FLISHER ... 3	CHARLES TURNER ... 7
* WILLIAM J. BIDNELL ... 4	WALTER J. PREBBLE ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.  
\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the wedding of the daughter of the organist, Mr. Gilbert Lamb.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 10, 1934, 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 15 cwt. in G.

JAMES C. COOKE ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... 5
* JAMES T. STEVENS ... 2	ALFRED G. HILL ... 6
* WILLIAM C. DARKE ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN S. MORTON ... 4	GEORGE W. PIPER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.  
\* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War; also to the memory of the Rev. W. G. Wickham, M.A. (Vicar of St. Mary Cray), curate at the above church 1918-1922, who was interred at Erith Cemetery on November 5th.

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MARKET DRAYTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 31st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: \*F. Price 1, \*T. Price 2, W. P. Deane (conductor) 3, \*R. Chesters 4, T. Hurd 5, W. J. Chester 6, A. Hickman 7, W. Weatherby 8. \* First quarter and first attempt.

## COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES W. BURTON... ..	Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..	5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... ..	2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... ..	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... ..	3	WALTER ARNOLD... ..	7
FRANK CLAYDON ... ..	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The conductor's 100th peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Eva Beckwith and Mr. E. Beckwith, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beckwith. Also to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beckwith, who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... ..	Treble	ERNEST EVEREST... ..	5
* OSCAR F. WILLS ... ..	2	ALEC RICHARDSON ... ..	6
CYRIL COLLISON ... ..	3	ERNEST J. LADD ... ..	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON ... ..	4	ARTHUR MAISE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal on eight. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... ..	Treble	* LESLIE W. STEVENS... ..	5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... ..	2	GEORGE E. FOSTER ... ..	6
CHARLES ALLSOP... ..	3	EDWIN CATTELL ... ..	7
CHARLES DICKEN... ..	4	PERCIVAL PRICE... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES ALLSOP.

\* First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

## OLNEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE... ..	Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... ..	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW... ..	2	FRANK BOSWELL ... ..	6
BERNARD FISHER... ..	3	HENRY STAPLETON ... ..	7
CHARLES MORTIMER ... ..	4	PEARL INSKIP ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. SMITH ... ..	Treble	JOHN E. BLOWER... ..	5
GORDON A. BACON ... ..	2	STANLEY W. BAYBUT ... ..	6
WILLIAM PERRY ... ..	3	GEORGE E. WILSON ... ..	7
WILLIAM DUDLEY ... ..	4	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal. Rung with the College Youths at St. Clement Danes.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob.

JAMES M. GODDARD ... ..	Treble	GEORGE W. HALL ... ..	4
JOHN W. HOBSON ... ..	2	JOSEPH ATKINSON ... ..	5
WALTER M. GODDARD ... ..	3	ARTHUR W. HOODLEES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

## RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM SHERRBORNE ... ..	Treble	* KENNETH FORD ... ..	4
RONALD G. BECK... ..	2	E. JOHN TARGETT ... ..	5
DAVID MACKAY ... ..	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal of Minor.

## GLOUCESTER.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HOBERT SCRIVENS ... ..	Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... ..	4
HARRY BARNETT ... ..	2	PERCY NEWLAND ... ..	5
TOM WORRALL ... ..	3	HARRY WORRALL... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MATTHEWS.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. Joshua Stephens, who was a ringer and towerkeeper of this church for 33 years.

## SWINDON, WILTS.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Rodborne Cheney,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

* ERNEST GLASS ... ..	Treble	* HAROLD E. BROWN ... ..	4
† JACK S. ROBERTS ... ..	2	RICHARD E. LUTON ... ..	5
* CHARLES WATT ... ..	3	WILLIAM G. GREENAWAY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JACK S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells and by a local band.

## COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE TOWNES ... ..	Treble	WALTER ARNOLD... ..	4
ALEC M. GENERY ... ..	2	CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... ..	5
* REGINALD SIMMONDS ... ..	3	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by G. TOWNES.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Howard, of Braintree.

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## ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Miss Mary Garley ... .. Treble	Tom Garley ... .. 4
Miss Mary Brown ... .. 2	Harry Baxter ... .. 5
George Lines ... .. 3	E. Maurice Atkins ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

## BENFIELDSE, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Le-Lie Askew ... .. Treble	John H. Elliott ... .. 4
Christopher T. Lamb ... .. 2	Edward Hall ... .. 5
*Robert Clark ... .. 3	Thomas W. Dodd ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Dodd.

\* First peal.

## MUDFORD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

Wilfred P. Lambert ... .. Treble	E. T. Paul Field ... .. 3
Arthur H. S. Rainey ... .. 2	William C. Shute ... .. 4
Percy N. G. Rainey ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by William C. Shute.

First peal on the bells.

## CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

Fredrick A. Targett ... .. Treble	Leonard Dunford ... .. 4
E. John Targett ... .. 2	Ronald G. Beck ... .. 5
David Mackay ... .. 3	George Sugg ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band and on the bells. The ringer of the second has now completed the circle in this tower.

## HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Frank Warrington ... .. Treble	A. William T. Ginn ... .. 4
Berry Wayman ... .. 2	Mansfield Ginn ... .. 5
Francis G. Gleaves ... .. 3	Charles Robinson ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. Warrington.

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the Armistice.

## OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*William Whiting ... .. Treble	Frank L. Fisher ... .. 4
George Pryke ... .. 2	James Bennett, Jnr. ... .. 5
George Bennett ... .. 3	William C. Rumsey ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. Rumsey.

\* First peal of Minor.

## WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

Herbert C. Read ... .. Treble	George Mayers ... .. 4
Cecil V. Ebberson ... .. 2	George Bailey ... .. 5
Nolan Golden ... .. 3	Cuthbert T. H. Bradley Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

First seven method peal on the bells and by the ringer of the treble. Rung with half-muffled clappers.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## THE INDIAN OCEAN.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

On Board S.S. 'Barrabool',

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Mrs. R. Richardson ... .. 1-2	Rev. E. Bankes James ... .. 5-6
Rupert Richardson ... .. 3-4	*George Martin ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Rupert Richardson. \* First peal of Major 'in hand.' Rung just after crossing the Equator. It was the first peal of Bob Major and the first double-handed handbell peal in the Southern Hemisphere.

## LEVERSTOCK GREEN.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the School,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The 'Barrabool' peal. Tenor size 12 in F.	
Francis Kirk ... .. 1-2	Walter Ayre ... .. 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley ... .. 3-4	Charles Jeffes ... .. 7-8

Composed by Rev. E. B. James. Conducted by Walter Ayre. Rung to mark the jubilee of the association.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wednesday, November 7, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At 56, Moorland Avenue,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14½ in G sharp.

*Charles McGuinness ... .. 1-2	Jack Bray ... .. 3-4
*Harold Marcon ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. Bray.

\* First peal of Doubles.

## YARNTON BELLS REHUNG.

## OXFORDSHIRE PEAL NOW IN ORDER.

About two years ago the late Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) inspected the tower at Yarnnton (Oxon) and urged the secretary of the Witney and Woodstock Branch (Mr. W. Evetts, jun.) to press for the necessary repairs. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the Vicar (the Rev. E. N. Aston) this has been completed. There was a large congregation, including ringers from Eynsham, Woodstock and Cassington, present at the dedication service on November 9th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the dedication performed by Bishop Shaw, of Oxford, who gave an instructive address on bells and bellringing.

Formerly these bells, which are heavy (tenor 27½ cwt.) went very badly, headstocks and bearings having become rotten and worn through weather and age. For some unaccountable reason the bell ropes in the tower were never in a circle, the treble and second ropes fell in the centre of the tower, the fourth rope fell between the 5th and tenor, the latter bell not being in the centre of the tower but in one corner. With the movement of the two bells from their respective pits an excellent circle has now been obtained, but it is left-handed. All bells are on roller bearings, and the 'go' of them is all that can be desired. The work has been admirably carried out by Mr. R. White, of Applton, to whom great credit is due.

After the service a social gathering was held in the school, where songs and recitations were carried on till late in the evening.

**ARMISTICE RINGING.**

The following is a selection of the large number of Armistice Day quarter-peals and touches:—

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. A. Trollope 1, E. J. Walsom 2, L. H. Wilson 3, H. Folkard 4, P. E. Clark 5, E. S. C. Turner (conductor) 6, W. G. Wilson 7, E. Harris 8.

**DUNSTABLE, BEDS.**—At the Priory Church, for mazins, touches of Plain Bob and Stedman Triples. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, \*C. King, jun., 2, G. Heley 3, \*H. Burrows 4, \*F. Walker 5, F. Ramsay 6, G. H. Sentance 7, A. G. Matthews 8. \* First quarter of Major 'inside.'

**WARWICK.**—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): T. Male 1, J. L. Rye 2, J. T. C. Rye 3, H. Huxley 4, W. Collett 5, C. Wildsmith 6, A. T. Green 7, F. Berry 8, E. H. Adams (conductor) 9, F. H. Bosworth 10.

**FULMER, BUCKS.**—360 Grandsire Doubles (three different six-scores): A. Fuller 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, Miss E. F. Bedford (conductor) 3, C. A. Nicholls 4, J. Daley 5, M. King 6. Miss Bedford (aged 15 years) is believed to be the youngest conductor in any tower in union with the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten callings): \*L. Day (age 13) 1, H. W. Saunders 2, H. White 3, \*C. Luff 4, F. G. Blako (conductor) 5, \*B. Bishop 6, \*A. Mann (aged 14) 7, \*W. G. Hiscock 8. \* First quarter-peal. First quarter by an all-local band.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Rev. C. C. Cox 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, C. W. H. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. G. Sartin 8.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes, arranged by G. Preston): R. Curtis 1, H. Payne 2, A. F. Newman 3, H. Smith 4, T. W. Thirkell 5, A. Butler 6, F. Mursell 7, H. Reeves 8, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 9, J. Elliott 10.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. Lancefield 1, E. J. Dixon 2, L. C. Smith 3, E. S. Ruck 4, W. Lancefield 5, P. Page (conductor) 6.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Bosworth 1, G. W. Clayfield 2, L. Freeman 3, W. Brooker 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, J. W. Cotton 6, W. Curson (conductor) 7, H. Southard 8.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal (1,440 changes): G. J. Gardiner 1, H. W. Bishop 2, R. G. Townsend 3, F. Targett 4, G. W. Townsend 5, S. Palmer 6, E. J. Berry 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, R. G. Beck 9, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 10. Also rung on the 36th anniversary of Mr. S. Palmer's wedding. Messrs. Targett and Beck hail from Mid-somer Norton.

**WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.**—At the Parish Church, for the Service of Remembrance and in honour of the visit of the Belgian Ambassador, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1,264 changes): S. Woodard 1, J. Woodruffe 2, F. Nichols 3, W. Woods 4, W. Sawyer 5, F. Fisher (conductor) 6, C. Fisher 7, J. Trotman 8. It is upwards of 25 years since the last quarter of Major was rung on the bells.

**WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.**—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: \*L. Tiney 1, W. H. Wilson 2, \*W. Bunning 3, \*O. Tiney 4, \*C. Allen 5, C. Wilson (conductor) 6. \* First 720.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Eric Morey 1, C. Tyler (conductor) 2, Ernest Morey 3, W. Morey 4, F. Parsons 5, F. Cruttenden 6, A. E. Baker 7, G. Payne 8.

**APSLEY END, HERTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Double Court: W. Feasey 1, W. Puddifoot (first in method) 2, E. Upton 3, L. Waite (first in method) 4, G. Bruce 5, F. Tompkins (first in method as conductor) 6.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—At All Saints' Church, 1,056 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, C. J. Newman 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, C. Button 4, E. Mingay 5, C. W. Burton 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludder 8.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Wells, 720 Cambridge, 720 Double Court: C. Button (one extent), J. Papworth, R. Grainger, A. Mason, W. Elliott (two extents), C. W. Burton, J. Elliott, W. Keeble (three extents), A. Mason (conductor) (two extents), and W. Keeble (one extent).

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. F. Ellingham 1, H. C. Chandler 2, W. H. Stevens 3, F. J. Caltermoul 4, H. W. Cooper 5, A. Jones 6, W. A. Lewis (conductor) 7, D. F. May 8.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.**—At St. Michael's the Archangel, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): S. Warne 1, R. Martin 2, H. Hammond 3, G. Wiffen 4, G. Lindridge 5, F. Eley 6, W. Hammond 7, A. Wiffen (conductor) 8.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Norris 1, S. Hoare 2, H. Long 3, A. Brunton 4, A. Dix 5, W. H. Thomas (Bristol) 6, R. Bell 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Nolan Golden, of the Norwich Diocesan Association, has rung in 50 peals this year.

Will correspondents kindly note that news items and peals should be sent to 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

Mr. Roger W. Daniels, who participated in a peal of Bob Major at Bloxwich, Staffordshire, on November 8th, has been elected a life member of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society.

Mr. Malcolm Melville, of The Cottage, Anstey, Coventry, is anxious to collect information about young ringers and their individual performances, and also performances of young bands.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on November 10th, at Sutton-on-Trent, was the first peal in this method for the North Notts Association. Mr. G. Lewis, who conducted, was proposed a member previous to starting.

It is believed that the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Rotherham on October 30th was the first in Yorkshire to be rung by an entirely local band, every member being a regular Sunday service ringer at Rotherham Parish Church.

Mr. James C. Cooke, who participated in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Erith, on Saturday, rang his last peal over 30 years ago. He was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

On November 7th Norman Beesley, aged 11, rang the tenor at Exhall, near Coventry, for 1 hour and 45 minutes in an attempt for a peal of Doubles when the rope of the treble slipped wheel and put an end to the peal.

Mr. Wm. H. Judd, who rang his first peal with the College Youths at St. Clement Danes 50 years ago, on Saturday celebrated the golden anniversary in a right royal fashion. He conducted a peal at Rayleigh, Essex.

Mr. W. Latter, until recently secretary of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, has undergone an operation, which is stated to be satisfactory. He is cheerful, and thanks all friends for kind inquiries and sympathy.

In regard to the peal rung at Morecambe on November 3rd, and published in our last issue, the peal was Oxford Treble Bob, consisting of the following methods: One 720 each of Woodbine, Treble Bob, Double Bob and Flain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Although known to his intimate friends as 'Joe,' the name of the ringer of the sixth in the peal of Cambridge Major at Broxbourne on November 3rd should have been Harry Miller and not Joseph C. Miller, as published, and the name of the ringer of the tenor should have been John G. Nash and not John G. Mash as stated.

Three generations of the same family rang 720 Bob Major at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Staveley, Derbyshire, on October 28th. They were Dennis Parsons (aged 14) treble, F. E. Parsons 4, and A. E. Parsons (conductor) 6. Is this a first occasion in the Exercise? Other ringers participating were W. T. Palmer 2, L. G. Palmer 3, H. Stow 5, and J. Knott tenor.

The peal rung at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, and recorded in our peal columns, had several interesting features. It was rung as a birthday compliment to one of the members of the tower and commemorated 25 years' service together by three of the members at the tower. The ringer of the treble rang his first peal in seven Minor methods on these bells over 21 years ago. The ringer of the fourth, Mr. R. A. Munn, rang his first peal there 43 years ago, which was also conducted by Mr. J. H. Cheesman, the conductor of the present peal. Mr. Munn retired from ringing upon entering business 36 years ago, and this was his first attempt for a peal after his long absence from the belfry. We hope to hear more of him now.

## FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

The following ringers rang their first peals this week:—

Name.	Tower.
Miss Mary Garley.	Isam.
Charles F. Swan.	Hythe, Kent.
William F. Flisher.	Hythe, Kent.
William J. Bidnell.	Hythe, Kent.
William G. Young.	Fordingbridge, Hants.
Reginald Simmonds.	Colne Engaine, Essex.
Charles Watt.	Swindon.
Harold E. Brown.	Swindon.
Leslie Askew.	Benfieldside.
Robert Clark.	Benfieldside.
George Cornwall.	Ross-on-Wye.
Ernest Glass.	Swindon.

## COLLEGE YOUTHS' NEW OFFICERS.

Election night of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held on Tuesday, when the following officers were elected:—

Master: Mr. E. P. Duffield.  
Senior Steward: Mr. C. Roberts.  
Junior Steward: Mr. E. H. Lewis.

# TERCENTENARY INVITE TO COLLEGE YOUTHS.

## CANON COLERIDGE'S ANNIVERSARY.

### Five Ringers who Rang 50 years Ago Still Alive.

#### CORNISH ROUND RINGERS ASKED TO TOUR.

Time-honoured ritual is invariably associated with functions of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The impressive entry of the Master, Mr. E. Alexander Young, to the 297th anniversary dinner at the London Tavern on Saturday to the accompaniment of Dean Aldrich's round, 'Hark, the bonny Christ Church bells,' sung by the choristers of St. Clement Danes, will be remembered by all who for the first time witnessed the scene. Then came the ceremonial lighting of the candles in candlesticks which were in the Duke of Wellington's tent on the eve of Waterloo. Whenever the Master is present these two candles burn brightly in front of him.

The College Youths' dinner is a great reunion of ringers. From Yorkshire and Lancashire, the West Country and the Midlands, leaders of the Exercise foregather in London. Visitors of honour included the Ven. Archdeacon Sharpe, the Rev. Preb. Ellison, the Rev. E. C. Bedford, the Rev. R. French, the Rev. Canon Douglas, who conducted the annual service at St. Michael's, College Hill, and the Rev. J. Fynes-Clinton, who gave the address.

Noted ringers present included that doyen of English ringers, Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was celebrating his 77th birthday, and had to acknowledge countless good wishes, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Major F. A. Yorke, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, J. A. Trollope, G. Strickland, E. P. Duffield (senior steward), W. Nevard, C. Winney, C. Roberts (junior steward), F. Rogers, O. Sippatts, C. Kippen, T. Fowler, J. Thomas, J. Hawkins, C. Choct, W. Hooton, W. T. Cockerill (the veteran secretary), F. Mitchell (vice-chairman), A. Hughes, W. D. Smith, J. T. Dyke, W. E. Judd, A. Pulling, T. Groombridge, A. P. Smith, F. Smallwood, P. Clark, G. N. Price, H. R. Newton, C. Horton, Macdonald, H. R. Pasmore, P. C. Williams, E. Guise, S. Riches, H. Knight, J. C. Mitchell, F. E. Dawe and H. Langdon.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured on the call of the Master, Mr. Alexander Young submitted the toast of 'The Church.' Since earliest days, he said, scientists and psychologists told them that man had always turned towards his equivalent of a church. Their Church to-day was part of their ingrained character. The Church formed the background of their lives—it was with them at birth and marriage, and their comfort at death. They were proud to be associated with the Church of England. There were many Christian churches in their land, and to them they held out the hand of brotherhood, but to the Church of England they were her sons, and they were always happy with the music of the bells (applause).

#### THE ARCHDEACON'S PUN.

The Archdeacon of London, who responded, delighted the assembly with a delicious pun. 'We work together in that great Church—the Church of England,' he said. 'You, my friends, ring the bell in the tower; we put the ring on the bells inside the church.' Archdeacon Sharpe said his connection with bells dated from his undergraduate days. He went to call on a friend, who was out. He looked around his room, which was full of numbers and hieroglyphics. Later he found that he was an enthusiastic bellringer. He was the Rev. Henry Law James (applause). When he was ordained he had the good fortune to serve in a beautiful church with a lovely peal of bells—the Abbey Church of Bath. He did not know whether any friends present remembered Brother Wake who used to live in Orange Grove. Now he had the good fortune to belong to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and he supposed there were no bells in England like the bells of St. Paul.

'When I come in contact with bellringers,' added the Archdeacon, 'I come in contact with wonderful enthusiasm, and that is the great thing needed in work for our Church. It is not merely the ringing of bells; it is that behind it. Those bells are ringing messages to countless people. We are glad of this opportunity in the name of the Church in thanking you for what you do.' I see that this is the 297th anniversary dinner. That means that in three years' time you will keep your 300th anniversary. I hope you will keep your 300th anniversary at St. Paul's Cathedral. Will you allow us the privilege of welcoming you to St. Paul's Cathedral for a united anniversary service? (applause).

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was submitted in his inimitable style by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, who received a most enthusiastic welcome. In thanking the Archdeacon for his invitation, Canon Coleridge suggested that Mr. Cockerill should book the Archdeacon to preach. 'I know he is a busy man,' said Canon Coleridge with a twinkle in his eye, 'but he cannot plead a previous engagement' (laughter).

In reminiscent vein, Canon Coleridge said he had had a letter concerning their oldest member—Tom Benney—who was 83, and joined

the society in 1873. He did not go back as long as that, and he found that in 1871 the Rev. Arthur de B. Hill became a member. He was alive and well, and wrote to him recently with reference to a scheme for bells at Northchurch (Herts). He wrote and encouraged him in his project. In the year 1873 beside Tom Benney there was John Martin Routh, who lives at Tilehurst, and then in 1874 they had Ald. Pritchett. He (Canon Coleridge) was a junior of 55 years' standing.

#### REMARKABLE LONGEVITY.

Canon Coleridge said he received a letter about Tom Benney the other day giving the following ages of the family of 11 to which he belonged. His father died young through an accident at 65; his mother was 85. He had six sisters, of the following ages: 88, 83, 90, 79, 53 and 83; and also four brothers: 86, 90, 74 and 86. Tom at the present time was 83. The total number of years of that one family was 1,046. 'I think it is a wonderful record of good old English stock,' added the Canon amid the applause of the company.

Fifty years ago that day he rang a peal at St. Clement Danes, and he had given to him the following copy of the peal:—

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

##### BIRTHDAY PEAL.

On Monday, November 10th, 1884, in Three Hours and 28 Minutes,

At St. Clement Danes, Strand,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS; 5,079 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

John W. Rowbotham ... Treble	*Herbert Baker ... 6
Rev. G. F. Coleridge ... 2	Rev. F. E. Robinson ... 7
Francis E. Dawe ... 3	Richard French ... 8
Charles F. Winney ... 4	William D. Smith ... 9
*Wm. Weatherstone ... 5	*W. H. Judd ... Tenor

The Rev. F. E. Robinson hails from Drayton, Berks, H. Baker \* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal.

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Rev. F. E. Robinson.

from Hertford, W. H. Judd from Sittingbourne, Kent, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Caversham), whose birthday the above peal celebrates.

Of those ringers there were alive Messrs. Rowbotham, Dawe, Winney, Smith and Judd, besides himself. When the peal was over, Mr. Dawe sat down and wrote down a series of figures and took them to Mr. Robinson. He said, 'Is this the peal?' Mr. Robinson confirmed the figures. 'I considered him the smartest young man I have seen,' commented the Canon.

'We must not forget,' continued the Canon, 'that wonderful party of 10 or 11 who at their own expense have gone out to Australia to take part in the centenary celebrations at Melbourne. They had some hot times starting with Cambridge Surprise in the Red Sea. I know the visit will be deeply valued, and I am glad to know there are College Youths in that party' (applause).

Calling upon the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill) to respond, the Master added:—

'Masters may come, and Masters may go,  
But Mr. Cockerill goes on for ever.'

#### THE SECRETARY'S REVIEW.

In reply, Mr. Cockerill said he had received apologies from the Bishop of Kensington, Canon Alexander, Canon Haldane, the Revs. S. Gordon Ponsonby and W. P. Besley, Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. H. Judd, Albert Walker, A. J. Wright, R. T. Hibbert, A. Wilson and J. W. Rowbotham.

The company stood in silence while the secretary read the names of the members who had died during the past year: Herbert P. Harman, Titus Barlow, Edward J. Sampson, Edwin Gibbs, Arthur W. Cutmore, Francis W. H. Sergison, William B. Manning, Walter Prime, George R. Fardon, F. F. Linley and Philip A. Cord. He had heard that day of the tragic death of Albert E. Wright, of Painswick, who was buried on Friday. Mr. J. W. Jones attended the funeral.

During the year nine tower peals had been rung: Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples 5, Stedman Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, and Cambridge Major 1; and two handbells: Grandsire Triples 1 and Stedman Triples 1. 'We all join,' concluded Mr. Cockerill, 'in congratulating Canon Coleridge on his recovery from his accident. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him many happy returns of the day' (applause).

In felicitous terms the visitors were toasted on the call of Mr. W. Roughton. The Rev. R. French, M.C., Rector of Stepney, replied, and said at Stepney they had the finest tenor bell in the country, and the other bells were very close to the first rank. They had a junior team who were tremendously keen.

'Kindred Societies' were honoured on the call of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, vice-chairman, who welcomed in particular Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, and Mr. F. W. Rogers, secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Among the societies represented there were the Middlesex, Midland Counties, Cambridge, Bedfordshire, Gloucestershire, Suffolk, Guildford, Devon, Warwickshire, Yorkshire, Somerset, Dorset, Lancashire, Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Hants, Surrey, Sussex, Wales, Kent, and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

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## A DEVON RING OF SIX.

## BRIXTON BELLS REHUNG AND ADDED TO.

Brixton, Devon, has now a delightful ring of six. As far back as 1737 the five bells in the belfry were restored, but the sixth bell was never provided. An expert examination of the bells recently revealed that the bells had worn so thin that there was a great danger of their cracking. The ladies of the parish collected a large sum of money for the purpose of their restoration. Then Mrs. Stooke offered to give a sixth bell, a treble weighing 6 cwt., in memory of her late husband, who was a churchwarden at Brixton Church from 1903 to 1920. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who cast and repaired the bells.

The dedication ceremony was performed on October 29th by the Bishop of Exeter in the presence of a large congregation. After the service the parishioners were invited by Comdr. and Mrs. Penrice Lyons to Elbridge to meet the Bishop and Lady Florence Cecil. At the request of the Vicar the Bishop presented a framed photograph of the new bell to Mrs. Stooke as a memento of the occasion. The Vicar complimented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on the excellence of their work.

On behalf of the firm Mr. Roper, their representative, presented the Vicar with a framed record of the history of the bells, which the Rev. Vadden, in accepting, said would be placed in the church.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BARNES, SURREY.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on November 4th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Hunt 1, W. H. Hollier 2, R. Mackrill 3, E. C. Turner 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, W. Judd 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.**—At the Church of All Saints, on November 4th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise: S. Gravestock 1, A. Pratt 2, F. Beaumont 3, A. Dilley 4, L. Bywaters (conductor) 5, H. Sherman 6.

**LONDON.**—At St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,239 changes): W. E. Judd 1, Mrs. Humphreys 2, P. L. Miles 3, W. W. Bailey 4, A. W. Durham 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, R. Mackrill 8, C. Hunt 9, C. Warner 10. Arranged for A. W. Durham (Tunbridge Wells).

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## IMPORTANCE OF GOOD STRIKING

Mr. Lewis, in reply, said they of the kindred societies valued that opportunity of meeting the College Youths at their annual function, and valued the great help the College Youths had been, particularly in the neighbourhood of London. In many of the country districts the peals of bells put in and the growth of change ringing had grown too fast for the art of striking. There were some districts where the ringers had not heard good striking. He thought it would be a good thing for the College Youths to make a tour and show what good striking was. He was very interested in Col. Jerram's letter to 'The Ringing World.' It would be a good thing if Col. Jerram would bring a party of Cornish ringers and show them what ringing was and how bells should be raised. If such a band of Cornish ringers came round they would welcome them very much. There was nothing in the rules of the Central Council which would exclude round ringers. The Central Council was of church bell-ringers and said nothing about change ringers. They concerned themselves with change ringing, but good round ringing was better than bad change ringing, and good change ringing was better than good round ringing.

Mr. Frederick W. Rogers, who also responded, said good striking should be one of the foremost aims of each association. The trouble was that if one criticised individual striking one was unpopular, so instead of singling out the individual one had to say, 'Mind your striking, gentlemen.'

The concluding toast, 'The Press,' was honoured on the call of Mr. Edward P. Duffield, who complimented Mr. Goldsmith on his leading articles, and expressed the hope that he would come back from Australia fully restored in health. He thanked Mr. Trollope for his delightful provocative articles. 'I had the pleasure,' continued Mr. Duffield, 'of partaking of Cornish hospitality a couple of months ago, and heard some of Col. Jerram's band raise bells in a manner I have never heard before. I should like to see the suggestion of Mr. Lewis carried out. I think it might demonstrate that we might turn our attention from pursuing intricate methods to getting a perfect command of our bells' (hear, hear).

Mr. T. W. White, sub-editor of 'The Ringing World,' replied.

The speeches were interspersed with songs by Mr. Reginald Johnson, handbell solos by Mrs. A. A. Hughes that were enthusiastically encored, and some Stedman Cinques on handbells by A. B. Peck, H. R. Pasmore, H. Langdon (conductor), C. W. Roberts, J. Thomas and W. T. Cockerill, that met with the approval of the many practised ears in the company. Miss Olive Peake accompanied Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Hughes. The Master voiced the thanks of the company to the artistes, and particularly to Mrs. Hughes, to whom he presented a bouquet of red carnations. A memorable evening closed with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

## TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. A. WRIGHT.

## KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR-CYCLIST.

## RECORD FEATS OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Albert Wright, of Painswick, who died at Stroud General Hospital on November 6th, following injuries received on November 3rd from a road accident. The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. Wright had attended a ringers' meeting at Hardwicke. He had alighted from a bus at Pitchcombe and was walking along the road when he was struck by a motor-cycle travelling in the same direction. A verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned at the inquest. The foreman of the jury stated that they were of the opinion that the motor-cyclist did everything in his power to avoid an accident, and that it was probably due to Mr. Wright's hesitancy.

Mr. Wright, who was 66 years of age, was one of the best-known boltingers in the Exercise. He was a member of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, established as far back as 1686. His heart and soul were in campanology, and he had the distinction of conducting peals in many parts of the country. The record-making feats of the endurance of the Painswick ringers are familiar to readers of 'The Ringing World.' It was on February 14th, 1920, that the Youths set up a record of ringing a peal of Grandsire Cinques (13,001 changes) in 8 hours 45 minutes. This peal, which was composed and conducted by Mr. Wright, withstood all challenges until August Bank Holiday, 1929, when it was beaten at Ashton-under-Lyne, with 15,312 changes in 11 hours 33 minutes.

The Youths made several attempts to regain their lost record, and came very near their goal on November 8th, 1930, when 17,686 changes were completed in 11 hours 35 minutes. It was, in fact, thought at the time that the attempt had succeeded, and the great reception which awaited the ringers as they emerged from the belfry is still fresh in the minds of Painswick people, but subsequently, to the disappointment of everyone, and to none more than Mr. Wright, an unfortunate repetition was discovered in the composition of the changes after the 16,000 mark had been passed. Thus the achievement was not regarded as a peal, but the ringers could at least boast of having established a record for the greatest number of changes on 12 bells, having, in two minutes' longer time, exceeded by 2,575 the number of changes rung at Ashton-under-Lyne. In September, 1931, a tablet recording this achievement was unveiled and dedicated in the belfry of Painswick Church.

## THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Pitchcombe Church on Friday afternoon and was largely attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. A. Hippersley Smith (Vicar of Pitchcombe and Edger), who was assisted by the Rev. C. H. Versey (formerly Vicar of Painswick), Rev. W. J. Clay, R.D. (Vicar of Bisley) and the Rev. F. V. Paton (curate at Painswick). During the service the hymns, 'On the Resurrection Morning' and 'Abide with me,' were sung, and the Psalm, 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' chanted.

The principal mourners were Mrs. Wright (widow), Mr. E. J. Wright (son), Mr. and Mrs. E. Oake (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. Holder (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. B. Wright (daughter-in-law), Mr. C. Wright (brother), Mr. and Mrs. C. Winfield (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. T. Cailles (sister-in-law), Mr. G. Taylor, Messrs. D. and W. Reynolds (brothers-in-law), Mr. W. Weare (nephew), Major R. J. Caruthers-Little and Miss M. E. Little.

Others present included Mr. S. Romans (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Change Ringers) and ringers from Painswick, Gloucester, Leckhampton, Elkstone, Hardwicke, Frocester, Coaley, Minchinhampton, Newport (Mon.), Dursley, Avening, Stroud, Chalford, Swindon, Bisley and Stonehouse and many other parts.

The coffin, upon which was placed a bell rope, was lowered into a floral lined grave by Messrs. R. Griffiths, E. Phipps, F. Bateman and C. Mills, old inhabitants of Pitchcombe. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave on handbells by T. Wright 1-2, W. Ryland 3-4, H. Newman 5-6, F. Cole 7-8, members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.

There were many floral tributes, including one from the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, of which Mr. Wright was hon. secretary.

After the funeral Major Caruthers-Little invited the ringers to Pitchcombe House to partake of tea before returning to their home. During tea, several ringers spoke very highly of Mr. A. Wright and his work as a ringer. It was said he was a most loyal friend, especially to young ringers, and was never more pleased than when he was getting a ringer through his first peal. Most ringers present declared that Mr. Wright got them their first peal.

Eight members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths returned to Painswick, rang the whole pull and stand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and finished by tolling the tenor bell 68 times. During the evening muffled touches were rung on the bells of Bisley and Stroud by the local and other ringers who had been to Pitchcombe to pay their last respect to a most loyal friend.

# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

Across the Indian Ocean.

## FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR.

During the voyage through the Indian Ocean a handbell party among the Australian tourists rang the first peal of Major in the Southern Hemisphere. It was rung on the day the Equator was crossed.

ss. 'Barrabool,'

October 14th, 1934.

To-morrow we touch Australian soil for the first time, and the real business of our tour begins, and in beginning it we meet the first of the 'uncertainties' that face us. We reach Fremantle about



MR. GEORGE MARTIN.

6 a.m., and as soon as we are permitted to land, which will probably be three hours later, for there are quarantine, passport, customs, breakfast and other important matters to be attended to before we can step ashore, we intend to make our way to Perth, the capital of Western Australia, which is about twelve miles away.

Before we left England a cordial welcome had been received from the Very Rev. the Dean (Dr. P. H. Moore) to visit the Cathedral, where there is a peal of eight bells, with tenor about 20 or 22 cwt., cast by Warner in 1901. For some time past they have only been chimed, and the report is that the ropes are in a poor way. Happily we have come prepared for emergencies, and this morning, after a council of war to discuss plans and allocate duties, we got ready eight of the Birmingham ropes we have brought with us: the monkey wrench came out of its hiding place; the grease and the overalls appeared; and the ship's engineer supplied us with a small can of lubricating oil for pulleys, etc. All that remains before

we can attempt the peal is to find out if the bells have any wheels (!), attach the ropes to them if they have, do the necessary bell hanging, and get the bells up—where probably they have not been for a quarter of a century (!).

From the start, Perth has been one of the 'speculative' towers. We hope we shall find matters better than we anticipate. Our difficulties are rather accentuated by the short stay which the vessel will make in port. Until we get alongside the quay we shall not know the actual hour of departure, and anything less than about seven hours to spare from ship to ship will make a peal attempt out of the question.

However, we are looking forward with lively anticipation to this 'rush and grab' expedition. As far as we are able we are leaving nothing to chance, but, although we shall be disappointed, we shall not be surprised if there is no peal here.

Happily, as far as we know, this is the only tower where these rush tactics will be necessary. No peal at Perth will be possible on the way home (when there would be more time), because at the finish of our tour at Sydney, our party will be broken up. Bill Fussell and George Martin have decided to visit New Zealand and return to England via the Panama Canal, and it is not unlikely that some of the others may, under the circumstances, do likewise. Those who go that way home will arrive on January 23rd, but the rest will travel, as previously arranged, by the ss. 'Bendigo,' which is due in London on January 5th.

This, however, is of the future. Readers of 'The Ringing World' will probably be interested in some of our activities since last I wrote, just before we reached Ceylon.

Our 'fame' had preceded us even to this island. Hardly had the 'Barrabool' tied up to a buoy in the harbour of Colombo, which was reached at dawn on Friday, Oct. 5th, when a Press representative walked up to Rupert, addressed him as 'Mr. Richardson' as if he had known him all his life, and—well, just asked to be told all about it. Then, as soon as we landed, we were lined up in front of a Press camera and photographed. The newspaper story we were able to read in the afternoon, but we did not see the photograph—which, perhaps, was not surprising.

Our party divided for the day. Three of them saw the sights of Colombo, under the kindly guidance of a policeman, who, they said, was ever watchful on their behalf, but maybe he escorted them under the impression that they might be suspicious characters. In any case the day was spent to their mutual satisfaction, and we hope that P.C. No. 16 will be available when we revisit Colombo in December.

The other members of our party made the journey to Kandy, the ancient capital of the island. It was an excursion full of wonder and delight, albeit it proved a tiring day. It comprised 150 miles of sightseeing through native Ceylon. A good tarred-macadam road now runs all the way, and the conveyances are modern six-cylinder cars, but for the rest the sights one sees are largely primitive and purely Eastern. The population is made up of native Cingalese and Indians, the chief religion is Buddhism, and the people live very simple lives. The 74 miles from Colombo to Kandy lies the whole way through a riot of tropical vegetation, where palms, exotic flowers, coconuts and bananas grow in luxuriant profusion by the roadside. Nearing Kandy the route climbs through a range of mountains, up which the road zigzags mile after mile, sometimes on almost overhanging precipices, in one place cut through the solid rock itself, and always opening up new vistas of rugged mountain and palm clothed valley. Rice fields, tea and rubber plantations revealed the chief industries of Ceylon, where carts drawn by buffaloes carry the produce and frequently block the roads, and where elephants are employed to do some of the heavy work. Passing over a bridge we had a glimpse of an elephant's toilet. Two of the animals were lying on their side in a stream sousing themselves with water from their trunks, while the mahouts were scrubbing the elephants' hides with scrubbing brushes, much, apparently, to the animals' satisfaction.

At Kandy the party visited one of the most famous temples of Buddhism. It is a shrine which holds the Buddha's tooth, the most sacred relic of the faith. The present temple is said to be about 400 years old, and by its side is rising a new structure, towards which we were asked to contribute before we passed in to see the ancient temple. We were not allowed to gaze upon the interior of this 'holy of holies,' but our guide gave us a graphic story of the symbols and features of the exterior, while at every turn we were invited to buy this, that or the other souvenir. Outside appear to be all the halt, the lame and the blind of Kandy, each of whom, according to his own story, has a special claim upon one's generosity, and one has to be almost brutish in manner to shake off this miserable but persistent little crowd of mendicants.

On the outward journey a visit was paid to a menagerie and the wonderful botanical garden at Peradeniya; and on the return there was the opportunity of inspecting a tea factory. It was dark when we reached Colombo again, and we enjoyed the best cup of tea we have tasted since leaving England.

After the exertions of the previous day, Saturday (October 6th) was passed lazily; it was the first day at sea that the handbells were entirely neglected. It was the first day, too, of the long stage to Fremantle; and the first day in the Indian Ocean, which has offered us surprises of sorts. We were due to 'cross the line' on Sunday, and one usually associates with that part of the world blue skies, a blazing sun overhead, and a blue sea beneath. For three days after leaving Colombo we hardly saw the sun. There were grey skies and seas and frequent heavy rains. Compared with the experience of the Red Sea, the weather was chilly, and some of the ladies actually wore woollen coats on the day the Equator was passed. That is not to say that the change was not a welcome relief. It was; but the Equator did not come up to our expectations. The conditions were such that we might just as well have been in the English Channel.

On the Sunday we had a special interest in the church services. The Rev. E. B. James preached in the morning and Mr. W. Linter gave the address in the evening.

In the afternoon the third handbell peal of the trip was rung. This was again Bob Major, with George Martin on the tenors, and it

ran home in 2 hrs. 35 mins., the first peal of Major in the southern hemisphere—but only just in. The vessel crossed the line—which was said to be visible to anyone who looked through Mr. Linter's field glasses—about 10.30 a.m., and the peal was started at 2 p.m. Actually it was rung between 1.3 degrees south latitude, 86.26 degrees east longitude, and 1.32 degrees south latitude, 86.17 degrees east longitude, the 'Barrabool' having covered 39 miles in the meantime. Rupert called J. R. Pritchard's well-known peal, and George scored his first peal of Major 'in hand.' It was the first double-handed peal south of the line, and, moreover, a good performance in a rising wind and sea. It was rung on the same spot on the forward deck where the first peal was got home a fortnight before.

The early days of the week after passing the Equator were windy, with a fair amount of sea running, and this made handbell ringing a difficult matter on the open deck. Nevertheless the enthusiasts got to work, and on Monday (October 8th) were baulked of success by the rough weather when almost in sight of the goal. They had rung four out of five parts of a peal of Grandsire Triples before it went into the Indian Ocean, and the wind nearly carried the ringers themselves away with it. The next day was altogether too rough for a peal attempt, although when the wind moderated towards evening a couple of courses of Treble Bob Major were rung for practice.

I told you in an earlier report that Mr. Sharples could throw a very pretty quoit. With a partner he nearly carried off the ship's doubles championship, being beaten by a narrow margin in the final.

Wednesday was 'At home' day in the engine room, and some of the party ventured into the hot and oily depths, where the 8,000 h.p. engines, which drive us at from 14 to 15 knots hour after hour, day after day, without pause, and the subsidiary plants for electrical power, refrigerating and pumping, as well as the great oil burning furnaces, which consume over 80 tons of oil a day, were inspected with interest, especially by Joe Hardcastle. Joe has spent his working life making brass fittings for ships, including the great bushes which carry the propeller shafts through the stern of a boat, but he had never before seen them as a working part of a great whole. Having seen, Joe was delighted.

This is, of course, the most tedious stage of the journey—it is just one day after another—and yet the time does not drag unduly. There is always something to do, if only to sleep. For six days after leaving Colombo we saw nothing but sea and sky, and ourselves. Cocos Island, off which the famous fight took place between the Australian cruiser 'Sydney' and the German raider 'Emden,' to the final undoing of the latter, was passed in the night. It is the only landmark in all this 3,200 miles; but we did not see it. Probably the only person who saw its light was our navigator.

We got just a little excitement after six days, when out of the night there came up a string of brilliant lights. It passed, went on into the blackness and disappeared. It was one of our sister ships, the 'Baradine,' going home, and not a few who a month ago had said 'Good-bye' to England, perhaps for years, perhaps for ever, gazed wistfully after her. It is strange what effect a homegoing ship, met in the middle of a trackless ocean, can have on the emotions of a traveller, when it is the only sign of human life that has been seen for days on end.

On Friday, October 12th, we were far enough south to get the benefit of the cooler weather, and warmer clothes were necessary. On the previous Wednesday a handbell peal of Grandsire Triples found a watery grave through an uncertain bob, but the wind on both the succeeding days led to the abandonment of peal attempts, which started in hope and ended in discomfort.

The ship's sports provided a diversion on Saturday, and we got the greatest laughs of the whole voyage. In fact some of us have hardly recovered yet, but this is scarcely the place to describe events which had little to do with the ringers and nothing whatever to do with ringing. After dinner in the evening the prize-giving and some speech making took place, amidst a constant ripple of applause, and the sports committee, on which Ralph Maude served, was wound up. This committee has kept the organised entertainment on shipboard going, including a daily 'tote' on the ship's run, frequent whist and bridge drives, concerts, dog racing (yes, even dog racing, with a tote, finds its place in our little self-contained world) and cinema shows. We have kept in touch with the major happenings of the world and the weather in London through a daily wireless news service, but what we have missed most is the weekly issue of 'The Ringing World.' We know nothing of what has happened in the Exercise at home since the day we left, more than a month ago, and when we got our news (five weeks' late) a day or two after we reach Melbourne, we shall devour every line with avidity.

Late News.

The Rev. E. B. James has proved himself undisputed chess champion of the ship. But he nearly lost his lunch to-day in his chivalry towards a lady opponent. He had her pinned down (metaphorically, of course), but like the rest of her sex she fought to the last gasp. She did not want a mate, badly as Mr. James wanted his lunch. He reached the table, after three courses had gone, amid general applause. He seemed a little doubtful whether it was accorded him for his victory or his escape.

### THE BOURNVILLE CARILLON.

The Bournville Carillon has recently been enlarged and rehung, and many of the bells have been recast. It now has the largest compass of any carillon in this country and, with its delicate response to the player's touch, is probably the most up-to-date instrument of its kind in the world.

It was originally installed in the tower of the Bournville village schools by the late George Cadbury, in 1906, when it consisted of twenty-two bells. It has been enlarged at various times by gifts of bells by Mrs. George Cadbury (Dame Elizabeth Cadbury) and by Mr. George Cadbury, his son, the additional bells now given bringing up the total to 48. The largest and smallest bells weigh respectively 3½ tons and 12lb., and the total weight of the carillon is 17½ tons. A new belfry has been erected on the school tower.

The Bournville carillonneur is Mr. Clifford Ball, Mus.Bac., who was the first man not a native of the 'carillon countries'—Holland and Belgium—to take his diploma, which he did at the famous carillon school at Malines. It may be remembered that among other recitals given by Mr. Ball on the famous bells at home and abroad he inaugurated the Wellington (N.Z.) War Memorial Carillon in 1932. This was built in this country, and before the bells left England Mr. Ball gave several hundred recitals on them, both in Hyde Park and at the North-East Coast Exhibition at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Many of his recitals have been broadcast.

### THE HERTFORD COUNTY JUBILEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think it is true to say that our jubilee celebrations were a great success, everybody spending a most enjoyable time up to the last moment, and 170 sat down to a most excellent dinner. But my committee would not like the occasion to pass without expressing through the columns of 'The Ringing World' their grateful appreciation to the members, artists and friends who supported them so magnificently. The course of London on the handbells was really wonderful. A photograph was taken at the dinner, which has come out very well, and if anyone requires a copy they should write to the Editor, 'Herts Advertiser,' St. Albans. Prices as follows: 6 x 4, 1/- a copy, 2/9 for three; 8 x 6, 1/9 and 4/6; 12 x 10, 3/- and 8/-. Deductions for larger quantities of each. Terms, cash. The picture is well worth buying as a memento of a memorable occasion in the history of change ringing. G. W. CARIMEL,

Hon. Secretary,

Duffield, St. Albans.

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## BYGONE RINGERS AND THEIR HABITS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the recent letters and your article on 'Bygone ringers and their habits,' perhaps a few remarks of mine on things as I knew them might be of interest.

My first recollections of ringing are when nearly 60 years ago I used to hear, some time before Christmas, the bells of two five-bell towers about three miles away ring on alternate Sunday afternoons after the service. I heard afterwards that permission was given on condition that the ringers attended the service, which some did, but others did not. The only objection my parents had to my learning to ring was that ringers were such a low and disreputable lot.

About eight years after, however, the four bells in our Parish Church were 'restored,' and four or five boys of my own age started to learn, and with a good deal of attention by the blacksmith and hard work on our part, we learned to ring by heart the 24 changes which we found written on a board in the tower. We had no outside tuition beyond seeing the ringers at the opening who rang set changes.

After ringing the date of the year, and wishing to learn more, two of us approached a well-known ringer at the nearest six-bell tower about seven miles away, who told us that it would cost us a lot to learn, as we should have to find plenty of beer. In no case that I know of did the ringers ring for the services, the bells being chimed by the clerk or youths of the village.

I should like to add that Mr. Trollope's description of the state of affairs at that time is, in my opinion, quite correct. The associations and the clergy who founded them have had a large share in the work of bringing about the great improvement.

It was in most cases the better type of ringer who joined the associations at that time; the others died out.

W. L. DUFFIELD.

Saxlingham Thorpe, Norwich.

Dear Sir,—I, like many others in the country, have read with interest the notes of Mr. Trollope on the history of ringers and ringing in the past, and have enjoyed reading his account of these performances. I have also been very interested in the letters that have been published in 'The Ringing World' on this subject.

There is not the slightest doubt that all that Mr. Trollope has mentioned in these articles is perfectly true and has taken place at one time or another, and only goes to show the great improvement that has taken place in both belfries and bellringers since the diocesan associations have been formed, between 50 and 60 years ago.

I first learned to handle a bell in a country village where there were six bells, and often paid a visit to the belfry on practice nights but got very little encouragement to ring, but have taken more than one gallon of beer up in the belfry, where the ringers used to sit and smoke, and for so doing was allowed to have a pull of a few rounds with the old ringers, who were never very enthusiastic, nor did they encourage a beginner, as they were a paid band.

I am pleased to say all this is changed, and had I had the encouragement that beginners have now in most towers when I was young I might have been a better ringer than I am.

C. EDWARDS.

Farnham.

## PONTEFRAC T RINGER HONOURED.

Mr. Arthur Walker, of Friarwood, Pontefract, was honoured by his colleagues on attaining his 65th birthday and having completed 45 years as a ringer at the Parish Church and All Saints' by a peal of Grandsire Caters on November 5th, in which he participated.

On the following evening a supper was given in his honour, attended by a company of 32, including the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. T. Naters) and Mrs. Naters. Mr. J. H. Lenton presided, and the health of Mr. Walker was proposed by Mr. Holder, who commented upon his long association with Mr. Walker in the belfries of the Parish Church and All Saints', and trusted that Mr. Walker would for many years have health and strength to continue in the hobby he had so ably served (applause). On behalf of the Parish Church ringers the Vicar presented Mr. Walker with a fountain pen in appreciation of his services. The Vicar's good wishes were endorsed by Mr. J. Clayton.

A whist drive followed. Opportunity was found during the evening for a touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Triples on handbells by J. H. Lenton, W. Applegate, V. Applegate and H. C. Walters. A course of Grandsire Caters was also rung with Mr. A. Walker.

Mr. A. Walker has rung over 80 peals and is a member of the general committee of the Yorkshire Association.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Holt 1, N. J. Goodman 2, H. G. Atkins 3, J. L. Boylin 4, Wm. B. Cartwright 5, C. H. Stanley 6, V. G. H. Hemus (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, K. J. Davis 8. All are service ringers at this church.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Shifnal on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Nov. 17th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and business after. I hope for a good attendance. Just a card as a help for tea arrangements will oblige.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Womersley on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Grantley Arms 5.15. Nominations for next year's district officers must be made at this meeting. Bramley bells also available afternoon and evening.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—The Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the bells on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. The ring of 5 has been restored and augmented to 6 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at St. John's, Old Hackney (Mare Street). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Visitors welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chapman House, Lower Chapman Street, St. George-in-the-East, London, E.1.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting in the tower at 6. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea can be obtained nearby.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, November 17th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**PEBMARSH, ESSEX.**—A dedication service for new treble bell, at St. John the Baptist Church, 11 a.m., on Sunday, Nov. 18th. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. The five old bells will be rung before service, afterwards the peal of six will be open all day. All ringers welcome. Tea will be prepared for those sending their names to Mr. R. Potter, King's Farm, Pebmarsh. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Essex Association, Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Countesthorpe (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notification for same to me by Thursday previous. A good meeting is requested. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chelmsford Cathedral bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 21st, without fail?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stratton Strawless and Buxton on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Buxton, by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Members accepting invitation to tea must notify Mr. W. C. Duffield, Roller Flour Mills, Buxton, Norwich, not later than Friday, Nov. 23rd.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary and Treasurer.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., for those who notify me not later than Nov. 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LADIES' GUILD AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting of these societies will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head; names to be sent to Miss L. K. Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds 6, on or before Nov. 22nd.—Miss N. Cawthorne and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, etc., at 5 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, usual terms. Please advise me, without fail, by Nov. 21st. All members and friends welcomed. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**KENTON, DEVON.**—The ring of 6 bells rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-opened on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tower open 3. Tea 5.15. Those requiring tea 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, Sussex.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Good meeting requested. Tea will be provided for all who notify me by Nov. 22nd.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at Salehurst. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, the 21st?—Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at St. James' (10) and St. John's (6) combined. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at St. James' at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 21st inst. — Frank Skidmore, 8c, Carlyle Road, Bristol 5.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Hyde on the 24th inst., commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. Tom Wilde, 36, Dowson Road, Hyde.—Arthur Whiting, Hon. Sec., Marple.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Oxford City and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Oxford, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 6d. and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 21st.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington, Oxford.

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting at Hitchin will be held on Nov. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Church House (adjoining the church). A card, if you require tea, would be a great help for catering.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hathern on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea in Church Institute at 5 p.m. Business of some importance. A good attendance desired. Members requiring tea please inform secretary by Nov. 27th.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, County Durham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Institute and meeting to follow. Special method: Cambridge. For tea notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. You will be missed if you are not there.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Members and friends are invited to tea by our chairman, the Venerable Archdeacon of Cheltenham (Canon F. W. Sears). Will all those expecting to be present please advise me by Nov. 27th?—Walter Yeend, Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Rd., Cheltenham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. at Constitutional Club.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1st at ALDERSHOT. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting (nominations for 1935) in the Parish Hall. All ringers and their friends invited. Plenty of ringing and entertainment. Come and enjoy yourselves.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual social will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Oswaldtwistle. Tea and social 1s. 3d. each. Will all those intending to be present please send in names to Mr. F. Shaw, 15, White Ash Lane, Oswaldtwistle, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th? Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Social commences at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anyil Street, Blackburn.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4 p.m. Address by the president (Rev. E. V. Cox). Tea, free to members, at 4.45. Meeting to follow. Bells (6) available 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Nov. 26th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, Nov. 27th, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Bushey on Saturday, December 1st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 6.—C. H. Horton, 53 Aldenham Road, Bushey Tel. City 4270.

**BROUGHTON, HANTS.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at 7 p.m. The ring of 5 has been rehung and a new treble added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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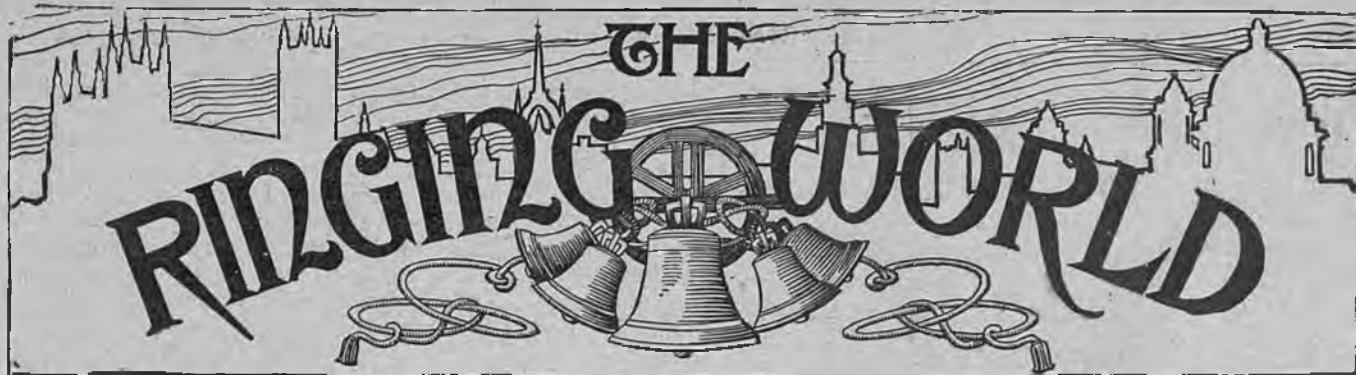
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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

Mr. E. H. Lewis suggests that Col. Jerram should bring to England a team of Cornish ringers to show us change ringers how bells should be raised and ceased and rung in rounds. If the band does come they can be assured of a hearty welcome. The West Country round ringing is a direct survival of the very oldest form of ringing in this country, the first kind that distinguished English ringing from the merely promiscuous clashing of bells. It goes back at least to the time of Henry VIII., probably much earlier. In those days bells were hung with a stock and lever, or sometimes a half wheel. The sport consisted in raising the bells frame high, and then lowering them again. That was the sort of ringing done by the early societies and they had definite rules as to how it should be done. At the first pull the bells were 'swayed' but not struck, at the second pull all of them, from treble to tenor, had to strike. Failure to do this was reckoned a great fault and sometimes punished with a fine. On a light ring at the third pull all the bells had to strike both at hand and back. With heavier rings, the bells might be 'swayed' for two pulls without striking, and it was usual to strike them double at the fourth pull, but the rule that 'all the notes should strike round at one pull' still held whatever the weight of the tenor. If a bell was too heavy, or went too badly for one man to manage, as many more were put to it as the case required. The aim was to raise the bells as quickly as possible. Ringing was a sport for strong and lusty men, and was classed with 'manlie sports' like football and wrestling.

Shortly after 1600 changes were introduced, and in London and Oxford and Cambridge the intellectual appeal of change ringing quickly eclipsed the athletic appeal of raising and falling, and soon after 1660 the Londoners had forgotten how to raise and cease properly. Round about 1620 bells were being fitted with three-quarter wheels instead of half wheels, so that they could be rung higher, or as the phrase went, at a greater compass, and as soon as it was possible to ring them at a sett-pull (i.e., high enough to be held on the balance at hand) it was possible to develop changes. As yet there were no sallies, all the pulling was done from back, there was little control from handstroke, and the bells could not be rung high enough at back stroke to change there. It was not until after 1660 that whole wheels were fitted and then half pull ringing became possible. Stay and slider were not known until after Stedman wrote. Throughout all these years the round ringing of the West remained exactly the same thing. Though gradually improvements in bell hanging were introduced there, as elsewhere, there was

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no difference in the ringing. Unless I am much mistaken the genuine old West County ringer never rang Call Changes. Stoney had an entirely different genesis from round ringing. It is a degenerate survival of the old Plain Changes, the earliest form of 'scientific' ringing. Plain Changes were mathematically constructed and by no means easy to ring, but they were monotonous and were quickly abandoned in favour of Cross Peals, as our present form of change ringing was first called. I think I am right in saying that Stoney is a comparatively recent importation into Devon and Cornwall.

Among change ringers there is very little raising in peal, the first comers get the bells up so they may be ready as soon as a full band turns up. But it would be a mistake to suppose that there is no ceasing in peal. I know at least one tower where the bells are dropped every Sunday in a way which would not disgrace the Cornish men. Now service ringing has become the regular thing a good cease should be done by every band, for it is by no means a difficult art to acquire.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 1 Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... .. 8
SIDNEY T. HOLY ... .. 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... .. 9
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4	FRED HAWKES ... .. 10
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 11
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 6	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\* First peal of Stedman and first on 12 bells. First peal on the twelve bells. rung as a 71st birthday compliment to the conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 14, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5339 CHANGES;

Contains 6th extent wrong in the Tittums and handstroke home position. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY M. WHITE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK BIRD ... .. 6
GEORGE GRAY ... .. 2	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 7
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\* First peal of Caters. Central Council Collection, No. 53.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. Treble	*RICHARD F. ROE ... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 7
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*KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 9
E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 5	†PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

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**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN A. BROWN ... .. Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 5
*HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHERATON ... .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 4	THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the 42nd anniversary of the ringing of the 4th's first peal.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE SIMMONS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM OAKLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... .. 2	JAMES J. CAWSON ... .. 6
WALTER YEEND ... .. 3	GEORGE KILMISTER ... .. 7
WALTER ROSE ... .. 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Walter Rose. First peal on the bells for 15 years.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1934, in Three Hours and one Minute

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN FEARNHEAD ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 5
ALFRED BARNES ... .. 2	*ERNEST SEDDON ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SHOKER ... .. 3	WILFRED MOSS ... .. 7
EDWARD F. MAWBY ... .. 4	CHARLES OLLIER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by C. OLLIER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. 100th peal for the association by the 7th ringer. Rung as a compliment to C. Ollier and H. Chapman, of Keystone (late of Pendleton) on their 71st birthday.

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Tenor 21 cwt.

KENNETH FORD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 5
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 6
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**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6
*BURLY P. MORRIS ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

\* First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHRESMAN ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
JOHN WHEATON ... .. 2	HARRY SIMMONS ... .. 6
JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
FRANK E. WALKER ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

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DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
†KATHLEEN R. FLETCHER ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal. † 50th peal.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

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JOHN A. GREEN ... .. 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM R. PARKER ... .. 4	ALFRED MONK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

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On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	JAMES H. HUNNISSETT ... .. 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
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GEORGE R. NEWTON, Committee, Liverpool Branch	...	3
ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Hon. Ringing Sec.	...	4
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON, Committee, Manchester Branch	...	5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS, Committee, Blackburn Branch	...	6
WILLIAM SHARPLES, Committee, Preston Branch	...	7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY, Vice-President	...	Tenor

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Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT ...	Treble	CHARLES LOOME ...	5
*WILLIAM FLATT ...	2	RUSSELL RICHES ...	6
*ROBERT BARBER ...	3	ERNEST WHITING ...	7
*STANLEY COPLING ...	4	*GEORGE GOWER ...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

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**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT JEFF ...	Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ...	5
*RICHARD BUSBY ...	2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ...	6
GEORGE KEMBALL ...	3	W. NORMAN PARK ...	7
JAMES T. TITT ...	4	ROLAND PARK ...	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' Mr. Kemball is from Saltburn-by-the-Sea, and Mr. Thomas from Bristol.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ...	Treble	*WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ...	5
GEORGE M. KILBY ...	2	HARRY KILBY ...	6
CHARLES T. COLES ...	3	JOHN G. NASH ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE ...	4	THOMAS J. LOCK ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal of Major.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF ELSTREE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ...	Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	2	FRANCIS KIRK ...	6
WALTER AVRE ...	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ...	7
*STEPHEN H. HOARE ...	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* 100th peal. The first peal in the method.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SIDNEY CARNELL ...	1 Treble	MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL ...	4
WALTER RICH ...	2	REGINALD ASHPORTH ...	5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ...	3	HAROLD DENMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the fallen.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one each of Single Court, Double Court, and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER AYRE ...	Treble	*HORACE L. WAITE ...	4
*WILLIAM PUDDIFOOT ...	2	*ROBERT GEO. BRUCE ...	5
*EDWIN J. UPTON ...	3	FRANCIS TOMPKINS ...	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the jubilee of the association.

LEYTONSTONE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	Treble	ALFRED PRIOR ...	4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	2	GEORGE DAWSON ...	5
PHILIP H. AVERY ...	3	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ERIC A. STEVENSON ...	Treble	*CHARLES W. GRIFFEN ...	4
*ARTHUR FREDERICK BOYCE ...	2	HERBERT C. READ ...	5
NOLAN GOLDEN ...	3	GEORGE BAILEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in more than five methods. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

JACK ROY ...	Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT ...	4
*EDWIN BRANCHFLOWER ...	2	*HARRY CHURCHILL ...	5
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ...	3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First peal. Arranged for Messrs. Branchflower, father and son, members of the local band.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH FORD ...	Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT ...	4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ...	2	RONALD G. BECK ...	5
DAVID MACKEY ...	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS MITCALF ... .. Treble	ERNEST SWAIN ... .. 4
GORDON WHITAM ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
NICHOLAS NEWBY ... .. 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. BRAITHWAITE.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 26 methods spliced into seven 720's, viz.: (1) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, and St. Werberg Delight, (2) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., and Willesden Delight, (3) Charlwood, Braintree, Neasden, St. Albans, and Wragby Delight, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Ockley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, and Norbury Treble Bob, (6) Capel, Oxford and Sandial Treble Bob, (7) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

WILLIAM GAVES ... .. Treble	WILFRID STEVENSON ... .. 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	*ALBERT V. REES ... .. 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in 26 methods. First peal on the bells, which were opened on November 5th.

MEREWORTH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY BAKER ... .. Treble	LOTHER J. HONES ... .. 4
LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 3	TOM SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. SAUNDERS.

ABERGELE, NORTH WALES.  
NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JACK DEAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE WILSON ... .. 4
*JOE GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES H. FULLER ... .. 5
*PETER EVANS ... .. 3	*NORMAN CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. FULLER.

\* First peal and first attempt.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... Treble	EDWARD HALL ... .. 4
JOHN H. ELLIOTT ... .. 2	*LESLIE ASKEW ... .. 5
ROBERT CLARK ... .. 3	THOMAS W. DODD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.

\* First peal away from the treble.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

*H. GRUNDY ... .. Treble	F. BRYAN, Ravenhead ... 4
*A. WALLACE, Ravenhead ... 2	C. BLACKBURN, Sheet Works 5
*W. HESKETH, Homesales ... 3	N. HEAPS, Ravenhead ... Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

\* First peal. First of Minor for all the band. All the ringers, with the exception of the treble, are employees of Messrs. Pilkington Bros., Ltd., St. Helens. Thanks are due to H. Grundy for taking the rope at the last minute.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 5-6
*CHARLES McGUINNESS ... 3-4	JACK BRAY ... .. 7-8
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. 9-10	

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* 100th peal, Mrs. Bray having rung 50 tower and 30 handbell peals without special arrangement.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COLESHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On November 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: E. Lambert 1, J. Fifield 2, F. W. Rishworth 3, R. Ingram 4, G. H. Williams 5, J. W. Reynolds 6, W. C. Rhodes 7, E. Hill 8.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At the Minster, on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): R. Owen 1, C. P. Bradley 2, J. Constable 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, W. Middleton 6, A. E. Sellers 7, G. F. Williams 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, G. Daggett 10.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's Church, Perry Barr, on October 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. E. Terry (longest length of Triples) 1, F. Williams 2, R. C. Ingram 3, G. T. Mitchison 4, G. H. Williams 5, C. Davis 6, F. W. Richworth (conductor) 7, H. Cook 8.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On October 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters (G. Hayward's) in 50 mins.: F. Woodyatt 1, J. J. Jeffries 2, H. F. Martin 3, A. O. Lewis 4, B. F. Martin 5, H. Price (conductor) 6, W. Lewis 7, R. Lewis 8, F. Crump 9, G. Colley 10.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On October 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. E. Ottley 1, E. Cassell, jun., 2, A. E. Williams 3, W. Malins (conductor) 4, C. E. G. Moody 5, E. Foster (Southwell) 6, J. Herbert 7, F. Hendy 8. Also in celebration of the birth of a grandson for the 7th ringer.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On October 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss Jean M. Thompson (first quarter-peal) 1, M. J. Digby 2, J. E. Bailey 3, J. Wheaden 4, C. R. Pople 5, F. F. Walker (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, H. Hovard 7, H. Simmons 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, on October 21st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayer (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, G. White 3, F. R. Coles 4, C. W. Woolley 5, G. F. Hinton 6, F. Boreham 7, S. T. Goodchild 8, J. H. Freeborn 9, W. H. Plumridge 10.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—For evensong, 360 Bob Minor: A. H. S. Rainey 1, H. Smith 2, H. J. Ralph 3, P. N. G. Rainey 4, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 5, D. W. C. Chant 6. After service 720 of Doubles, being 360 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob: \*P. H. J. Chant 1, H. Smith 2, \*I. Hunt 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, H. J. Ralph 5, D. W. C. Chant 6. \* First 720 in two methods.

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## BYGONE RINGERS AND THEIR HABITS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The correspondence on the habits of ringers in bygone days is very interesting. No doubt there have been dark spots in the Exercise in days past, but I would like to illustrate to the readers of 'The Ringing World' a somewhat different picture.

Over 50 years back there lived in the small village of Wilberton, Cambridgeshire, three brothers, James, Joseph and Henry Markwell, who rang for Sunday services at the village church for 50 years without a break. When they commenced ringing there were five bells, the treble being badly cracked, and the remaining four badly needed the bell hanger. These three men, with the help of two others, learned to ring by memory Bob and Stedman Doubles. Nearly 40 years ago another bell cracked while ringing out the old year, caused, it was said, by the severe frost during that season.

Change ringing, therefore, was at a standstill for a period of two years, awaiting the collection of funds for their restoration. In due course the two cracked bells were recast and a treble added to make a peal of six. Meanwhile, four sons of the three brothers (all quite young) were drafted into the company and began in real earnest to learn change ringing by the aid of Ropsight, by Mr. W. Snowden. These four sons brought up the number to seven, all the same name and related. With the help of Mr. A. Hazel and Mr. H. Sharp they could be seen in the belfry twice on Sunday calling the people to worship, and they were never known to have stayed away from a church service to which they had called others.

In about five years the whole band by constant practice had made rapid progress, and in the year 1896 rang 64 complete 720's in 12 methods, besides one 5,040 in six different methods.

ARTHUR MARKWELL.

Woburn Sands.

## PAINSWICK VETERANS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As a veteran ringer who joined the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths in 1880, I have been interested in the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' re bygone ringers. Living close to Painswick Church as a boy, I knew well the Painswick veterans, viz., Estcourt, Morris, Savory, Birts and others, who made Painswick and its bells famous by their great prowess in campanology. I was always allowed to be present at practices and Sunday ringing, and dressed in their long black coats, cravats and top hats (they were a very highly respectable body of men who attended the church, and I was allowed to sit with them. Through the deaths of the veterans ringing fell to a low ebb. Several others started ringing in 1880, and we mastered Stedman Doubles. It was then and in the following years to gain experience that I visited many of the towers, viz., Gloucester Cathedral, Cirencester, Tewkesbury Abbey, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Upton, St. Leonards, Bisley, Prestbury, Charlton Kings, Stroud, etc., and found at all the towers visited highly respectable bands of ringers who were always willing to do everything they could to help me forward. I am sure that all of them realised the dignity of their office. In looking back I recall the names of the grand old veteran ringers not only in Gloucestershire but all over the country, who stuck to their task manfully and set such an excellent example for us to live up to.

WILLIAM HALE.

81, Tennyson Road, Cheltenham.

## GOOD STRIKING.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope leads one to think that striking is generally lower than what it used to be, and I am going to offer a suggestion to him and everyone who is as keen as he towards its betterment. I see that he mentions Yorkshire. (Thank you, Mr. Trollope, for Yorkshire.) You may ask why am I for Yorkshire? It is because I am a member of that part of the country where a pride is taken in good striking, and could Mr. Trollope or anyone else who is interested attend a contest at Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, of the Halifax and District Association about midsummer (an advertisement will appear in the paper), they would appreciate every moment of listening.

May I suggest that ringers, whether in a strange tower or at home, open every obstacle between them and the bells and then listen. And when you have got the distinct changes off, be it Minor or Major, forget it, but keep it and listen again.

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friezland,

Greenfield, near Oldham.

## A START WITH MONTHLY MEETINGS

The first monthly meeting in connection with the Axbridge Deanery Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held in the Parish Church, Bleadon, on Saturday. The following towers were represented: Worle, Weston-super-Mare, Congresbury, East Brent, Chilcompton, Chewton Mendip, Bath, Ilminster and Churchill.

## ALL OPEN DAY AT PRESTON.

## BIG COMPANY ENJOY THE AUGMENTED TEN.

The augmented ring at Preston Parish Church was rung for the first time on the evening of November 1st by the local band. The Vicar was present in the ringing chamber accompanied by two of the wardens, together with Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing the firm of Mears and Stainbank, and Mr. W. Ratcliffe, the bell hanger who has carried out the work. After the ringing the Vicar congratulated the firm on the great improvement in tone, and Mr. Hughes briefly replied for Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

On November 10th an open day was held for visitors. The response was very gratifying, some 60 ringers turning up, and had a red-letter day. The Lanes Association was represented by the president (Canon H. J. Elsee) and the ringing secretary (Mr. A. Tomlinson). Also present were Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. B. Thorp (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr. T. B. Worsley (Bolton), along with a good contingent from the Blackburn Branch, and practically most of the Preston Branch. The Vicar and curate, along with the local captain, appeared in the ringing chamber punctually at 2.30. Canon Wallis read the ringers' office and formally opened the proceedings. Three M.C.'s were appointed to take charge of the ringing, viz., Messrs. B. A. Knights, W. Sharples and E. R. Martin. This plan worked very well, and plenty of rounds and queens for beginners were mixed in with Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, Double Norwich and London Surprise Minor.

A short service was held at 5 p.m., at which Canon Elsee gave an address. After outlining the history of Preston bells, Canon Elsee urged all ringers to uphold the highest ideals in the performance of their sacred duties.

Tea was served in St. John's Mission Room close to the church. Accompanying the Vicar were three wardens, and after tea the Vicar gave the visitors a cordial welcome to Preston, and hoped their opinion of the bells would be favourable. Tracing the inception of the restoration scheme, the Vicar revealed his expert knowledge on tuning, and offered to talk or correspond with anyone present on the subject. Mr. W. Smirk (senior warden) also welcomed the visitors, and mentioned that he had been reading an old book which contained an account of prize ringing at Preston in 1815. (J. A. T. please note.) Mr. E. R. Martin (captain) also supplemented the welcome given, and contrasted the old lumpy-going eight with the augmented and beautiful ten.

Opportunity was taken to thank the Vicar and wardens for putting the restoration scheme into operation. Canon Elsee on behalf of the visitors thanked the Vicar and wardens for the splendid tea and welcome which had been accorded to everyone, and Mr. C. W. Eccles, J.P., supported Canon Elsee and expressed thanks to him for his splendid address. The tower was visited again and the bells rung until 8.15.

## AN EXAMPLE FROM YORKSHIRE.

## VISITING DAY AT THE BELFRY.

A fine spirit exists among the ringers of Ulverston, Yorks. When the bells were rebung they determined to attend to the steps which had been worn so badly through the ages as to be almost too difficult to climb. They chipped every one of them and concreted them to their original shape. They provided new linoleum for the belfry, creosoted the belfry frames and painted the belfry fittings. So much improved is the belfry that it can claim to be one of the best in the district.

When their task was completed they held a congregation's visiting night with a twofold purpose. Firstly, to do their bit towards the great effort for clearing the church's debt, and secondly to interest the people in their bells and change ringing.

Although only about 20 people could be accommodated in the ringing chamber at once, the full programme was carried out. The captain welcomed the visitors and then one of the ringers who had made a full model of a bell demonstrated this and also explained the church's history and ringing. The bells were raised in peal, a plain course rung, and then lowered, and so interesting was this that without exception everyone climbed the rickety wooden ladder to the bell chamber where the inscriptions on the bells were explained. This programme was carried out three times during the evening, and the collection towards the great effort realised £1 7s. 6d.

For years the bells in this quaint little town were rung only for services, and then the limit was the first dozen in Minor. In latter years a younger band have had the ropes and are making gradual but certain progress in spite of the difficulty that members are constantly leaving the town to take up work in other parts of the country.

Such is the enthusiasm of this young band, writes 'Interested,' that all will agree they deserve every encouragement in their effort to master Treble Bob, which they are just commencing.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—At the Church of All Saints, on October 28th (1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major): W. Southgate 1, M. Ling 2, W. Nevard 3, R. Mowforth 4, G. Jennings 5, E. Durrant 6, H. Wright 7, E. Davey (conductor) 8.

**ARMISTICE RINGING.**

**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—At the Church of SS. James and Basil, 720 changes of Bob Minor: D. Reay 1, P. Wishart 2, G. Appleton 3, N. Fairman 4, T. Crowe 5, K. Arthur (conductor) 6.

**YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): J. N. Lindon 1, Albert T. Scrivens (conductor) 2, W. C. Scrivens 3, W. H. Cox 4, John W. Mulcock 5, George H. Taylor 6.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. N. Wood 1, F. J. Green 2, H. Ridgway 3, A. J. Green 4, T. E. Roberts 5, G. Whitehead 6, J. A. Green (conductor) 7, H. Read 8.

**DARLINGTON, DURHAM.**—At St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Alf Coates 2, Sidney Woodhouse 3, Arthur West 4, A. W. Coates 5, Wm. Broadley 6, E. Burnett (conductor) 7, Joseph Farey 8.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Terry 1, A. Bashford 2, J. Judd 3, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 4, F. Jeal 5, R. V. Fuller 6, A. B. Peck 7, W. H. Pooley 8.

**FRINDSBURY, KENT.**—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. E. Smith 1, T. Beaumont 2, E. Humphrey 3, S. T. Jarret 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, W. Collishaw 6, G. Philpott (conductor) 7, J. Aitken 8.

**WARKTON, NORTHANTS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Edmund, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): H. T. Eastbrook 1, H. Patrick 2, Miss D. J. Moir 3, A. S. Toseland 4, L. Toseland (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, T. Timms 2, W. Brunsdon 3, T. Bond 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, T. Stratford 8.

**SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Hubbard 1, G. T. H. Walker 2, T. H. Lewin 3, W. Foster 4, J. A. Talbot 5, C. Lowe 6, E. F. Payne (conductor) 7, W. Wright 8.

**CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Aircraftsman R. G. Balchin 1, T. Attwell 2, G. Luff 3, R. T. Carpenter (first away from treble) 4, M. Smithers 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, W. Bartlett 8.

**MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.**—At St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. L. Talbot 1, D. Woodvine (first quarter-peal) 2, E. Buttery 3, N. Blocksidge 4, A. Woodvine (conductor) 5, J. L. M. Bray (first quarter-peal) 6.

**EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—At the Church of St. Stephen, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. Casswell 1, L. Parkin 2, S. Briggs 3, A. Stamp 4, N. Chaddock 5, G. Lee 6, H. Chaddock 7, C. Poulteney (first quarter-peal of Little Bob Major as conductor) 8.

**MAIDSTONE, KENT.**—At the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): J. Spiller 1, E. Spiller 2, A. Gasson 3, W. Grice 4, G. Pound 5, L. Head (composer and conductor) 6, H. Travers 7, H. Coast 8, F. Leeson 9, H. Dunn 10. For morning service, 840 Stedman Triples: L. Head (conductor) 1, W. Grice 2, G. Pound 3, J. Spiller 4, H. Coast 5, F. Leeson 6, E. Spiller 7, C. Gorham 8.

**LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Ward 1, R. A. Hickton 2, Miss S. B. Thompson 3, C. Geary 4, W. H. T. King (first quarter-peal) 5, Miss B. A. Varley (first quarter-peal) 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, T. Hutchinson 8.

**RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): John Bull 1, James Cowley 2, Peter Shaw 3, George Saint 4, William Bagley 5, Samuel Cadwallender 6, James W. Hall (conductor) 7, Charles Ashurst 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. First quarter-peal 'inside' by the ringer of the third.

**LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.**—At the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal in three methods, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob: F. Bodman 1, H. H. Tidy 2, E. E. Tidy 3, A. E. Rowe 4, L. A. Tidy 5, J. O. Weller (conductor) 6.

**BENENDEN, KENT.**—At St. George's Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. Ballard (first 720) 1, W. H. Lambert 2, A. Stevenson (first as conductor) 3, H. Pope (first 720) 4, G. Simms 5, J. Avery (first 720) 6.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss G. Pack 1, Miss M. Pack 2, R. Charge 3, H. Franks 4, T. Bevan 5, G. Charge 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, B. Brown (first quarter) 8.

**HEREFORD.**—At the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): E. Salmon 1, W. Downes 2, F. Downes 3, A. E. Gwynne 4, G. H. Giblin 5, W. H. Williams (conductor) 6, W. H. Symonds 7, A. E. Hurcomb 8, H. J. Taylor 9, C. H. Sparkes 10. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral.

**GORSEINON, SOUTH WALES.**—At St. Catherine's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. M. Williams 1, G. Howells 2, R. Dobbins 3, H. Dobbins 4, J. Hansen 5, W. T. Dobbins 6, W. Dobbins (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples by the same band (excepting the 5th, which was J. Williams, conductor).

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations to Mrs. J. Bray, of Lincoln, who has rung 100 peals, 50 being on handbells.

Mr. G. Lewis was the composer of the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Sutton-on-Trent on November 10th; the conductor was Mr. A. Nash.

Next Tuesday Mr. James George, of 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham, will be 81 years of age. Since his 80th birthday Mr. George has taken part in 23 peals. Has any other veteran such a distinguished record between the ages of 80 and 81?

For bellringers' Sunday at Birstall, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by F. Graham 1, F. Sharm 2, G. Tillson 3, G. Walker 4, J. Udale 5, L. Whitehead 6, R. Barrow 7, A. Skinner 8.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft conducted five Stalybridge (Cheshire) ringers through their first 720—Plain Bob Minor—on November 15th. The ringers were: R. Rees 1, J. Parks 2, G. H. Shaw 3, S. Hodgson 4, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 5, A. Roberts 6.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, joint hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, who has been in the Middlesex Hospital, was removed to the Schiff Home of Recovery, Knowle Hill, Cobham, Surrey, last week. He will be convalescing there for a fortnight. We all wish Mr. Goodfellow a speedy recovery.

Another band that have surmounted their first obstacles is at North Mimms, Herts. On November 6th, six of the company rang their first quarter of Stedman Triples, viz., G. R. Spencer, B. Spencer, F. Currell, F. Nash, G. Nash and W. Tyler. The conductor was W. Nash, and A. W. Coles made up the eight.

Good progress is being made by the ringers at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham. During October five of the band rang their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, viz., John N. Lindon, William H. Cox, J. W. Mulcock, George H. Taylor and James Bacon. We await their first peal with interest.

Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Lloyds Bank House, Wincanton, will be extremely obliged to the ringer who borrowed a year or two ago two volumes, bound in green cloth, entitled, 'Ringers of the Ringing World,' if he will kindly return same as soon as possible. These books were made up with single pages taken from 'The Bellringer,' 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World.'

Will the conductor of the peal at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, on November 17th, kindly forward his name so that the peal may be inserted? This peal was rung with bells half-muffled, in memory of Francis George Drake, member and son of the secretary of the Suffolk Guild, and also in memory of Mrs. Clark, the mother of Mr. C. Clark, a member of the band.

Mention was made in this column recently about the enthusiasm of ringers in North Kent at local practices. The finest practice outside London is that at Crayford, where Spliced Surprise in four methods is a regular feature, and it is very gratifying to see how happy those 'princes of the art' are in helping the young ones along all the evening, being more than content themselves with one touch of 'applied' to finish up with.

In the East Berks and South Bucks young conductors seem to be fairly abundant, as six very junior Cumberlands from the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks, were successful on Saturday last in ringing a peal of Doubles at Hitchin, Bucks, Parish Church, the conducting being shared by the ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5, none of whom are yet 15 years of age. The youngest has not even attained the age of 13. Average age of band is 14 years and seven months. Further particulars will be found next week of this performance.

Among our promising young ringers is Cyril E. Lanxon (aged 16), of Truro Cathedral, who, despite very limited opportunities which are to be had in Cornwall, has rung this year his first three eight-bell peals, viz., Grandsire Triples, Bob Major (first touch in the method) and Stedman Triples. In addition he has conducted a peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings) and has composed two quarter-peals of Stedman Triples. His enthusiasm should lead to more change ringing in 'the Delectable Duchy.'

Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, participated in a peal rung at Far Headingley, Leeds, as a compliment to his daughter, Miss I. H. Marshall, who is to be married at Calcutta on November 26th. The ringers tender their best wishes, and, in the words of our correspondent, 'hope the new venture will be as harmonious and successful as the ringing of this peal.' Would the conductor of this peal kindly forward his name and also the date of the peal so that the compliment might be published in the appropriate column?

Through a motor-cycling accident, North Dorset's popular Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Shute, is at present lying in the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne. His many friends will be pleased to hear that he is making good progress, and hopes to be ringing again before Christmas. Mr. Shute is the ideal voluntary instructor. He has travelled thousands of miles—four or five nights a week, summer and winter—to teach and help young and struggling bands of ringers. It is fairly safe to say that no man has done so much for change ringing in Dorset as Bill Shute.

## MR. E. P. DUFFIELD'S UNIQUE DISTINCTION.

### MASTER OF TWO SOCIETIES.

By his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths Mr. Edward P. Duffield has achieved a unique distinction. He holds the Mastership of two important societies at the same time. He was elected Master of the Essex Association, on the retirement of Mr. Charles H. Howard, last Whitsun, and his elevation to the chief office of the College Youths gives him a dual role never previously, we believe, held by one man.

Mr. E. P. Duffield was born at Tasburgh, Norfolk, on December 21st, 1898, and started learning to ring on the peal of five bells when about 10 years of age, under the tuition of Mr. Albert G. Warnes, and, later, under the late Mr. Philip Sadler, both of Norwich. His father, Mr. William L. Duffield, now of Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk, and an uncle, the late Mr. Arthur E. Fuller, were both



MR. EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

Master of the Essex Association and the new Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

enthusiastic ringers. Four brothers—Messrs. William C. (Buxton, Norfolk), James F. (Norwich), Harry T. S. (Tharston, Norfolk) and Dr. John R. (South Africa)—all took up ringing, with the result that father and five sons completed the band for a peal of Minor at Long Stratton, Norfolk, rung on December 27th, 1927.

Mr. 'Ted' Duffield's first eight-bell practice was obtained by visiting Pulham Market, some eight miles from Tasburgh, where, eventually, at the age of 13 years, his first peal was rung, viz., Bob Major, conducted by the well-known ringer, Mr. Fredk. R. Borrett, to whose perseverance Mr. Duffield owes a great deal for his early ringing progress.

He went in 1915 to reside at Sharnbrook, Beds, and eventually succeeded the Rev. A. Rust as hon. general secretary and treasurer of the Bedfordshire Association, which office he retained until just prior to taking up residence at Alton, Hants, in 1922. During his stay at Sharnbrook both the standard and the variety of the ringing advanced, and seven Surprise Minor methods were regu-

larly rung by the local band, whose first peal on the bells he conducted. Mr. Duffield married in 1920 Miss M. A. Willoughby, of Sharnbrook, herself something of a ringer, although she did not continue seriously with the art.

At Alton, Hants, Mr. Duffield had the privilege of conducting the first peal of Stedman Triples on St. Lawrence's bells to be rung by a resident band. He removed to Colchester in 1925, and, becoming associated with the band at St. Peter's Church, eventually conducted the first peal of Surprise Major (Superlative) ever rung by a resident Colchester company.

He was elected Divisional Master of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association in 1931 on the retirement from office of Mr. William J. Nevard, the well-known ringer of Great Beniley. On Whit Monday last Mr. Duffield was elected Master of the Essex Association in succession to Mr. Chas. H. Howard, who had held the post for as long as 25 years.

Shortly after the termination of the war, and, although having had no practice in Surprise methods, Mr. Duffield was invited in September, 1919, by Mr. William Pye to join a ringing week in Cheshire. This resulted, on the Monday, in ringing two first Surprise peals, both in the one day, viz., Bristol Surprise Major at Bunbury in the morning, followed by Superlative Surprise Major at Middlewich in the evening. On the day following he rang a peal of London Surprise Major at Tarporley and Cambridge Surprise Major two days later at Frodsham. Thus he had the unique experience of ringing his first four peals of Surprise in four different Major methods within the space of four days with scarcely any previous practice.

Mr. Duffield has many interesting peal performances to his credit. He rang Southwark Cathedral tenor to Stedman Cinques at the age of 20. He rang 11th in the 15,312 Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, a peal which occupied 1½ hours. He helped Mr. Wm. Pye to ring the Exeter Cathedral tenor to the only peal (Cambridge Maximus) in which she has been rung in changes. He also rang in the first and only peal at Buckfast Abbey. On three occasions he has rung in two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in one day, and on three occasions has taken part in three peals of Surprise Major in one day. He rang in three peals (one false) rung by officers after the Great War (in which he served for a short time in the Royal Air Force during the latter part of the war). In 1913 he was a member of bands which at that time were the youngest to have rung a peal both of Minor and Major. He conducted the first peal of Surprise Maximus rung in Ireland at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, a peal which was preceded by an all-night journey from London to Dublin, and followed by an all-night return journey to London.

Mr. Duffield has rung just over 300 peals in about 220 different towers, including nearly 90 peals on 12 bells, about 60 of which were in Surprise Maximus methods, including every Surprise Maximus method in which a peal has yet been rung. He has also rung peals of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Maximus and Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. His peals have been rung in every English county except Notts and Derbyshire, and included in the list of towers are more than 40 twelve-bell towers. In spite of his rather large proportion of 12-bell peals, Mr. Duffield has never lived within 18 miles of a 12-bell tower. The peals have been rung under the auspices of more than 30 different ringing societies.

In business life, Mr. Duffield, in common with several others of his family, is engaged in the flour milling industry. He is well known in many parts of the country by reason of his activities in connection with the sale of Vitbe flour, as used in the manufacture of the now well-known Vitbe bread.

### THE BRIGHT FEATURE OF MANCHESTER MEETING.

#### TWO LEARNERS SCORE THEIR FIRST 720.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association at St. Elisabeth's Church, Reddish, on Saturday was one of the poorest from point of view of numbers that the branch has held for some time. A service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. W. Watson, who also gave an address, the music being provided by the deputy organist, Mr. English.

One bright feature of the day was the fact that two learners were enabled to score their first 720 of Plain Bob Minor, so let it not be said that nothing was accomplished. The remainder of the ringing time was spent with touches of Stedman and Double Norwich.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. C. Ollier, it was decided to hold the next quarter's meetings as follows: December 15th, Manchester Town Hall; January 19th, 1935, Manchester Cathedral; and February 16th, quarterly meeting at Stretford. Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for his address; to the organist, and the local ringers for their services closed the meeting.

It is to be sincerely hoped that meetings of the branch, and especially services, will in future be much better attended.

## REV. ROBERT HERRICK'S CHURCH.

## RESTORATION OF THE BELLS.

For several years the tower and bells at the church where Herrick the poet used to be Vicar, Dean Prior, Buckfastleigh, Devon, have been in a state of dilapidation. The bells were five in number, the treble having been recast by Warners, of London, in 1886, the second recast by Hamblyn, of Blackawton, in 1836, whilst the remaining three were cast in 1734, the tenor by Mudge and the other two by Pennington. Incidentally this year is the bicentenary of these three back bells.

In June, 1929, it was deemed advisable to discontinue all ringing, as it was considered too dangerous, and a fund was opened for their restoration, whilst Lady Yarde-Buller promised to give a new treble bell to increase them to six in memory of her husband, Sir Henry Yarde-Buller, who was buried in Dean Prior Churchyard in 1928. Thanks to the interest and energy of the present Vicar and other friends, the fund has grown, and among the generous contributors were Miss Violet E. Willis who gave £130, Lord Churston £100, and the Vicar, Rev. Canon the Hon. R. J. Yarde-Buller £25. Mr. J. H. Thorpe's recent appeal also brought many contributions from abroad.

This summer it was found that enough funds were available to put the work in hand, and the Parochial Church Council decided to place the work of the restoration of the bells in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It was afterwards found with dismay that the roof on the top of the tower was in a state of decay, and after a further appeal by the Vicar and Churchwardens sufficient money was obtained to renovate the tower. Messrs. Jackson and Son, of Buckfastleigh, were responsible for carrying out this work, which consisted of a new roof for the tower covered with lead on the top, a new floor under the bells, a new second floor, and the ringers' gallery. Whilst the bells were at the Foundry the old second was recast and the remainder retuned, and the whole peal, with the addition of the new treble bell, has been rehung on heavy rolled steel girders with all the latest modern fittings, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out the work in their customary efficient manner.

The dedication service took place on Saturday, when there was a very large and representative congregation present, and about 80 ringers came from Swindon, Exeter, Sidmouth, Buckfastleigh, Ashburton, Dartington, Staverton, Holne, Rattery, Plymouth, and Lanhedroch, Bodmin, and Brixham. The Bishop of Exeter performed the dedication ceremony. The Vicar of Dean Prior (Rev. Canon the Hon. R. J. Yarde-Buller) intoned the service. During the singing of the first hymn the Bishop and his chaplain and the Vicar and Churchwardens proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop dedicated the bells and afterwards set the tenor bell in motion. Immediately following this, rounds were rung by Messrs. A. L. Bennett, E. Hoare, G. E. Stone, W. J. R. Boyer, F. J. Emmett and B. Hest. After further prayers and a hymn, the Bishop addressed the congregation, and congratulated the parish on rehanging their bells in that ancient tower. During the last hymn a collection was taken for the tower and bell fund, there being £67 left to raise, and the collection amounted to just over £70, so that the scheme is free of debt.

After the service the bells were utilised by the Devon Guild of Ringers, and the following members rang a well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor: Messrs. W. G. Hiscott 1, W. J. Rundle 2, S. O'Shaughnessy 3, T. G. Myers 4, E. W. Marsh 5, G. H. Myers 6. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were also rung, whilst call changes were rung by the less experienced visitors. Everyone was highly delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be heartily congratulated on doing an excellent job. It was a red-letter day in the history of Dean Prior, and thanks are due to those who were responsible for carrying out the arrangements for the day.

## RIPPINGALE BELLS FUND COMPETITION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We are sure that many of your readers will be interested to know how we progressed with our effort for the restoration of our bells. About 25 per cent. of those appealed to answered, and in addition to a number of small but generous contributions we received most kind and encouraging letters. May we thank those who helped us in such a brotherly spirit, and so encouraged us to go forward. We are more than grateful to the winner, the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Bramford Speke Vicarage, Exeter, for most generously returning the prize to our fund. His kindness is very greatly appreciated. Whilst we did not receive nearly enough to carry on with the work, yet the amount received is most helpful. We would also thank the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for his helpfulness.

With fraternal greetings to all our ringing brethren.

J. E. WILLIAMS, Rector.  
C. CHALLAND, Captain.  
S. LAXTON, Secretary  
C. PICKERING, Vice-Captain

## PRESERVATION OF PEAL BOARDS.

## GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S RESOLUTION.

The suggestion of Mr. R. Whittington at the meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Womersley, on November 17th, although raised under the heading of 'Any other business,' is one that should figure prominently on the agenda of all ringing meetings in the near future (verb sap). Evidently inspired by a recent article in 'The Ringing World,' it was to the effect that the Guild should prepare a schedule of all peal boards and other boards containing matters of interest to ringers in its area, and that it should take such steps as may be necessary to preserve these boards. Mr. Whittington expressed the hope that, not only would such a record be kept by the Guild, but that it would be required very soon as part of a national collection. The members present pledged themselves to support a resolution to deal with the matter at the annual meeting of the Guild.

The Guild's proposed Benevolent Fund and the badge for members were also informally discussed at this meeting, over which the District Ringing Master presided, and, although the Executive Committee's proposal to raise a benevolent fund without increasing the annual subscription seemed to find general favour, its efforts to provide a cheap membership badge did not. Most of the members present were of opinion that if a badge were adopted it should be of a better quality than the specimens which had been considered by the committee. From the point of view of attendance the meeting was a little more heartening to the district officers than some have been in the past.

The following officers were duly nominated for office in 1935: District Ringing Master, Mr. C. E. Smith; secretary, Mr. G. Grover; auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden; hon. member on executive committee, Mr. S. Marshall, of Puttenham; and for two ringing members on that committee, Capt. H. J. Cann and Messrs. S. Elton, S. Petter, R. Whittington and W. R. Melville. The last-mentioned nominations will necessitate a ballot at the annual meeting.

The usual form of service was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Brown at Womersley, and the bells at that church (tenor 18 cwt.) and at the neighbouring church at Bramley (tenor 8 cwt.)—both peals of six within hearing of each other and forming a striking contrast in tone and weight—were in demand during the afternoon and evening. Some good touches were rung at both churches, but some of the striking it must be admitted was like the attendance of district members, distinctly patchy.

## FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

The following ringers rang their first peals this week:—

Sidney Carnell.	Gamston, Notts.
William Puddifoot.	Apsley End, Herts.
Edwin J. Upton.	Apsley End, Herts.
Horace L. Waite.	Apsley End, Herts.
Robert G. Bruce.	Apsley End, Herts.
Richard Smith.	West Wycombe, Bucks.
Frank Branchflower.	Ash Priors, Somerset.
Jack Dean.	Abergele, North Wales.
Joe Griffiths.	Abergele, North Wales.
Peter Evans.	Abergele, North Wales.
Norman Clarke.	Abergele, North Wales.
George Simmons.	Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.
W. Hesketh.	St. Helens, Lancs.
H. Grundy.	St. Helens, Lancs.
A. Wallace.	St. Helens, Lancs.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGING.

The bells of St. Michael, Bishop's Cleeve, Glos, have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and are now in excellent going order. On November 15th 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, the first on the bells, was rung by: Thomas Dyer 1, Fredk. Townsend 2, Walter Yeend 3, Harold Holford 4, William Dyer 5, John F. Ballinger (conductor) 6.

On Saturday, by the kind invitation of the Rev. N. E. Hope, Vicar of Shedworth, Glos, who is a very keen ringer, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at the Church of St. Andrew: William Townsend 1, Rev. N. E. Hope 2, Walter Yeend 3, Walter Rose 4, George Kilminster 5, John F. Ballinger (conductor) 6. The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

## THE LATE MR. ALBERT WRIGHT.

To the memory of the late Mr. Albert Wright, a muffled touch of 504 Grandsire Caters was rung at the Parish Church, Stroud, on November 9th, by: C. Gardiner (conductor) 1, J. W. Jones 2, A. Hannis 3, P. Ponting 4, F. Ponting 5, H. Fussell 6, H. Newman 7, C. Dyson 8, W. Dean 9, A. Hanks 10.

At the Parish Church, Minchinhampton, on November 10th, a muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes), preceded by the whole pull and stand: F. Canter 1, H. Phelps 2, P. Ponting 3, F. Simmonds (conductor) 4, F. Ponting 5, E. Bailey 6.

## FIRST PEAL OF CINQUES AT FAMOUS ABBEY.



By the ringing of a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Tewkesbury, on Saturday, the first peal on 12 bells was rung in this ancient Abbey. Mr. John Austin conducted the peal.

### A DORSET RESTORATION.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR A YOUNG BAND.

During the past two or three years a really praiseworthy effort has been made by the people of Corscombe, Dorset, led by their Rector, the Rev. A. N. C. Storrs, to raise some £300 for the restoration of their beautiful bells, and November 9th was a proud day for the village when the Lord Bishop of Salisbury came down to dedicate the work. Notwithstanding the awkward hour of 5 p.m., a large congregation assembled, including ringers and clergy from Buckland Newton, Evershot, South Perrott, Halstock, Kington Magna, Beaminster and Lyme Regis. The Bishop, in his sermon, warmly congratulated the Rector and his people on their zeal and its fine reward, and had a special word of encouragement for the local ringers, who are a young band of the keenest type, anxious for instruction in method ringing. He visited the belfry himself after the service and watched the locals at the ropes.

The bells are a fine six, with a 17 cwt. tenor. They have been entirely rehung on ball bearings and retuned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the firm being represented at the opening by Mr. Fidler. All who rang them were delighted in the excellent running and tone of the bells, the visitors contributing touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor in the way of demonstration. The West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild look to this tower and its enthusiastic band in the hope that they will soon be affiliated and eventually become a useful ally to the progress of change ringing.

Last Saturday the first peal was attempted on the bells by a West Dorset band from Evershot and Lyme Regis, but unfortunately it failed after two hours' excellent ringing. However, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round, these being the first on the bells, by the following: H. D. W. Bishop 1, H. Smith 2, H. G. Keeley 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, F. Price 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 6. The band, together with the local ringers, were afterwards most kindly entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Storrs.

### THREE GENERATIONS RINGING TOGETHER.

Suffolk seems to be a favoured county for three generations ringing together. In response to the question asked last week, Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Stoke Ash, Eye, Suffolk, writes: 'There was rung at Grundisburgh a peal of Bob Major by three generations of Tilletts (Ipswich), three generations of Clarks (Grundisburgh) and two generations of Symonds. In addition the Suffolk Guild boasts of three generations of Symonds (Lavenham) and three generations of Filbys (Wingfield) as members, so there is a possibility of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ipswich by the four three generations.'

Mr. G. E. Symonds, Ipswich, writes: On November 16th, 1932, Miss Phyllis Tillet, aged 13, with her father and grandfather, rang a peal of seven 720's of Bob Minor at Rushmere, near Ipswich, also these same three rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on March 4th, 1933, Miss Tillet (aged 14) ringing the treble.

### A SUFFOLK VETERAN LAID TO REST.

On Saturday evening a muffled peal was rung on the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Bramfield, as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. John Punchard, who was laid to rest that afternoon, in the presence of many ringing friends and others. The handbells were rung over his grave with rounds on eight, and a course of Grandsire Doubles, by four members of the Suffolk Guild, Halesworth District: W. Kemp (Wissett) 1-2, H. Jillings (Heveningham) 3-4, F. C. Lambert (district secretary) 5-6, R. Gardiner 7-8.

Mr. Punchard was 86 years of age, and had been connected with Bramfield tower for over 70 years. He was also a life member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and had rung numerous peals on five and six bells, his last being in 1926, when he rang Bramfield tenor bell for upwards of three hours in his usual vigorous style to a well-struck peal of Doubles. Mr. Punchard was well known in East Suffolk, and had walked hundreds of miles in the pursuit of his favourite art.

## THE LATE MR. JAMES FERNLEY.

We have received the following record of peals rung by the late Mr. James Fernley, sen.:-

		Rung.	Conducted.
Minor in 1 method	...	1	—
" 4 methods	...	3	1
" 5 "	...	2	—
" 6 "	...	1	—
" 7 "	...	31	26
" 8 "	...	2	2
" 9 "	...	1	—
" 11 "	...	1	—
" 14 "	...	2	1
" 15 "	...	1	—
" 16 "	...	1	—
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Cambridge Surprise Major	...	7	1
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Superlative Surprise Major	...	3	—
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## TRAINING OF YOUNG RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read from time to time in 'The Ringing World' how many ringers, having made a beginning eventually fall away, and are not seen in the tower any more.

In my opinion one of the first things a would-be 'change ringer' is daunted by is that he is not taught to count his place. Week after week he is told to 'follow' such and such a man, thus making it very difficult to learn how to ring. If someone stood by him and counted his place for him he would soon start to count his own. This was so in my case till a kind friend told me how to count my place. He said, 'It is like going up and down a staircase.' This helped me considerably.

Secondly, good men are often lost through poor attendance at practices. Many ringers come late, and the beginner has to 'hang about' doing nothing because only the 'faithful few' are there, and not sufficient ringers to do anything till time has passed, and only a very hurried practice ensues with no satisfaction and no joy. Therefore the 'would-be' makes up his mind it is not worth the effort and gives ringing the 'go by'.

I have been ringing for three years, and can manage about six methods. To attain this I have had to leave my books till next day, and I know there are others in the same boat. We all, more or less, leave something undone. Well then, let's 'get down to it'; have a good start, a full-time practice, a full-time ringing Sunday; in fact, a 'long pull and a good pull.' Just to close, may I tender my undying gratitude to those who have and do help me in my sometimes patience-trying efforts to become 'a change ringer'?

Buntingford, Herts.

F. J. SPARKES.

## PRESENTATION TO NORTHFLEET SECRETARY.

Mr. Carrott who, in July, resigned the secretaryship of St. Botolph's, Northfleet, on leaving the district, after 15 years' service in this position, was recently presented with a silver bell inkstand, suitably engraved. Mr. G. Lingham, one of the oldest members of the band, made the presentation, and spoke of the amount of work done by Mr. Carrott, especially during the raising of funds for the renovation of the old six bells and the addition of two new bells as a war memorial in 1920.

Mr. Carrott, in thanking the ringers for their token of appreciation, said all he had done for the belfry in the past he had done because his whole interest was in the Northfleet bells, and he hoped the present band would 'pull' together and 'always keep the bells going.'

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**TRAGIC DEATH OF DERBY RINGER.****ELECTROCUTED WHILE AT WORK.**

The ringers of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby, are mourning the tragic death of Mr. William Samuel Horace Hall, who was electrocuted on November 13th while following his employment in the winding department at Messrs. Haslem and Newton, Ltd. First aid was immediately applied, and for a few minutes there were hopes that Mr. Hall would be restored to consciousness, as his pulse began to beat, but afterwards it stopped.

Mr. Hall, who was 34 years of age, was a keen and respected member of the Cathedral Church Sunday service bellringers, and will be greatly missed by his many ringing friends. Although a member of the Midland Counties Association, he had not rung a full peal, which was his great ambition, as his heart and soul were in campanology. He was also a sidesman at the Cathedral Church.

Another interest of Mr. Hall was the Scout movement, he being scoutmaster of the St. Alkmund's Troop, Derby. He was also a member of the Derbyshire Conservative Club, a former chairman of the Castle Ward branch of the Junior Imperial League, a student at the Derby Technical College, and an associate member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

The funeral service took place at the Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended. The officiating clergy at the service were the Provost, the Very Rev. H. Ham, the Rev. J. S. Wilding (Vicar of St. Alkmund's), and the Rev. Desmond R. Pocock (chaplain at the Cathedral). During the service the hymns, 'For ever with the Lord' and 'Abide with me,' were sung. The interment took place at the Nottingham Road Cemetery. There were many floral tributes, including one from the Cathedral Sunday service ringers, and in the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted with 9.8.10 covering by local and other ringers who had come to pay their last respect to a most loyal friend, but was unfortunately lost in the last two courses.

The sympathy of many ringers is extended to his mother, Mrs. Hall.

J. P.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION AT APSLEY.**

A very interesting meeting was held at Hemel Hempstead on November 10th, members and friends attending from Apsley, Berkhamstead, Northchurch, Tring, King's Langley, Redbourn, Harpenden, St. Albans, Watford, Linslade and the local tower. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, the ringing consisting of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, St. Clement's, Gainsborough, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Woods (curate), and the Vicar gave a very able and appropriate address for Armistice Day. Tea, very kindly provided by the Vicar, was served in the St. Mary's Hall. At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, one new probationer, from St. Albans, was elected, and Apsley was selected for the next meeting. A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, etc., the curate and the organist was accorded with acclamation. Handbell ringing followed, after which the company adjourned to the tower for ringing until 8.30 p.m., the last touch being half-muffled.

**INFORMATION WANTED!**

I shall be glad if anyone can give me particulars of the performance of the first peal of Double Court Bob Triples.—J. Armiger Trollope (for Methods Committee), 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, W.5.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 29th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Countesthorpe (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Chelmsford Cathedral bells available from 7 to 9 p.m.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stratton Strawless and Buxton on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Buxton, by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Members accepting invitation to tea must notify Mr. W. C. Duffield, Roller Flour Mills, Buxton, Norwich.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary and Treasurer.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, etc., at 5 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, usual terms. All members and friends welcomed. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tower open 3. Tea 5.15. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley, Sussex.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford City and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Oxford, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 6d. and meeting at 5 p.m.—Richard A. Post, Hon. Sec., 21, Old Road, Headington, Oxford.

**KENTON, DEVON.**—The ring of 6 bells rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be re-opened on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Good meeting requested.—R. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at Salehurst. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting at Hitchin will be held on Nov. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Church House (adjoining the church). A card, if you require tea, would be a great help for catering.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moorhead Close, Hitchin.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch. —A special meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Usual arrangements.—J. C. Dean, Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Institute and meeting to follow. Special method: Cambridge. For tea notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. You will be missed if you are not there.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Members and friends are invited to tea by our chairman, the Venerable Archdeacon of Cheltenham (Canon F. W. Sears). Will all those expecting to be present please advise me by Nov. 27th?—Walter Yeend, Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Rd., Cheltenham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. at Constitutional Club.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1st at ALDERSHOT. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting (nominations for 1935) in the Parish Hall. All ringers and their friends invited. Plenty of ringing and entertainment. Come and enjoy yourselves.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The annual social will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Oswaldtwistle. Tea and social 1s. 3d. each. Will all those intending to be present please send in names to Mr. F. Shaw, 15, White Ash Lane, Oswaldtwistle, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th? Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Social commences at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4 p.m. Address by the president (Rev. E. V. Cox). Tea, free to members, at 4.45. Meeting to follow. Bells (6) available 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Nov. 26th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District. —The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, Nov. 27th, certain.—E. Stich, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The annual district meeting at Fulbourn on Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector.—Miss K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch. —A joint meeting with Peterborough Branch will be held at Elton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know by Nov. 28th.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1st. Tower open for ringing 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., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Ulverston on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woughton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. 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. A good attendance desired. All ringing friends welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**COLYTON, DEVON.**—The ring of 6 (tenor 25½ cwt.), restored, and No. 2 bell, recast by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Hon. the Rev. F. L. Courtenay, M.A., of Honiton, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Ringing by the Honiton Deanery Guild.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 28th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—Bushey, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 6. Usual business after. Tower open till 8.30. Coaches and buses stop opposite church. Cheap fares by road and rail.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hathern on Saturday, December 1st (not November 24th as advertised in last issue). Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**BROUGHTON, HANTS.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at 7 p.m. The ring of 5 has been rehung and a new treble added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea, at White Lion, at 1s. a head, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at Malvern Link. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m., at the Dining Rooms, with business meeting to follow. Service 6.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 5th.—Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Tywnning, near Tewkesbury.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A combined meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Business meetings after tea.—F. Conley, 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. from 3 p.m. Ringers proficient in Stedman are asked to assist those who are not, and those who are not are asked to come and try it. We hope to ring other methods, too, so please come in parties.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., at the King's Arms. P.R.H.A. to be followed by business meeting.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service afterwards. Please notify for tea not later than Tuesday, Dec. 4th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, by Thursday, Dec. 6th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., by invitation of the secretary, and a p.c. by Thursday, Dec. 6th, will be appreciated. Buses leave North Bridge bus stand 15 minutes past the hour and run each half-hour direct to the church.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—It is hoped to held the next meeting at Ashted on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Details next week.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Dec. 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 (free to members). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Dec. 3rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73 Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—TAKE CARE OF YOUR PENCE and you will soon save enough to purchase a ticket for the Annual Dinner at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 12th, 1935. Details later, but BOOK the date NOW.

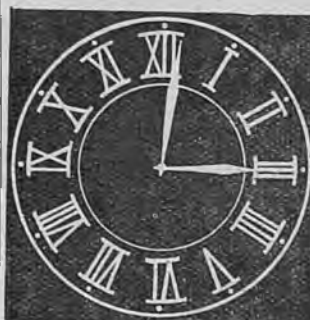
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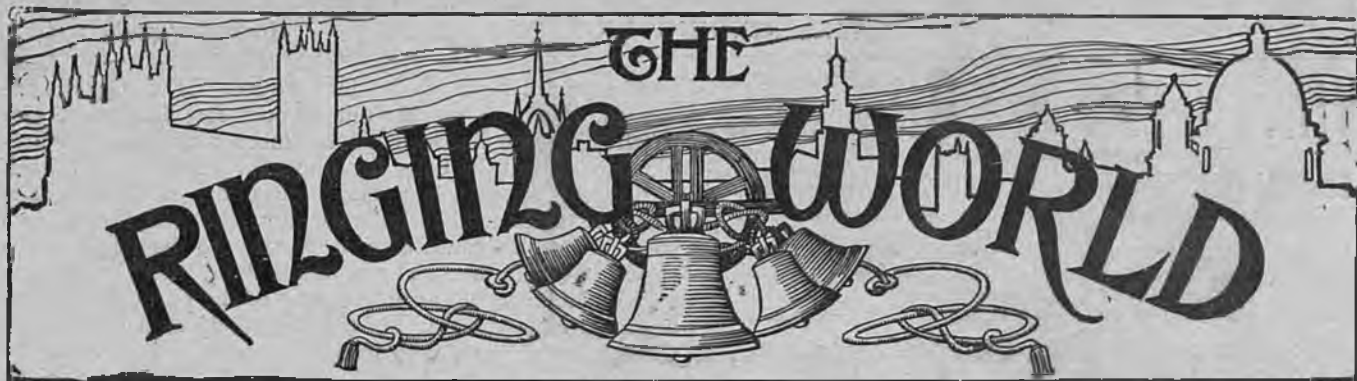
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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

The Archdeacon's invitation to the College Youths to hold a service at St. Paul's on the occasion of their tercentenary is a big step towards the realisation of an idea which has been for some time in the minds of leaders of the Exercise. A great national service for ringers in London's Cathedral would be an impressive event, but hitherto the obstacles have seemed insurmountable. It would have to be a very great success or else it would be a very great failure, for a congregation of less than a thousand is lost in the vast expanse of the dome. Of its value there can be no doubt, and not least in that it would show to the clergy (and some of them need it) that ringers are a force to be reckoned with in the Church. To ringers themselves it would emphasise the fact (and it needs emphasising) that the future of our art depends on the co-operation of the Church and the Exercise. It was not always so. In its beginnings and for most of its history change ringing was a purely secular sport; as secular as cricket or football, though its venue was the church tower. There was nothing strange or wrong in that. Churches were at one time very much more the property of the laity and were very much more the centre of the parish and village life than they are now. Sport in the Middle Ages was intimately connected with the Church and her festivals and continued to be so, though with different circumstances, for long after change-ringing was born. Things have altered now, but change ringing remains in a very great deal of its aspects a secular sport. When we go ringing on a bank holiday we do so in just the same spirit as we should go to play tennis or cricket. When we ring a handbell peal in our own sitting rooms or a tower bell peal at Quex Park or the Loughborough bell tower we do so in just the same spirit as we should ring a peal in the tower of our parish church. And there is nothing in that which is improper, or of which we need be ashamed, or that should be altered. Only there is one thing we must remember. The bells are put up and maintained for other reasons besides giving us an opportunity of enjoying our favourite pastime. Since we have the privilege of practising our art in church belfries we must be prepared to pay the price for the privilege, and the price is that we must give the very best of our art to the service of the Church. And, on the other hand, if the Church is to have her bells rung as they should be for her services she, too, must pay the price, and the price is not to be paid in money, but in giving reasonable facilities for practising the art of change ringing.

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pastime and ringing as a Church duty. If we neglect the second, if we do not do our utmost for Sunday service ringing we can hardly expect Church authorities to provide and maintain bells for our use. But that in itself is not enough. It is a condition under which a gift is given to a man, that he must love the gift for its own sake before he can make it worthy to be used in the service of religion. Those bands (and there are some such) which are run purely as part of the parochial church organisation, who think of ringing solely as a part of the Church ritual, and who keep themselves apart from the life of the Exercise, never do any good. Their intentions may be excellent, but their performances are poor. The best service ringing is done by the best peal ringers, and the charge which is so often made against those men that they are selfish, falls to the ground when we consider that the skill they gain in peal ringing results in very much better Sunday ringing.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 7
SYDNEY C. LODGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 8
RICHARD V. FULLER ... .. 3	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 9
ROBERT W. GREEN ... .. 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 10
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 5	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 11
PERCY E. CLARK ... .. 6	JAMES H. ROMLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr T. Langdon.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours &amp; Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. Treble	CHARLES CLARK ... .. 7
PHYLLIS E. TILLEY ... .. 2	*ERNEST E. POPPY ... .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	†FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † First attempt for Maximus. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Dye, of Grundisburgh.

## TEN BELL PEAL

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D flat.

*WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... Treble	*JOHN W. SPENCER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... .. 2	†REV. E. BANKS JAMES ... 7
*JOSEPH HARCASILE ... .. 3	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	*GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 9
*CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. First peal of Royal outside the British Isles and the first ten-bell peal in Australia.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WOODBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. Treble	† F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 5
* THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... .. 2	* WILLIAM E. REDRUP ... .. 6
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 3	FRANK WEST ... .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 4	JAMES P. HINTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	† REV. GILBERT THURLOW ... 5
* FREDERICK C. NICHOLS ... 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4	CHARLES CLARK ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Francis George Drake, member of, and son of the secretary of, the Suffolk Guild; also in memory of Mrs. Clark, mother of the ringer of the tenor, who died the day previously, aged 83.

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	* FRED HUTCHINSON ... .. 5
* WILLIAM O. TALBOT ... .. 2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 6
JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 7
* REV. CANON C. C. MARSHALL 4	LEONARD STOKOE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss I. H. Marshall and Mr. P. C. Casebourne, who were married at Calcutta on November 26th. First peal on the bells since being recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 19, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

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On Tuesday, November 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 5
* THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 7
EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

\* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
STANLEY C. DAVIS ... .. 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 3	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 7
REGINALD W. REX ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. Treble	HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 5
* STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 2	JACK STUBBS ... .. 6
ALFRED H. MARTIN ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
FRANCIS BALL ... .. 4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal of Stedman. Arranged and rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Martin.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

* RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. 3	JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 7
SAMUEL PINDER ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

\* First peal in the method.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 7
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 4	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Not one of the band had previously rung a change in the method.

**FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.**

The following ringers rang their first peals this week:—

Patrick N. Cashman.	Hitcham, Bucks.
Norman G. Bristow.	Hitcham, Bucks.
Fredk. C. Nichols.	Grundisburgh, Suffolk.
Ronald Hill.	Bridgerule, Devon.
Harry T. Price	Almeley, Herefordshire.
Silas C. Bone.	Perranwell, Cornwall.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 6
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Major on the bells. The 200th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS M. FEATHERS ... Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 5
†STANLEY NOBLES ... 2	HAROLD DEAN ... 6
THOMAS POTTS ... 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7
WILLIAM GAYES ... 4	WILFRED STEVENSON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells away from treble. Rung in connection with the centenary year of the church.

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

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 7
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WARE, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY ... Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JOHN P. PELLOE ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.  
First peal of London on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
LINDOFF'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 15 cwt, in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	JOHN S. MORTON ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.  
\* First peal of Stedman.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE LINES ... Treble	*JOHN J. MAWEY ... 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER ... 2	HARRY CHAMBERS ... 6
WALTER PERKINS ... 3	ARTHUR BIGLEY ... 7
JAMES T. WARD ... 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. All except the treble ringer belong to St. Peter's, Irthlingborough.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt, in F.

WILLIAM H. COLES ... Treble	*REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 5
PERCY E. JONES ... 2	*CHARLES A. NICHOLLS ... 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	EDGAR HANCOX ... 7
THOMAS COLLINS ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.  
\* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Thomas Collins.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' AND BROOK'S.  
Tenor 17 cwt, 13 lb, in F.

JAMES BOCKLEY ... Treble	THOMAS JONES ... 5
*NORMAN HEAPS ... 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
*SAMUEL HOLT ... 3	BENJAMIN THORPE ... 7
ALFRED FROST ... 4	GEORGE WHITELEGG ... Tenor

Conducted by B. THORPE.  
\* Seventieth peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells, and rung alternately and arranged by B. Thorpe. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.  
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.  
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.)  
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,  
**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt, 21 lb, in A.

*RONALD G. TAYLOR ... Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER ... 5
*JOHN E. TAYLOR ... 2	GEORGE H. LIMMER ... 6
†JAMES D. TAYLOR ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
†BEVERLEY T. HARRISON ... 4	WILLIAM A. CYSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.  
\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal with a bob bell. For ages of 1, 2, 3 and tenor, see page 758.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt, in F.

MISS E. C. BAREHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
*ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	CHARLES W. BURTON ... 6
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	†ERNEST BOWHILL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.  
\* First peal of Major. † First Surprise peal. The monthly peal for the division, also a birthday compliment to B. W. Pettitt.

MITCHAM, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... .. Treble	* ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... .. 5
DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.  
\* First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

ODDFELLOWS' PEAL.  
HIGHER WALTON.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Bro. WILLIAM TAYLOR, P.P.G.M., Loyal Philanthropic No. 1693 ... .. Treble	
" THOMAS BARKER, V.G., Loyal Star, No. 75 ... .. 2	
" HARRY FRANCE, P.P.G.M., Leyland and Farrington No. 8499. ... .. 3	
" ADAM BLOGG, P.G., Loyal Star, No. 75 ... .. 4	
" FRED S. HARWOOD, P.G., Loyal Useful Friend, No. 921 ... .. 5	
" FRED RIGBY, V.G., Loyal Peace and Plenty, No. 1208 ... .. 6	
" ALFRED BLOGG, P.G., Loyal Star, No. 75 ... .. 7	
" FRED G. BRADLEY, P.P.G.M., Loyal Star, No. 75 ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by Bro. FRED RIGBY.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations of the Loyal Useful Friend Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. Treble	DR. F. S. POOLE ... .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2	KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 6
RICHARD F. ROE ... .. 3	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.  
First peal in the method on these bells.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, November 25, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* RONALD HILL ... .. Treble	G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 5
FREDERICK SANGWIN ... .. 2	ERNEST W. MARSH ... .. 6
CHARLES SANGWIN ... .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 7
WILLIAM SHEARS ... .. 4	JOHN W. SANGWIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Honey, churchwarden and ringer at this church.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—At St. Peter's Church, on November 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Wines 1, G. Page (first quarter in method) 2, W. Page 3, W. Palmer 4, T. Page 5, H. Davies 6, W. Cross (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Lovett 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BEDS.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

* PATRICK N. CASHMAN ... .. Treble	JAMES D. TAYLOR ... .. 4
† RONALD G. TAYLOR ... .. 2	† WILLIAM A. CYSTER ... .. 5
† JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	* NORMAN G. BRISTOW ... .. Tenor

Conductors—2nd, 1,200; 3rd, 1,320; 4th, 1,320; 5th, 1,200.  
\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Average age of band 14 years 7 months.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES BARBER ... .. Treble	* JAMES RICHES ... .. 4
GEORGE FILBY ... .. 2	DAVID CRACKNELL ... .. 5
LEWIS J. BATLEY ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.  
\* First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods on the bells, also the first peal on the bells for the Guild.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

TOM BARTRAM ... .. Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 4
ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... .. 2	CHARLES J. BALL ... .. 5
* FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* 175th peal.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

* F. GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES DAVIES ... .. 4
SIDNEY G. MUNTON ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 5
* WILLIAM FLETCHER ... .. 3	JACK BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal of Minor.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Cambridge, York, Norwich and Ipswich Surprise, Violet and Duke of York. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK SHUKER ... .. Treble	THOMAS HURD ... .. 4
HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Hurd. The 50th peal in which Mr. J. Walley and Mr. J. E. Wheelton have taken part together.

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On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... Treble	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 4
†DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
TONY PRICE ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal 'inside' in seven methods. First peal on the bells in seven methods.

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

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Single Court, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4
JAMES HEMMING ... 2	JAMES ATTWOOD ... 5
*LEONARD NICHOLAS ... 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal for 20 years. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained by the Vicar, Canon Lea.

PERRANWELL, CORNWALL.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES NICHOLLS ... Treble	EDWARD SANDERS ... 4
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN ... 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 5
*CYRIL E. LANXON ... 3	SILAS C. BONE ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Lord Bishop of Truro.

BRINDLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

CHARLES R. POWER ... Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
ARTHUR HATCH ... 2	FRED BLACKLIDGE ... 5
*HERMON NELSON ... 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKLIDGE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ELLIOTT COOPER ... Treble	JAMES STANWAY ... 4
WILLIAM CARTER ... 2	WILLIAM HAZELDINE ... 5
ALFRED M. COTTRELL ... 3	JONAH COTTRELL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

A birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer, being his 73rd birthday.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 differently called 240's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HARRY T. PRICE ... Treble	ERIC R. WEBB ... 4
JAMES T. RANDLE ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... 5
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS ... 3	ARTHUR MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal.

SUCCESSFUL JUVENILE BAND.



The six members of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks, who were successful in ringing a peal of Doubles (reported elsewhere) at Hitcham, Bucks, the average age of the band being 14 years and 7 months. The peal had four conductors, and in order that there should be no mistake in the number of six-scores rung they were called thus: 2nd called four, then 3rd four, 4th four, 5th four, then three each, two each, one each, and the odd two six-scores were called by the 3rd and 4th. The band from left to right are Patrick N. Cashman (age 14 years 11 months) 1, Ronald G. Taylor (age 12 years 11 months) 2, John E. Taylor (age 13 years 7 months) 3, James D. Taylor (age 14 years 7 months) 4, William A. Cyster (age 14 years 7 months) 5, and Norman G. Bristow (age 17 years 5 days) 6. Not content with this success, the four above conductors plus four other members went to Goring a week later and rang the first peal on eight bells for the society. Major was started on, but would not shake into good enough compass, so a halt was called, and a very good peal of Triples rung instead.

WHERE YOUTH PREDOMINATES.

The average age of the company of over 40 that attended the East Berks and South Bucks meeting at Cookham was well under 20, and 'G. Gulliver G.' will have to look to his recently won laurels when these midgets get going. Tea was provided through the kindness of the Vicar.

Methods and rounds were rung to suit all, and during the evening Lord Meston paid a visit to the belfry. Another visitor towards the end of the evening was 'The Belle of New York' but all the gay Lotharios had gone, leaving the poor old married men and women to let the bells down in peal. (It was nearly good enough for A.D.B.)

The handbells were also much in evidence. Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and 'some' tunes were rung after tea, and more Stedman Triples in the tower, including a 'married couples' course.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS.

Known to a large number of ringers as a capable conductor in advanced methods, Mr. Charles F. Andrews, the captain of the St. James' Society, Trowbridge, received many congratulations on his wedding on November 24th to Miss Hilda M. Gaisford. At the close of practice on November 21st, Mr. Andrews, who is leaving Trowbridge, was presented with a cut-glass salad bowl with silver fittings, the presentation being made by Mr. S. J. Hector. Mr. Andrews was assured of a hearty welcome whenever he could come. Thanking the band for their gift, Mr. Andrews hoped that his departure to his new home would not have any deterrent effect on the local band's enthusiasm. He thanked them for their loyal support and regular attendance at Sunday and practice ringing.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGRITS ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—JOHN E. ROOTES.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on handbells by all the band and by the association. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

### RISE AND FALL OF BELLS. COL. JERRAM AND CORNISH RINGING. *To the Editor.*

Sir,—On reading the Editor's 'Notes by the Way' of your issue of the 23rd, I seem to have missed something, or was a letter from Mr. E. H. Lewis inadvertently left out? I do not know why, when, where or in what connection he made his suggestion, but I most sincerely hope that no one imagines for one moment that I or any other Cornish ringer could demonstrate anything which English ringers could not do equally well, or learn to do if they wanted to.

The point is, they don't want to 'rise' and 'lower' any more than the average Cornish ringer wants to learn change ringing. I have frequently heard change ringers state that it is waste of valuable practice time, and, on Sundays, waste of ringing time. So, of course, it is from their point of view.

In actual fact a good rise and fall is rapidly becoming more rare in Cornwall, more's the pity, the two main reasons being (1) the invention of the stay. Before this invention you had to rise and fall. I learnt to ring in a four-bell stayless tower, and we never did anything else. (2) Some more or less modern bell-hanging. Whatever the reason may be, there is no doubt whatever of the fact that it is impossible to get many tenors to double clapper properly or even to go up right way. In my parish we have two rings, one of eight and the other of six. Both are light rings, yet neither tenor will double clapper going up, and the eight-bell one always goes up wrong and the six-bell usually does.

There was some correspondence a while back on this subject, when short clapper-flights were blamed. Not being a mechanic, I can give no reason, but I suggest that consideration might be given to the combined possibilities of short flights plus no cannons, thereby making the bell too short for its size. Anyhow, the fact remains that, whereas old bells were perfect for rise and fall if for nothing else, many new ones are not. A rise and fall to be anything at all must be perfect, and where perfection is a matter of impossibility men will not attempt it. So in a large percentage of Cornish towers to-day bells are either left up or raised singly. For rise and fall and evenness of striking I suppose Pennington's bells are as near perfection as can be obtained, and one finds in consequence the best round ringing in the eastern part of Cornwall and West Devon. However, I mustn't let myself be drawn into my usual bugbear, 'modern gadgets,' so to return to Mr. Lewis' suggestion, I fear that someone will have to finance for a long period the mines, fisheries and farms of Cornwall before we can raise the necessary cash to tour England.

C. F. JERRAM.

Helston, Cornwall.

### A FLOURISHING DIVISION.

#### NORTH ESSEX RINGS 54 PEALS IN PAST YEAR.

A year of good progress was reported at the annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association held at Braintree on November 17th. The youngest members were the earliest arrivals, and had an opportunity of trying their hands at a few rounds and some of the simplest methods. As the members increased, the methods advanced until a touch of London Surprise was rung. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Billingham, the lesson being read by the district secretary, and the collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £1 6s. 6d.

After tea, served in the Church Hall, the meeting took place. The District Master (Mr. A. Saunders) presided, and there were 62 ringers present, representing 22 towers. Before the business, the District Master made reference to the recent sudden death of Mr. A. H. Head, of Chelmsford, and as a mark of respect the company stood in silence for a few moments.

The district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) read a short report of the work in the division during the past year. Five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 44. Eleven members had been elected and 54 peals had been rung on tower and handbells, viz.: Bob Doubles 1, Minor methods 12, Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 2, Bob Major 5, Double Norwich 4, Oxford Treble Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 4, Superlative Surprise 7, Cambridge Surprise 4, Yorkshire Surprise 2, Bristol 1, London 7. Eighteen persons conducted the peals, Mr. W. Keeble heading the list with 26.

The district secretary read a letter from the Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield) regretting his inability to attend. The District Master was re-elected. After returning thanks for the honour conferred on him, he hoped he would be able to give the same satisfaction in the future as he had done in the past. The district secretary was also re-elected.

One ringing member was elected, and Finchfield was selected for the next place of meeting on February 9th, 1935. It was also unanimously agreed to hold the annual meeting for the division at Braintree and Booking alternately.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow (general secretary) explained the forthcoming referendum on the proposal to change the name of the Essex Association. He hoped that when the time came every member would vote and carry out the instructions promptly. Mr. W. Keeble suggested that where a grant was made for restoration work from the Bell Restoration Fund someone should be placed in charge of the bells and see that they were not neglected. This should be brought to the notice of the churchwardens.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Who were the B.Y.P. who 'divided a plate' between them?

The peal at Midsomer Norton, Somerset, reported in our last issue, was the first peal of Major on the bells and not the first on the bells.

A stay tried conclusively with one of the midgets at Cookham and lost, but no one noticed him pull the bell more than was necessary.

Another Cornish congratulation. This time to Mr. Silas C. Bone, who rang his first peal on Saturday at Perranwell. He is 67 years of age.

We apologise to our Lancashire friends in describing Ulverston as in Yorkshire in our last issue. Ulverston is affiliated to the Furness Branch of the Lancashire Association.

The peal at Woburn was an 'omnibus' one for birthday celebrations. Mrs. Frank Boreham, Mrs. M. Birmingham and Betty, Mary and James E. Hinton all being included in the compliments.

By conducting a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major last Saturday, at Hungerford, Berks, Mr. J. T. Dyke has conducted peals in 200 different towers. Mr. Dyke should be able to tell an interesting story of the belfries of England.

Mr. R. Pickering, of Wolverhampton, informs us that 'Holt's Original' was rung 'silent' 25 years ago—on November 20th, 1909—at Christ Church, West Bromwich. Seven of the ringers and one of the umpires are still living. He believes this was the last time it was rung non-conducted.

Two new members were elected to the Herts County Association at the meeting of the Eastern District at Sawbridgeworth on November 17th. There was some good ringing on the fine old ring of bells. Hopes are entertained that this band, once very prominent, may again come to the front.

After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, at Swansea, Glamorganshire, on November 24th, a quarter-peal was rung by the following: R. Dobbins 1, W. Dobbins 2, D. J. Williams 3, G. Popnell 4, W. J. Cross 5, G. I. Lewis 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, E. Stinch 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

The tourists have completed their Australian tour, and, according to a radio message received this week, all are well and are now homeward bound.

The record of the tour is:—

Melbourne two peals.

Hobart two peals.

Ballarat one peal.

Sydney two peals.

On Nov. 25th the first peal on handbells in the Pacific Ocean was rung.

In addition there were peals on handbells rung in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Arabian Sea.

By the ringing of 720 Hull Surprise on November 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, the 41 Surprise methods have been rung this year by the Sunday service band. The band consisted of F. T. Parry 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, J. Leslie 4, A. K. Leatham 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6. This is the first time all these methods have been rung in the Wirral Branch, and is believed to be the first time they have been rung in the same year by a Sunday service band of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Congratulations!

On November 25th, at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Wm. Dye, was unfortunately lost after an hour's ringing. The attempt was to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dye. Mr. Dye did a lot of ringing and conducting in the early days of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and was the first man in the association to call Holt's Original, at Holmingsham, on May 10th, 1881. He also called W. Harrison's 10,176 of Treble Bob at Goddenham in 1888 in 5 hours 55 minutes. After the attempt, the band and friends were very hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Dye, and many wishes were expressed for their continued long life, health and happiness.

The whole Exercise will congratulate the very clever band who last rang a peal of London Surprise on handbells. It was a triumph of skill, practice and perseverance. They are, of course, not the first to accomplish the feat, though that does not lessen their merit. The first peal in the method in hand was rung at Romford in 1904 by three brothers Pye, with Mr. William Keeble, and in 1920 the four brothers Goffton rang a similar peal at Monkseaton, Northumberland.

# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

## A Great Reception at Perth.

### FIRST EXPERIENCE OF COMMONWEALTH HOSPITALITY.

The ringing tourists travelling by the 'Barrabool' touched Australian soil for the first time on Oct. 15th, when they landed at Fremantle and visited Perth, where they rang at St. George's Cathedral and were entertained to lunch. The whole visit revealed the cordial hospitality of the churchpeople of Perth.

ss. 'Barrabool,'

October 18th, 1934.

We have had our first experience of Australian hospitality—and it knocked our pre-arranged programme sideways. Our plan, in the absence of any definite information from Perth, was to get ashore from the ship at Fremantle as early as possible, make for Perth by taxi, do what we could to the bells in the time available, and start for a peal of Bob Major. There are lots of formalities before one can enter Australia, including a medical examination, for which everyone was fetched out of bed at six o'clock in the morning to await the pleasure of the port medical officer, who arrived on board about 7.30. We were through with this and breakfast by nine o'clock, and then a young gentleman in clerical garb came on the ship, requesting us to wait the arrival of the Dean and a small fleet of cars to fetch us up to Perth. The young clergyman was the Rev. Clift, of the Seamen's Mission, whose special business it is to meet the ships in, and he received us with great cordiality. Soon followed the Dean (Canon C. H. Moore), Archdeacon Parry (no relation to the Archdeacon who presides over the destinies of the Diocesan Guild in North Lincolnshire) and another Church dignitary.

The twelve of us in our party were packed into three cars, with our paraphernalia of ropes, spanner, overalls and oil can (borrowed from the ship's engineer), to say nothing of the castor oil and lard brought from England. We were driven to various points of interest along the route, and to the war memorial in King's Park, which overlooks the broad Swan river, with the panorama of Perth laid out on the opposite bank. It was a pleasing picture. The majority of people live in red-roofed bungalows, which spread almost everywhere over the country side between Fremantle and Perth, but with roads well planned, and open spaces, which were once part of the original 'bush.' We took a peep into the grounds of the Church of England College, a new building, whose gardens were aglow with stocks, delphiniums and other flowers which are the delight of gardens at home in early summer.

Then to the Deanery at Perth, where light refreshments were served, but long before this it was obvious that a peal attempt was out of the question. We had been let into the secret of the programme that had been arranged for our benefit, and in addition to a more or less formal lunch in our honour we were to meet at mid-day the local youths who are forming a band of ringers at the Cathedral. As we had to be back on the 'Barrabool,' twelve miles away, by 3.30 p.m., we quickly realised that the courtesies of the occasion demanded at least the abandonment of the peal.

Someone has previously made the remark that the world is small. Mr. and Mr. Richardson had no sooner alighted from the car at Perth than they were approached by old friends who used to visit Rupert's home a quarter of a century ago, but of whom he had heard nothing since. A former ringer of Shere, Surrey, George Dartnall, came to greet me, with, for identification purposes, a photograph cut from a Surrey county newspaper. He had rung with me thirty years ago. Lancashire people came to search out Mr. and Mrs. Sharples, someone from Fareham sought Mr. Linter, and Joe Hardcastle found natives of his country of broad acres waiting for him. We found, too, that, although we did not see him, a brother of Mr. Percy Johnson, of Leeds, is employed with the same firm as the youthful leader of the Perth ringers. George Martin was greeted by an old Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, resident. As soon as we could with decency tear ourselves away from all who desired to welcome us, we investigated the belfry. When it is remembered that Perth is an isolated ring of bells—there are probably no others within a thousand miles—the condition of things was much better than one might have expected. The Cathedral and tower are brick built, about fifty years old, while the bells were added in 1901 as a memorial to Queen Victoria. Once there was a band that could ring Grandsire Doubles, but they faded out years ago, and no change ringing had been done on the bells for something like fifteen years when we arrived.

At present a young band, recruited from the Scout Movement, is being built up, and their ringing chamber was certainly a credit to them. It was also gratifying to find eight ropes in excellent condi-

tion. The bells had been greased, and it only remained to get them up. When the tenor was raised, however, there was an ominous bumping overhead. Investigation showed that the clapper was striking the frame, but Rupert cured this by tightening the nuts on the stock and screwing up the crown staple bolt by quite half an inch. As a peal was out of the question, we wasted no further time in 'bell hanging,' although an hour spent among the bells would doubtless have effected considerable improvement. In the presence of a belfry full of people, the Dean offered short prayers, and we rang the first touch—Grandsire Triples—which revealed a propensity to slip wheel on the part of the third. Then followed Treble Bob Major, which emphasised the fact that in ringing the bells we also had to 'ring' the tower, which, being of brick, displayed a considerable movement, and had we been going for a peal the 'backenders' would have had something of a twisting unless we could have hit a pace that did not synchronise with the oscillation of the building. A touch of Stedman Triples followed, and then a touch of Bob Major was brought home.

And that was the end of the change ringing, for on going to set the bells the tenor, which set abnormally deep, went completely over owing to a new but inefficient slider giving way. It had only been put in on the previous Saturday, and it went like a carrot with the mere weight of the bell. As it happened, not more than one other short touch would have been possible on account of lunch. The front six were therefore lowered in peal.

The square outside the Cathedral had been full of people listening, many of them for the first time, to bells rung in English fashion, and others, with recollections of 'home'—the old country is still 'home' to all her sons and daughters—hearing after long years something which brought back what is probably the most vivid of all their memories of the old country—church bells ringing. Many of them expressed regret that they could not hear more, but with the curtailed time available this was not possible.

At lunch we were entertained by the Cathedral authorities, several members of the Chapter being present, as well as all the local ringers. The Dean presided, and among those present were Mrs. Moore, Archdeacon Huddleston, Archdeacon Parry, Canon L. Marshall, Canon Armstrong, and Mr. J. O. Fisher (diocesan secretary).

The Dean, in a speech of whole-hearted welcome, expressed the great pleasure that he and the members of the Chapter had in entertaining their friends from overseas. They felt, he said, they were more than amply repaid, first by the 'peals' that had been rung, and, secondly, by the inspiration which would be given to the lads who were forming the new team at the Cathedral.

Mr. Fussell, on behalf of the visitors, said that was a unique gathering. That was a gathering for the first time in history of Anglo-Australian ringers. It was a wonderful thing, when they thought of it, that men should travel so many thousands of miles to practise the old English art. As soon as they set foot for the first time in Australia they received a warm welcome from the Dean and Chapter, and he hoped the generous impulse which prompted this welcome and started them on their way, would forward the missionary task which they had undertaken among the belfries of the Commonwealth (applause).

With the few minutes left after lunch, the visitors were to take a look at Perth's fine main shopping thoroughfare, and then they had to be hurried back to Fremantle. On reaching the ship they had something of a shock when they found that Mr. and Mrs. Sharples were missing. They had visited friends in Perth and were expected to find their own way back to the ship. Sailing time drew near, and it was not until a minute or two before the 'Barrabool' cast off that the missing couple were observed running along the quay side—faster, probably, than they have sprinted for many a long day. They had mistaken the time of our departure from Perth. They were greeted with cheers as they came last aboard, and Mrs. Sharples blushed with the warmth of her reception. They were more fortunate, however, than another pair of fellow voyagers who reached the quay after the ship had pulled out into midstream, and were left behind. With luck, they may overtake us at Adelaide.

We were surprised, and, naturally, delighted with the kindness shown to us at Perth, and we came away with the feeling that our visit had been well worth while. The time we were able to spend with the Dean, the church authorities and the young ringers is likely to have much more valuable results than the ringing of a peal. Although our stay was, perforce, limited, the cordiality of our reception was beyond question, and it is hoped that those who make the return journey via Fremantle will have the opportunity of putting

in a few hours of practical work with the Perth band at a later date, as the boat on the homeward journey usually makes a much longer stay at the port.

To-day we have played off the Bellringers' Deck Quoit Championship. It was organised by Jovial Joe, who since he left England has become a boy in spirits. He induced us all to put up our three-pences for prize money; we had a proper draw for order of playing, and then set about the job in real tournament fashion. There were three matches in the preliminary round, the rest having byes. Mr. Sharples, on ship's form, started favourite, but play revealed one or two dark horses, including Old Bill, who was not beaten until the semi-final. Parson James, because he had never played quoits, wanted to scratch after receiving a bye in the first round, but thought better of it, and gave the favourite a nasty shock in the early stages of their second round match. However, he was eventually beaten by 15-11.

In the semi-finals Sharples beat Martin 15-7, and Linter beat Fussell 15-9. The final was over 21 points, and there was a ding-dong struggle (as one would expect from ringers) most of the way. The score was eleven all, and then fifteen-fourteen in favour of Mr. Sharples, who, however, eventually ran out a fairly easy winner at 21-16. We had the true championship climax, when the victor's wife dashed into the ring and embraced her husband, while he was smilingly receiving the plaudits of the assembled company.

But there's a snag for the winner. He takes the entrance fees as a prize, but he has got to stand drinks all round! And lemonade and port in Australian waters is 1s. 7d.! Most of us drink lemonade and port when we want to celebrate an occasion.

The following is the champion's estimated balance sheet over the event:—

Expenditure: Entrance fee 3d., ten lemon and ports 15s. 10d., total 16s. 1d.

Receipts: Prize money 2s. 9d., victory honours, known as deficit, 13s. 4d., total 16s. 1d.

This does not include the cost of his own refreshment (if any). We anticipate that he will go without.

Late News.

Mr. Sharples is sorry Mr. Linter did not win the Deck Quoits Championship. Mr. Linter is glad he didn't. Rupert was cute. He led his opponent up the garden in the first round to 14 all, and then quietly slipped out. He had already realised that to win through would be expensive.

THE EDITOR.

## VISITORS REACH MELBOURNE.

### The First Peal Success.

The Australian tourists reached Melbourne on October 22nd, and on the 24th scored their first peal in the Commonwealth, all nine of the ringers, with one of the members of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, taking part. The peal (Bob Royal) was rung under the auspices of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, of which all the visitors had been elected honorary members before their arrival.

ss. 'Barrabool,'

Sunday, October 21st.

Our call at Adelaide on Friday, October 19th, provided us with a second illustration of Australian hospitality. The only bells available for ringing in the city are a ring of six at St. Andrew's Church in the suburb of Walkerville, but what our programme was to be was unknown to us until we landed. The 'Barrabool' berthed in the Outer Harbour, about fifteen miles from the city, at 11 a.m., and she was making a stay of 24 hours, giving us ample time for anything we might wish to do. As soon as the ship was alongside the quay, there were the inevitable pressmen anxious to interview and photograph us, and before we left Adelaide we found ourselves pictured and paragraphed in the city's two principal daily newspapers.

Canon Hewgill, the Rector of St. Andrew's, had kindly arranged for four cars to meet us at the ship's side, and came personally with Mrs. Hewgill to greet us. They were accompanied by the Rev. T. G. Ledlow, the curate. When we reached Adelaide the Canon entertained us to lunch, before taking us on to St. Andrew's, where a number of people were awaiting our arrival, including Mr. William Knight, who has been a ringer at the church for 46 years and captain of the band for nearly the whole of that time. Mr. Knight has taught scores of young men to ring, but his experience has been no different to the general state of affairs at home. Very few beginners remain to make proficient ringers, but Mr. Knight has usually been able to muster a band, and at present the bells are rung for services twice every Sunday—an encouraging thing to find at a tower with no other band of ringers within 500 miles.

Another who was there to meet us was Mr. Tom Waterman, who left England in 1895, and who, before that, used to ring at Christ Church, Ealing. Mr. Waterman was accompanied by his son, Mr. A. Waterman, and his daughter. At one time Mr. Waterman and

three or four of his sons rang at Walkerville, but the war broke their connection with the church. Another gentleman, not a ringer, produced a photograph of a peal band and peal board at Isleworth. He was a cousin of that well-known old Middlesex ringer, Mr. Tom Beadle, who was one of the peal band. We also found a link with Painswick. Mr. George Powell, now very advanced in years, had expressed a wish to meet the visitors and hear them ring. He was the son of the late Mr. Jas. Powell, a ringer of Painswick for 50 years, who took part in one of the long peals there. For his benefit a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells in the street, around the car in which he was seated. 'It is more than 50 years since I heard anything like that,' he said as the bells finished amid the plaudits of a large and interested audience.



MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL,

where the first tower bell peal of the tour was rung on October 24th.

The flag of St. Andrew was flying over the church, one of the oldest in Adelaide's suburbs. It was built about 50 years ago, and the six bells, which came from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1886, have a tenor of 12 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb., and a total weight of 50 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. They are hung in a wooden frame and have a rather long draught of rope. The tower is stone and brick built, and the whole church is of a pleasing appearance. The ringing chamber, approached from the vestry by long, straight, open steps, was not sufficiently commodious to contain all who sought to see us ring, but it has only one real drawback, and that is lack of efficient ventilation.

When we reached the church the information was sprung upon us that we had got to broadcast, and the engineers were already busy fixing up the apparatus in the churchyard. We had only sufficient time to try out the bells with 120 of Grandsire Doubles before the ten minutes' broadcast had to begin. This consisted of two six-scores of Doubles, and was sent out from a regional station. Twenty minutes later we had to go 'on the air' nationally, and in order that Australia might hear some good striking we were not ashamed to ring two more six-scores of Grandsire. This was transmitted to Melbourne over 500 miles of land line, before being sent out. After other ringing had been done, the visiting ringers and others were entertained to tea at the Rectory, where various publications of the Central Council were handed to the Rector for the use of the ringers,

by Mr. Goldsmith, who conveyed the Council's greetings to the Walkerville ringers. Mr. Fussell, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Rector for his great hospitality, and hoped the visit would encourage the local ringers to take up change ringing.

The Rector expressed thanks for the gifts and the pleasure which was felt at the visit of the English ringers. He asked them to convey fraternal greetings from the band at Walkerville to the ringers of the old country, through the Council.

Six of the company then returned to the tower and rang what is probably the first 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor ever rung out of the British Isles. It was very well struck, and afterwards for the first time the people of Walkerville heard bells lowered in peal. The ringers of the Cambridge were: C. Sharples 1, Mrs. R. Richardson 2, W. Linter 3, J. S. Goldsmith 4, G. Martin 5, R. Richardson (conductor) 6.

Afterwards the party went on to St. Augustine's, Unley, a magnificent modern church, built in stone. The tower contains a very fine chime of 13 bells by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A brass plate records that they were presented by Frederick Hugh and Nellie Lindow, April 25th, 1933. We heard these bells delightfully played by the organist, and they are a crowning glory of a very fine building.

After dinner in Adelaide we were carried off by car to the home of Mr. A. Waterman, at Woodville, where a very enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by a programme of music, interspersed with handbell ringing. There were violin and pianoforte duets, songs and recitations, and the handbells were rung out of doors for the benefit of the nursing staff of an adjoining hospital. It was with difficulty that we could drag ourselves away to catch the last train to the harbour, and it was past midnight when we rejoined the 'Barrabool' after a strenuous day.

Our thanks are due to many people for the enjoyable time we spent, but particularly to the Rector of St. Andrew's and Mrs. Hewgill, Mr. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Waterman, and to Mr. F. W. J. Staude, one of the ringers, whose car was at our disposal throughout the day, and who gave some of us an opportunity of seeing Adelaide both by daylight and lamplight.

To-day has been chiefly occupied in repacking in preparation for leaving the 'Barrabool,' which has been our floating home for more than five weeks. We have travelled in complete comfort. The Australian Bight, which has a more evil reputation than the Bay of Biscay, smiled upon us, and our trip from the day we left the Thames has been almost perfect. The decks have sometimes heaved under us; winds have blown both hot and cold, and we have sweltered under the damp heat of the Red Sea, but, taken all in all, it would be difficult to get a better voyage—and we are duly thankful. The officers and those members of the crew with whom we have come in contact have been courteous itself and ever ready to assist us, not only in the ordinary affairs which concern the passengers, but in giving us facilities for our handbell ringing; and to them all we are grateful.

There was an incident as pleasing as it was unexpected to-night when we assembled for dinner. A small handbell with ornamental brass handle stood on the table in Mr. Fussell's place, and on a card attached by red ribbon was 'Barrabool. With the compliments of the ship's company. Speech!'

Accordingly, while dinner was in progress, the dinner bell was rung to gain silence for Mr. Fussell, who acknowledged the gift, spoke of the satisfaction of our party with the comfort of the boat and our gratification at the homely and fraternal friendship received from all on board. We had come a long way, he said, to ring the bells of Australia, and our experience was that as long as there were ships like the 'Barrabool' Britannia would rule the waves. The British Colonies had carried on in a small way the traditional bellringing of old England, and the English ringers had come to Australia to encourage it further. On behalf of all the party he thanked the passengers of the 'Barrabool' for their comradeship, and the captain, officers and crew for the manner in which they had carried them safely on the high seas.

The speech was warmly applauded and on behalf of the commander and the ship's personnel, the Ship's Surgeon, who was presiding at dinner, thanked Mr. Fussell for his remarks.

Since our arrival in Melbourne on Monday (October 22nd) all has been rush and bustle. First of all we had to satisfy the inquisition of half a dozen newspaper reporters, who wanted to know all about our trip, our intentions and our art. Meanwhile the Precentor of the Cathedral (Rev. R. Sherwood), with Mr. J. L. Murray (president of the Cathedral Ringers' Society), Mr. Spencer (vice-captain), Mr. A. A. Savage (the hon. secretary), Mrs. Savage, Miss Shimmins (a member of the Cathedral band), Mr. A. Behan (a former English ringer), Mr. J. C. Nolan (of St. Patrick's Society), and others, came aboard to greet us and offer us a warm welcome to Melbourne.

The next business was the negotiation of the Customs. The Australian Customs do not miss much. Some of the gifts we brought out had to pay for admission to the country. They were 'duty free,' but all the same we had to pay 'primage'—I don't know quite what it is, but it seemed to me it was part of the scheme to get back some of the adverse rate of exchange. On top of this we had also to pay

'sales tax,' although nothing we brought was intended for sale, and the queer thing was that it was not on the ringing text books we have brought, but, of all things, on the albums of photographs! The officials were all very pleasant about it, and we paid up as if we were pleased too. But our looks belied our thoughts.

Rupert was in trouble also. He had taken several reels of films on the voyage. But undeveloped films are not admitted to Australia, and he was kept busy all the morning taxi-ing about Melbourne—at a shilling a mile—to get his films released, which eventually, by the goodness of Providence and the kindness of a Government official, he succeeded in doing.

Meanwhile the rest of us had been taken to our Melbourne 'homes.' Most of the menfolk are staying with the headmaster of Trinity Grammar School. The rest are quartered elsewhere.

In the afternoon we paid a visit to St. James' Old Cathedral, which now fulfils the position of a parish church. Piloted by Mr. Murray, we were met by the Vicar (Rev. R. M. Hudson), who gave us the interesting history of the church, and told us a rather lamentable story about the bells. Originally the Cathedral, built nearly a century ago, stood in Little Collins Street. When the requirements of the religious life of the city demanded a bigger building, and at a time when St. James' had grown into a state of considerable disrepair, the present magnificent Cathedral of St. Paul was built nearer to the centre of the city and St. James' Cathedral was taken down and rebuilt elsewhere to serve a growing industrial area. Since then, however, the demands of industry are making inroads upon the district, the workers are being pushed further out, the houses giving way to factories and warehouses, and the population of St. James is gradually but surely diminishing.

The story of the bells is a sadder one. When they hung in the tower originally they were frequently rung. When the church was moved and the bells were reinstated ringing upon them was again begun, but the re-erected tower showed signs of shakiness and soon developed such serious cracks that ringing has been entirely stopped since 1913. The bells are now 'clocked,' and two or three quite keen young men chime tunes on them for Sunday services. The prospect of seeing ringing re-established at St. James' seems rather remote. We did our best to advocate a restoration, and we hope that the subject may be considered, but lack of funds—as in so many other parishes—is the great and immediate stumbling block.

Nevertheless, our reception at St. James' was very cordial, and after we had rung handbells in the ringing chamber and endeavoured to chime Grandsire Triples, we were entertained to tea by ladies of the parish, who in turn were greatly interested in the handbell ringing which was done. Mr. Fussell expressed the visitors' thanks for the hospitality shown them, and the Rev. R. M. Hudson assured the visitors of the great pleasure their visit had given, and expressed good wishes for the success of the tour.

In the evening the party were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Murray at dinner before visiting the Cathedral to make their first acquaintance with St. Paul's ringers. First, however, they were shown round the Cathedral itself by Mr. Riddle, one of the lay members of the Chapter. It is a noble building of fine proportions, in two colours of sandstone. One of its most striking features is its reredos, in Venetian inlaid marble, the upper panels depicting the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. The Cathedral was built 50 years ago, but the central and 'western' spires were completed only last year.

It is a steep climb up to the ringing chamber, and there we were enthusiastically greeted by a full muster of Cathedral ringers and other brethren of the craft from St. Patrick's. It was half an hour before we got to the ropes, and when we pulled off the back ten we heard a magnificent ring of bells. They are a peal by Mears and Stainbank, with a tenor of 31½ cwt., and 'go' in a manner that betokens careful attention. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung as a 'feeler,' and thereafter short touches were brought round, in which the visitors were joined by the local ringers. The greatest enthusiasm, however, was shown when a course of Bob Royal was brought round to a great volume of hand clapping and 'bravo's.'

According to our information it was the first course of Bob Royal brought round on the bells. Councillor A. Kane, who has been our link with the Melbourne Centenary Celebration Committee, took the tenor for a course of Grandsire Caters, and afterwards a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung. It was a great day for Melbourne ringing, and we, too, were content to 'call it a day' when we reached our temporary home at midnight. We had had 18 hours of strenuous going.

The day after our arrival we had to meet two social engagements. In the morning we were received at the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and in the afternoon we had tea with the Archbishop of Melbourne and Mrs. Head. But more of this anon.

Late News. October 24th.

We have just rung the first ten-bell peal in Australia and the first peal of Bob Royal out of the British Isles. It was our first attempt for a peal on church bells during the tour, and the band was made up by Mr. J. W. Spencer, a former ringer at Groby, Leicestershire, who has been in Australia for 22 years, and took part in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Melbourne in 1925. It was not all easy going, but there was great satisfaction in scoring at our first attempt.

THE EDITOR.

**COMBINED MEETING AT LEEDS.****PASSING OF MR. R. C. SQUIRES.**

Previous to attending the joint meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, of the Ladies' Guild (Northern Section) and the Leeds and District Society, a large company of ringers attended the funeral service of the late Mr. R. C. Squires, one of the Leeds Society's bank account trustees and a ringer at St. Chad's Church. Handbells were rung in the church by Messrs. P. J. Johnson, J. W. Moorhouse, J. Thackeray and G. W. Slack, jun. When the cortege left the church for the Lawnswood Cemetery, the bells were rung half-muffled by Mr. Squire's own colleagues of St. Chad's.

The ringers' service was held later in the afternoon, being conducted by Rev. C. C. Marshall, M.A., Vicar of St. Chad's and president of the Yorkshire Association.

Tea followed in the Schoolroom. Immediately after, the meeting ceased to be a joint one for a short time, as the ladies retired to an adjoining room for their business meeting. At the Leeds Society's meeting the ringers stood for one minute in silent remembrance of their late colleague. One new member was elected, Rev. C. C. Marshall, of St. Chad's. The following nominations were received too late for confirmation at this meeting: Miss L. K. Bowling, of St. Chad's, Messrs. J. Ward and T. Duffin, of Ossett, J. Broadley and B. Raynor, of Bradford Cathedral. The President proposed the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Chad's for the use of the bells, Miss Bowling for the tea arrangements, the organist and choirboys for their services, and to the local company for the other arrangements. Rev. C. C. Marshall replied.

In order to avoid clashing with the Yorkshire Association's general meeting, the next meeting will be held at Pudsey on January 12th.

Appropriate votes of thanks were also passed at the ladies' meeting to all who had helped towards the day's arrangements. An outstanding feature of the meeting was the splendid result of an appeal for subscriptions.

**'MEN'S BELLS' AT OLD HACKNEY.****A REGISTER DATING FROM 1635.**

The ring of eight with a tenor of about 24 cwt. at St. John's Church, Old Hackney, go just badly enough, states a correspondent, to deserve the appellation 'men's bells.' Despite this criticism the meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild on November 17th was very enjoyable, and various methods from call changes to Surprise Major were rung.

The service was conducted by the curate, and in his address he made a very interesting disclosure. He said that a short while ago he was examining the oldest existing register in the parish and had found the rules for the first Hackney Society of Bellringers founded in 1635, two years before the Ancient Society of College Youths! The bells, of course, did not hang in the present tower, which was comparatively modern, but in the old tower still standing in another part of the vast churchyard.

At the business meeting the Master extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, particularly those who had come from some distance—the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, of Kingston Magna, Dorset, Mr. E. H. Bagworth, of Leicester, and Mr. F. J. Reeve, of Tring, Herts. Mr. Edwards briefly replied. A vote of thanks to all those responsible for the arrangements brought the business to a close.

**20 YEARS' SILENCE ENDS.****BOSLEY (CHESHIRE) BELLS RING AGAIN.**

After being silent for 20 years, the bells of Bosley, Cheshire, are ringing again. The Norman tower had fallen under the ravages of time and the death watch beetle, and its condition had given rise to danger. The only course open was to restore the tower and rehang the bells in a steel framework, supported by steel girders. This has been done, and the peal of four bells rehung, together with two new ones given in memory of Hannah Maria Goodfellow and Emma Bullock. Through the energy of the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Lloyd-Jones) the sum of £350 was raised for this extensive restoration scheme.

The bells were dedicated on November 5th by the Bishop of Chester, who in the course of his address said nothing moved one to exhilaration so much as the sound of a loud and glorious peal of bells, and nothing so deeply touched one with profound melancholy as a muffled peal. The Bishop urged young people to become ringers, for they in a real sense were churchworkers. In travelling through his diocese, he was sometimes a little saddened to find the ringers men over 50 and 60 years of age, and no young ringers amongst them. There should be two sets of ringers, the young and the old, the latter to teach the former so that they could take their place in time.

The service was conducted by the Vicar. Ringers were present from Sutton (St. James'), Macclesfield (St. Michael's) and Christ Church, Old Alderley, Chelford and Gawsorth.

The restoration work and the provision of the new bells were carried out in a satisfactory manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon.

**DEATH OF MR. G. HOOTON.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Hooton, of Old Basford, Notts, who passed away on November 3rd. Until recently he was a service ringer of Old Basford. His record of service to Old Basford Church was unique. He had been a chorister for 60 years, choirmaster 20 years, and many years Sunday School superintendent. Mr. Hooton was largely instrumental in getting the bells as a war memorial in the tower. His public service included parish clerk for 40 years, a member of the Board of Guardians and later of the County Council.

The funeral was on November 7th, and was conducted by the Rev. J. Lowndes (Vicar) and the Rev. H. Walton. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave on handbells by F. Salter 1-2, A. Coppock 3-4, A. Barratt 5-6, H. R. Cobbin 7-8.

**DEATH OF MR. G. T. PEARCE.**

The death took place at Milford Sanatorium on November 21st of Mr. George Thomas Pearce, a member of the Chiddingfold band and the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at the age of 56. He was a most enthusiastic ringer, although ringing but two peals, his knowledge, especially of Minor methods, being extraordinary. He served in the Surrey police for 26 years.

The funeral took place at Busbridge on November 24th, members of the Guild being present from Chiddingfold, Dunsfold, Godalming, Witley and Hascombe, together with past and present members of the County Constabulary. The service was conducted by Rev. A. E. Hollins, Rector of Dunsfold, who gave an appreciative address. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by R. J. C. Hagley 1-2, A. J. Bartlett 3-4, M. Smither 5-6, G. Luff 7-8. A wreath for the ringers was in the shape of a bell.

**DEATH OF MR. JOHN MARK.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Mark, of Darlaston, Staffs, aged 85. Mr. Mark was a member of the Parish Church band, when the late John Carter joined the band in 1871. He had been connected with the belfry for over 63 years, and attended the usual weekly practice on November 8th. Mr. Mark was present at Wednesbury Town Hall to see his son, Alderman J. Mark, installed as Mayor the following day. He had a seizure on November 12th, and passed away peacefully on November 18th. 720 Plain Bob Minor, with muffled clappers, was rung by the following prior to the funeral: William Parker 1, George Butler 2, George Meath 3, Howard Howell 4, David Hingley 5, Bert Horton (conductor) 6.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Institute and meeting to follow. Special method: Cambridge. For tea notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. You will be missed if you are not there. —Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District. —A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1st at ALDERSHOT. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Choral service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting (nominations for 1935) in the Parish Hall. All ringers and their friends invited. Plenty of ringing and entertainment. Come and enjoy yourselves. —C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely. —The annual district meeting at Fulbourn on Saturday, December 1st. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. —Miss K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1st. Tower open for ringing 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., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Ulverston on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. —W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**COLYTON, DEVON.**—The ring of 6 (tenor 25½ cwt.), restored, and No. 2 bell, recast by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Hon. the Rev. F. L. Courtenay, M.A., of Honiton, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Ringing by the Honiton Deanery Guild.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wimborne Branch. —The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Address by the Rev. Canon Keith, R.D. Tea in Church House 5.15. Sturminster Marshall bells (6) will also be available from 3 to 7.30. —C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — West Dorset Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.30, at the Greyhound Hotel, to be followed by meeting. Other towers open: Beaminster (8) 2.30 to 3.30 and 4.30 to 8, Bradpole (8), Symondsbury (6), Lodgers (6) 2.30 to 4.30. —C. H. Lathey, Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. —D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The annual social will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Oswaldtwistle. Tea and social 1s. 3d. each. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Social commences at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. —F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District. —The next meeting will be held at Hathern on Saturday, December 1st (not November 24th as first advertised). Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. —D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. —H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.** — Bushey, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 6. Business meeting after. Tower open till 8.30. Cheap fares from all stations by rail or road. Buses stop at church. —C. H. Horton, 63, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**BROUGHTON, HANTS.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at 7 p.m. The ring of 5 has been rehung and a new treble added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637). —The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on Dec. 6th, at 8 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.** —Western Branch. —The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at Malvern Link. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m., at the Dining Rooms, with business meeting to follow. Service 6.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Dec. 5th. —Fred Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Christchurch District. —The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., at the King's Arms. P.R.H.A. to be followed by business meeting. —G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —A ringing meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Dec. 8th, from 3 p.m. Ringers proficient in Stedman are asked to assist those who are not, and those who are not are asked to come and try it. We hope to ring other methods, too, so please come in parties. —J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., by invitation of the secretary, and a p.c. by Thursday, Dec. 6th, will be appreciated. Buses leave North Bridge bus stand 15 minutes past the hour and run each half-hour direct to the church. —F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service afterwards. Please notify for tea not later than Tuesday, Dec. 4th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, by Thursday, Dec. 6th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. H. Herbert). Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 4th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (10) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, preceded by short service. Shall be glad to know who's coming, but don't stop away if you haven't sent a card.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, Dec. 8th, with usual arrangements. Business to include nomination of officers for 1935. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Dec. 6th?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Dec. 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 (free to members). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Dec. 3rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends made welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) and at Yaxley (6) available at 2.30. Tea, at the Horse Shoes, at 1s. a head, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Laverstoke on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Canteen 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify me for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Padbury on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mere on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Stourton and Zeals bells also available. Please come!—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Yelvertoft (5 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Half-fare to members. Maximum 1s. 6d.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea (1s.) provided for those who notify Mr. G. Newton, 1, Walton View, Crofton, near Wakefield, by Wednesday, 5th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Stagsden (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Dec. 8th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d., at

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**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, December 8th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Sat., Dec. 8th. Service and tea as usual.—Wilfred G. Wilson, Assistant Secretary, 28, Abbey Avenue, Alperton, Middlesex.

**PINCHBECK, Lincs.**—The augmented ring of 8 bells will be opened on Thursday, Dec. 13th, at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Morris. The former ring of 6 restored and 2 trebles added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. Canon C. E. Bryce). All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Dec. 12th? Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at Streatham on Saturday, Dec. 15th. St. Leonard's 3.30 to 5.20. Tea at Manor Arms 5.45. Meeting after tea. Immanuel bells after, and a social evening at Manor Arms at 8.45. Bring your voices and send word to the secretary re tea.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's (R.C.), Brownedge, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) arranged for all who notify Mr. R. Hardacre, 24, St. Mary's Road. Meeting after tea. All ringers welcomed.—J. Charnock, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73 Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Sat., December 15th. Bells available 3.0 p.m. Service 5.0 p.m., and tea 5.30 p.m. to all who send in their names to E. Ford, 18, Cloverdale Square, Smithills, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Please note. No meeting for December.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS** 14th annual dinner will be held at the Cadena, Wine Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, 1935, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), H. Knight (Wroughton), C. Mogford (Pensford), B.U.R.G. officials or direct from the honorary secretary, Mr. E. Guise, 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol 2.

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## LATE NOTICES.

**FLITTON, BEDFORD.**—The ring of six bells will be re-opened on Thursday, December 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. Rust, President of the Bedfordshire Association. The peal has been rehung by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose, Bristol, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by December 12th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**DOVER, KENT.**—The St. Mary's Society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. R. Millway 1, H. Whitehead 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George 4, E. J. Walker 5, R. T. Clark 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Also rung as a farewell to Dr. Macmillan, who preached his last sermon as Bishop of Dover at this service.

**SELSTON, NOTTS.**—On October 30th, at St. Helen's, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: Thos. Hand 1, Frank Cocke 2, Gerard Rawson 3, Wilson Dobb 4, Les Rawson (conductor) 5, C. Jaques (first quarter) 8.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. T. Webb (first quarter) 1, J. T. Webb 2, G. Kenward 3, Mrs. G. H. Spice 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 6, W. Gorman 7, F. Boorman 8.

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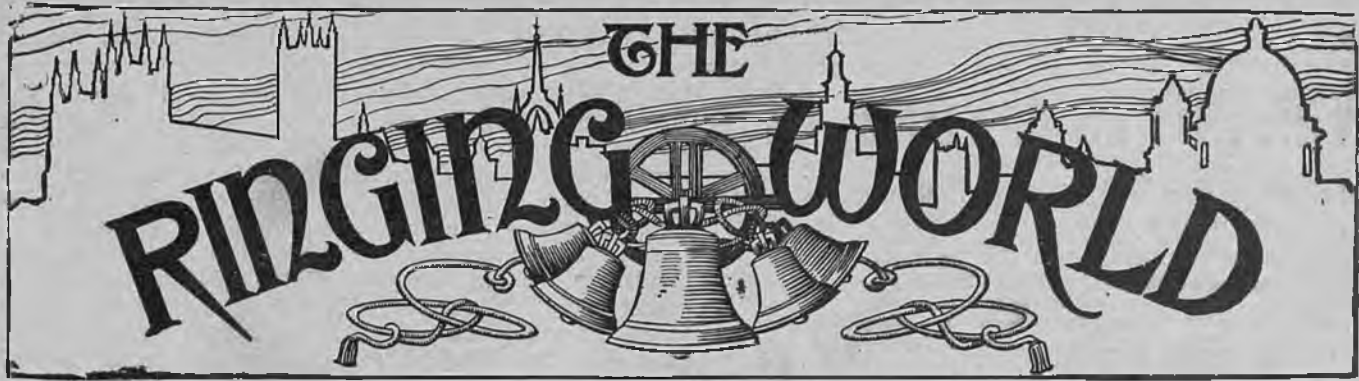
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### NOTES BY THE WAY.

Very frequently I have compositions sent me with a request that I should tell the sender whether or no they are original, and almost always I do not know what to say. My correspondents assume that you can sharply divide all compositions into two groups, those that are original and those that are not, and they flatter me by assuming that I know all about the test by which you can divide them. But there is no such test. Whether you consider a composition original or not, depends entirely on what you mean by originality. On the one hand there are, and always have been, very few peals which are not mainly made up of something that went before them, and, on the other, there must still be many hundreds even of Bob Major, which have never as yet been written down in a particular way. But I suspect what my correspondents really mean, though they do not say so, is do I think they are justified in saying that such-and-such a composition was composed by them? That is not quite so difficult to answer, but again not easy. It, too, depends on circumstances. First of all we must remember that if a man has really worked out a peal and not merely copied it from an older one, he has composed it; and the fact is not altered if one (or for that matter a dozen other people) before him have done the same. Some credit at least is justly due to him. If a man knowing nothing of Middleton's composition sets himself to compose a peal of Cambridge, and if, as would be likely, he worked out that peal, he would actually have done a more meritorious thing than Middleton did, who merely, so far as I can see, blundered on it by chance. He could say, and say with truth, that he had composed it. But the snag in that case would be that many people would only think him a fool for his pains since he could so much more easily have got it by turning to any standard book on ringing.

That is an extreme case, but there must be many hundreds of good peals already composed which are not available to any average person without undue trouble. Such peals are bound to be reproduced, and it is difficult to see why the man who reproduces them should not be said to have composed them except for one thing. When a man puts his name to a peal as composer he virtually claims not only that he has composed it, but that he was the first person who did so, and that it is not obtainable from any other extant composition by any recognised rules of variation. And that is a claim which nowadays can be made of very few peals.

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cise have worked themselves out and are obsolete. The expansion of knowledge has shown that peals are not isolated things, but are connected one with another by a graduated scheme of variation, and we must adapt ourselves to a new order of things. The old ideas of authorship must be both narrowed and widened. Narrowed because we must recognise that only here and there and now and then is a peal really original. Widened because we must allow and encourage people to compose peals for particular purposes without any particular regard to what has gone before. If a man wants a particular sort of peal to call there is no reason why he should not put it together and ring it without going to the infinite bother of finding out whether another has done the same before him. Whether he puts his name to it or not must depend on circumstances, but with the simpler and more obvious compositions it would be well if we began to do the same thing that we do in the case of quarter peals and put no name at all. There are many peals to which we cannot with any real justice put any one man's name. If you want a good example you will find one in this week's issue. There is a peal, the best I think for the particular purpose, but if you ask me who was the composer I tell you frankly I do not know.. Like Topsy it 'grewed.'

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 8
*REGINALD ROWE ... .. 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 9
†GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 4	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 10
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 11
*GEORGE HINTON ... .. 6	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
\* First attempt for a peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At THE PRIORY CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*WILLIAM M. STONE ... Treble	KENNETH DERHAM ... .. 7
EDWIN V. HINTON ... .. 2	GERALD SCRAGG ... .. 8
FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... .. 3	FRANK SPARSHOTT ... .. 9
MISS MARY K. ROUSE ... .. 4	WILLIAM FOWLER ... .. 10
MRS. ELSIE M. WILLIAMS ... .. 5	GEORGE PRESTON ... .. 11
†STANLEY T. WHITE ... .. 6	HARRY GILLARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON Conducted by G. PRESTON.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the royal wedding and also a birthday compliment to Miss Rouse.

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## CANTERBURY.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of Christ,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. Treble	*JOHN W. UNWIN ... .. 7
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 2	*STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... .. 8
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 9
*FREDERICK R. WELLER ... .. 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 10
*H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 5	*BERTRAM J. LUCK ... .. 11
*EDWARD E. TRENDLELL ... .. 6	GEORGE G. JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

\* First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Maximus by all the band except the ringers of the treble and second. First peal as conductor above eight bells. This peal was rung (a) in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina of Greece, and (b) to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the granting of civic charter to the city of Canterbury by King Henry III. in the year 1234. Also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Fred J. O. Helmore, vice-president and late general secretary of the Kent County Association.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

## MAIDSTONE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY COAST ... .. Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 6
ERNEST SPILLER ... .. 2	HAROLD TRAVERS ... .. 7
FREDERICK LEXSON ... .. 3	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 8
WILLIAM T. GRICE ... .. 4	EDWARD G. ALLEN ... .. 9
HARRY BAKER ... .. 5	BENJAMIN F. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

## CARDIFF.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... Treble	*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 6
EVAN COLES ... .. 2	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 7
GEORGE LARGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. 8
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 9
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Mr. Fred Chamberlain very kindly stood down to enable Mr. Gudgeon, who hails from Manchester, to ring his first peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina, with best wishes and congratulations.

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 39½ cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	JOHN BROWN ... .. 6
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 2	*JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 8
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... .. 4	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Kent Royal. Rung for the royal wedding.

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## PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. LINTON ... .. Treble	THOMAS HOLDER ... .. 6
*HORACE FOX ... .. 2	CHARLES BROWN ... .. 7
ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 3	*EDWARD ATKINSON ... .. 8
*HERBERT WALKER ... .. 4	HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 9
*WILLIAM PEARSON ... .. 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the fourth.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Contains full combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5.6 with 5th and 6th extent in 6th's.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	GEORGE B. COLLINS ... .. 9
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... .. 5	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal for the association and by all the band except the ringers of treble, 4th and 8th. Rung in honour of the royal wedding. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Debenham (president of the Herts County Association) and Mr. W. Ayre.

## OFFICERS' PEAL.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of Christ &amp; the Blessed Virgin Mary

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE (Trustee) ... .. Treble	
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL (Gen. Hon. Sec.) ... .. 2	
JOHN H. CHEESMAN (C.C. Representative) ... .. 3	
EDWIN BARNETT (District Representative) ... .. 4	
STAFFORD H. GREEN (Committee) ... .. 5	
EDWIN H. LEWIS (Vice-President) ... .. 6	
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES (Trustee) ... .. 7	
THOMAS E. SONE (C.C. Representative) ... .. 8	
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. (C.C. Representative) ... .. 9	
FRANK BELSEY (District Representative) ... .. Tenor	

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, late hon. secretary of this association, on the eve of his 83rd anniversary, with best wishes from the ringers of Kent.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

W. R. JOHN POULSON ... Treble	MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... .. 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 3	LAWRENCE POULSON ... .. 7
FREDERICK F. MORTLOCH ... .. 4	D. A. STEDMAN SYMONDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal on eight bells by D. A. S. Symonds, who is the youngest person to have rung this tenor to a peal. Messrs. A., S. H. and D. A. S. Symonds are father, son and grandson respectively. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Lennard Pryke (member of SS. Peter and Paul's Society) and Miss Ivy Poulson.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).

*JOSEPH GADEN ... .. Treble	THOMAS PALFREYMAN ... .. 5
THOMAS HUGHES ... .. 2	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6
DAVID HINGLEY ... .. 3	BERT HORTON ... .. 7
CHARLES MOUNSEY ... .. 4	ALBERT J. HUBBLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

\* First peal. Arranged and rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. John Barber.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, November 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At Bishop Ryder's Church, Gzm St.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Treble	*JOHN MARSHALL ... .. 5
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 4	ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble	JOHN W. CORNFORD ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*THOMAS ANDERSON ... .. Treble	HENRY HARRISON ... .. 5
FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 2	EDWARD C. GOREY ... .. 6
WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... .. 3	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... .. 7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOREY.

\* First peal of Major. Rung in commemoration of the royal wedding.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DIX ... .. Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 5
*WALTER PAUL ... .. 2	*RICHARD G. BELL ... .. 6
*HARRY LONG ... .. 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... .. 7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

THOMAS SMITH ... .. Treble	WALTER W. PIPPS ... .. 5
HENRY G. OWEN ... .. 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 6
*JAMES A. GLASS ... .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 7
HORACE H. HILLYER ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. S. T. FARR.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter-in-Westminster,  
commonly called Westminster Abbey,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON ... .. Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 5
ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 7
HENRY R. PASMORE ... .. 4	JAMES H. RUMLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding. Ringing commenced as the bride and bridegroom passed through the west door of the Abbey on their return to Buckingham Palace.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF PRINCESS MARINA SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

This method is now rung for the first time at the first attempt, and was especially arranged in honour of the royal wedding. 200th peal by the conductor.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

THE ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY, ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	*ALFRED C. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. ELSON ... .. 2	*CHARLES E. G. MOODY ... .. 6
EDWARD CASSELL, SEN. ... .. 3	WALTER MALINS ... .. 7
JOSEPH HERBERT ... .. 4	*WILLIAM J. FOSTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the royal wedding and as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Bolton, Master of the association for 27 years, on completing 50 years as a ringer at St. Mary's.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. Treble	ALLISON FURDON ... .. 5
*MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... .. 2	*GEORGE LETCHFORD ... .. 6
(ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. 3	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 7
†WALTER TYLER ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Major. First peal of Plain Bob Major as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... .. 5
WALTER AYRE ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 6
HENRY GOLDING ... .. 3	HERBERT GATES ... .. 7
*HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 4	FRANCIS TOMPKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the royal wedding and as a birthday compliment to H. Golding, who has now circled the tower, and in honour of the birth of a son to the wife of Mr. E. Upton, an Apsley ringer.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER ... ..	† REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 5
GEORGE POLLINGER ... ..	WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 6
* REGINALD A. REED ... ..	EDWARD C. WHEELER ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM T. TUCKER.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* HUGH McATHER ... ..	* HUGH B. McATHER ... .. 5
CAPT. L. J. ROPER ... ..	† JOHN PALMER ... .. 6
JAMES RUSH ... ..	WILLIAM PRATT ... .. 7
* HENRY CLARKE ... ..	* JOHN MILLIKEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. PRATT.  
\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.  
All the ringers are members of St. Nicholas' tower. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BARNES, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

E. RALPH MACKRILL ... ..	JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... ..	HARRY MANCE ... .. 6
CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... ..	FRANK SERVINGTON ... 7
ERNEST A. REEVES ... ..	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK SERVINGTON.  
Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... ..	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... ..	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 6
JAMES TOPP ... ..	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... ..	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.  
Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. WILLIAM HEATH ... ..	* FRANK SADLER ... .. 5
JOHN HALL ... ..	† JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 6
RALPH HARRIS ... ..	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... ..	† MALCOLM PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.  
\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal away from tenor.  
† First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, 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.

JOE HITCHMAN ... ..	† CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... .. 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... ..	ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 6
RICHARD G. RICE ... ..	HENRY C. MULFORD ... .. 7
JOHN NOBBS ... ..	* ERNEST MULFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

* REGINALD POSTON ... ..	† JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... ..	W. GLYN SHAW ... .. 6
ALFRED T. FOULTON ... ..	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 7
CHARLES L. SADLER ... ..	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

* FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... ..	† JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
* JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... ..	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... ..	* JIM HURRELL ... .. 7
* ERNEST B. CROWDER ... ..	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by I. G. SHADE.

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the conductor. First in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... ..	† WALTER JOHN SCOTT ... 5
SIDNEY MOODY ... ..	EDWARD THOMAS DRAKE ... 6
CHARLES ARTHUR DRAKE ... ..	FRANK TAYLOR ... .. 7
WILLIAM UPTON ... ..	BERT SIBBICK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM BRANTS ... ..	† WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... ..	FRANK CORKE ... .. 6
* EDNA F. BEDFORD ... ..	THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 7
* CYRIL HESKINS ... ..	WILLIAM H. BRANTS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

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## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*GEORGE GOWER... ..Treble	WILLIAM FLATT ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 6
*ROBERT BARBER ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
STANLEY COPLING ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

## SCUNTHORPE, LINES.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ...Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	†GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 6
*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 7
*FRANK LORD ... .. 4	JACK BRAY ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in the method. † First in method 'inside.' First in method on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

## SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR ... ..Treble	JOHN CURRY ... .. 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... .. 6
GEORGE LADD ... .. 3	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 7
*VERNON TAYLOR ... .. 4	†FRANCIS J. WOOTTON ...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

## HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two 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	JAMES H. HAYWOOD ... .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 2	LESLIE HAYWOOD ... .. 6
NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 3	RONALD DOVE ... .. 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 4	FRED WATKINSON ... ..Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by L. N. CAWTHORNE.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

C. ERNEST SMITH ... ..Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 3	GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. J. ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

## ROYAL WEDDING PEALS.

The magnificent way the Exercise revealed its high civic sense on the occasion of the royal wedding is to be warmly commended. Owing to limitations of space a very large number of peals have been held over to subsequent issues.

## EALING.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF EALING SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	*THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
MISS KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD 4	FRANK CORRE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

\* 50th peal. This is the 30th Major method in which the conductor has rung a peal, in addition to five others, included in Spliced Surprise peals, and one the composition of which was false. The first peal rung in the method.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## SMARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

MRS. H. BAKER ... ..Treble	TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4
ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 5
HARRY BAKER ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

First peal of Minor on the bells and the first peal for 10 years. The band thank Canon L. H. Evans and the local captain, Mr. A. B. Allcorn, for kindly granting the use of the bells and for the warm welcome received.

## FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Spliced Single and Double Court, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

VERNON TAYLOR ... ..Treble	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD ... .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

First peal in nine methods by all the band. First extent of Cambridge Surprise by ringers of treble and 3. First extent of St. Clement's by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and tenor.

## FELKIRK, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours &amp; Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 35 methods spliced into seven true and complete 720's in the following order: (1) Knutsford, Ely, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedene, (2) Skipton, Dover, Cheltenham, Balmoral and Fotheringay, (3) Crowland, Abbeyville, Vale Royal, St. Werburg and Combermere, (4) Newdigate, Marple, College Bob IV., Willesden and Old Oxford, (5) Charlwood, Braintree, St. Albans, Wragby and Neasden, (6) Ockley, Morning Star, College Exercise, Norbury and Duke of Norfolk, (7) Capel, Oxford, London Scholars, Kingston and Sandal. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE LORD ... ..Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First peal in 35 methods by all the band and on the bells; also first peal in 35 methods rung in the county and for the association.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,280 changes); W. Norris 1, A. Dix 2, H. Long 3, A. Brunton 4, S. Hoare 5, F. Crook 6, G. Howchin 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8. A welcome back to Watford to the ringer of the 4th.

LIMPSFIELD CHART.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 Woodbine and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. BODMAN ... .. Treble	W. D. ASHDOWN ... .. 4
J. W. KNIGHT ... .. 2	A. E. EVEREST ... .. 5
L. A. TIDY ... .. 3	J. O. WELLER ... .. 7 Tenor

Conducted by J. O. WELLER.

\* First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the conductor.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately, and each 720 called differently. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 4
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 3	Mrs. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HORACE BENTLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN WALL ... .. 4
CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 5
FREDERICK STANTON ... .. 3	*JAMES HODGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CLARKE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Quarterly peal for the branch.

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings.

*LEONARD HARRISON ... .. Treble	HORACE J. BLAKE ... .. 4
*ROBERT SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 5
†GEORGE DERHAM ... .. 3	JAMES E. WILTSHIRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. WEST.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Arranged by the local ringers in connection with the dedication festival.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb.

*JEFFERY KEMP ... .. Treble	FREDERICK R. ROPER ... .. 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 2	WILLIAM MOSK ... .. 5
DAVID WHITING ... .. 3	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BENNETT.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. S. Wyatt, of Wilton, Taunton, and Miss D. Porcher, Winfarthing.

UPWEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD G. CARPENTER ... .. Treble	DENNIS VIRGIN ... .. 4
CECIL H. SMART ... .. 2	FRED VIRGIN ... .. 5
STANLEY FOOT ... .. 3	GEORGE OSMOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED VIRGIN.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Perranwell on November 24th was for the Truro Diocesan Guild.

Herbert Knight and Robert Pickering, of Wolverhampton, have rung 180 peals together.

'Princess Marina Surprise Major' is the latest addition to the Surprise school. It was composed by Mr. G. Lindoff and rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, on November 29th.

Mr. Thomas Bolton, the Master of the St. Mary's, Putney, Association, has completed 50 years as a ringer at St. Mary's Church. Congratulations and good wishes!

In the peal rung at Hitcham, Bucks, and published last week, there should be no mark against J. E. Taylor, as he had previously rung a peal of Doubles 'inside' in three methods.

In reply to Mr. R. Pickering, of Wolverhampton, Holt's Original was rung non-conducted at Tonbridge, Kent, on July 16th, 1930. Why not another attempt?—T. S.

Five Pentre ringers with one from Bedwelly, Cardiff, and Newport respectively, were disappointed in losing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Pentre on Saturday, after ringing 3 hours 5 minutes.

The first peal by a local band since February 24th, 1799, was rung at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Windsor, on November 29th. We trust that there will not be another gap of 135 years before another peal is accomplished.

Mr. James George has received so many letters of congratulation upon his 81st birthday that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kindly messages.

Owing to a miscall made after 1½ hours' ringing, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Woodbridge, Suffolk, on November 29th, failed. This was the longest length for about 22 years, and the best-struck touch Woodbridge has heard for a long while. The conductor offers his apologies to the band.

Mr. George Williams' friends (and they are many in all parts of England) will note with pleasure that he has rung his first peal since his recent illness. Mr. Williams is one of the select few who have scored over a thousand peals, and we hope there may be many more of them to come.

The duties of the late Mr. Albert Wright, of Painswick, have been undertaken by the following: Peal secretary to Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mr. A. E. Reeves, 95, Bloomfield Road, Brislington, Bristol; hon. secretary to Stroud Branch, Mr. T. Price, 1, Bridge Buildings, Stonehouse, near Stroud.

Fifty years ago Mr. P. O. Bixby, formerly hon. secretary to the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, rang his first peal at Long Melford. To commemorate this, eight members of the Suffolk Guild, from Lavenham, Foxcarth, and Long Melford, attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major which unfortunately came to grief after ringing two hours and 25 minutes.

The towers of Worcestershire and others are reminded that there is only one more week to send their contributions towards the appeal for £100 made by the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, in connection with the augmenting of the bells of the Parish Church to 12. So far only £42 15s. 6d. has been received. Will those who intend to support this deserving appeal kindly send their donation to Mr. K. Salter, The Berwyns, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster.

On the eve of his 81st birthday Mr. James George rang the seventh to a peal of Stedman Triples at Bishop Ryder's Church, where he is Ringing Master. It was his 24th peal since his 80th birthday, and to celebrate the event he kindly entertained the band to refreshments after the peal.—In this peal rang Mr. John Marshall, of Edinburgh, whose business has brought him to Birmingham for a few months. Prior to the peal (which was his first of Stedman), Mr. Marshall was elected a life member of the St. Martin's Guild.

## CONTINUITY OF SERVICE IN DORSETSHIRE.

**BAND OF SIX STILL RING TOGETHER AFTER 38 YEARS.**

Among the thousands of ringers who rang last Thursday in honour of the royal wedding probably the most outstanding band was that at the little Dorset village of Marnhull. The band of six was formed on October 16th, 1896, and have a continuous record of service since that date. The anniversary date of the formation of the band has always been steadfastly observed by the members meeting and ringing.

The members of the band are Mr. Tom Foote, the captain and founder of the band, Messrs. Harry Haskett, Mark Dean, Alfred Drew, Jack Crew and Walter Drew. The team pride themselves on rising and falling in peal.

Mr. Foote informs us that when he came to live in Marnhull in 1895 he found that the old ringers were disbanded owing to the death of the Rector. He was asked to form a team in the following year. When the band completed 35 years of unbroken and continuous service ringing a framed souvenir in the form of photographs of the ringers and particulars of the bells was presented by a grateful parish to each member.

Of the bells, the third dates from 1655, and the fourth from 1595, being recast in 1926. The oak frame was constructed in 1887, when Nos. 2 and 6 were recast and the bells rehung. The treble was added in 1904, and the bells again overhauled in 1926 by Messrs Mears and Stainbank.

# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

## A Busy Week in Melbourne.

### PRESENTATIONS TO ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The ringers touring in Australia had a very busy week following their arrival in Melbourne, but after ringing their first peal at the Cathedral, were unfortunate in losing two attempts for Grandsire Cinques with six of the St. Paul's men. The first was lost really as the result of visitors getting into the ringing room and on the second occasion the eleventh clapper broke. The many gifts taken out to St. Paul's Society were presented at a joint gathering two nights before the party left for Tasmania.

Melbourne,

October 31st, 1934.

The first days of our stay in Melbourne were one long hectic rush. We landed on Monday morning (October 22nd). It was not until Thursday that, during the waking hours, and they were long hours, too, we had time to sit down, except for meals. Our hosts had arranged such a full programme that we were kept busily engaged.

I have already said something about our activities on the day of our arrival and our first meeting with the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, of which we were elected honorary members and were presented with certificates of our membership.

On the following day we had to attend two receptions. In the morning at the Town Hall the Lord Mayor (Sir L. Gengolt Smith) and the Lady Mayoress received us. We were introduced by the Sub-Dean of the Cathedral (Canon Sutton), who, it is interesting to note, has been connected with the Cathedral from the time it was opened 50 years ago.

The Lord Mayor, in a speech of greeting, gave us a cordial welcome to the city, which was honoured, he said, by having a party of ringers visit it from the homeland. There were, he added, two things which never failed to touch his emotions—they were the National Anthem and the sound of church bells. Nothing could be more fitting than the association of the bells at the Cathedral with the dedication of the Shrine of Remembrance on Armistice Day, and he was delighted to know that in the ringing of the bells ringers from the Mother Country would be associated with the ringers of Melbourne. He wished the visitors a very pleasant stay in Australia and a safe journey home.

Mr. Fussell thanked the Lord Mayor for his reception.

Afterwards Councillor Kane conducted the party over the Town Hall, which is one of the finest buildings of its kind in Australia. In the grand hall, which will seat 2,500 people, there is the finest organ in the Commonwealth. In the robing room, Councillor Kane placed his official cocked hat on the head of Mr. Richardson, and we had a view of the future Mayor and Corporation of Surfleet rolled into one.

Having disposed of a hurried lunch, most of the visitors spent the early afternoon in inspecting the Deaf and Dumb Institution, with its chapel, which is doing a fine social work among the afflicted of the city. They then visited the home of the first Governor of Victoria, Charles Joseph Latrobe, whose modest residence was a wooden bungalow, with its kitchen department in an outside building. From this survival of the early days of Melbourne, they went on to one of the most modern establishments, a great shoe factory, where they saw the processes of manufacture from beginning to end. On this expedition they were conducted by Mr. F. Boughton, of the Cathedral band.

There was just time then to reach Bishopscourt to keep the appointment with the Archbishop of Melbourne. There they were joined by Councillor Kane, Mr. Murray, Mr. Savage and other ringers, with their wives.

Again there was the warmest of greetings. The Archbishop and Mrs. Head received each one personally and made special inquiries of the English visitors as to their association with the towers at home. Just at this time everyone in Melbourne was being thrilled by the arrival of Scott and Black, at the end of their marvellous air race from England. On the loud speaker we heard the eye-witness' account of his finish. The visitors to Bishopscourt took tea with the Archbishop and Mrs. Head, and Caters and Bob Major were rung on handbells.

The Archbishop, in a speech of welcome, said he loved to hear the sound of the bells, and when he was at the Cathedral he sometimes crept up into the belfry to see the ringers at their work. The bells of the Cathedral were something they were really proud of. They were also proud of their bellringers, and it was a great joy to welcome them and the English visitors to Bishopscourt. They were delighted to have the ringers from England, who had come to give

them a lead, encourage them and back them up. They were, in Australia, part of the old British stock, and he hoped the visitors would feel they were among their own cousins and that they were getting a real British welcome.

Councillor Kane thanked the Archbishop and Mrs. Head for their kind hospitality, remarking that the setting of Bishopscourt, was a very fitting one for the handbells, as it carried back their memories to the old country. The bells to them were a touch of home. Amid laughter, Mr. Kane said he was in the belfry on the previous evening when the visitors were ringing. The 'sergeant-major' gave orders and talked in a tone of voice which he did not understand. If he had been on the barrack square he would immediately have 'formed fours.' He added that they felt the presence of the English ringers amongst them would increase interest in the whole of Australia, and that the ringers in the Commonwealth would grow more enthusiastic in the art. It should do an enormous amount of good for change ringing, which was one of the things that should be cultivated in Australia; it invoked a love of the old country.

Mr. Fussell also added thanks to the Archbishop and Mrs. Head.

After leaving Bishopscourt, the party attended evensong at the Cathedral, where there is a magnificent choir, and where, to his surprise and pleasure, the Rev. E. B. James met an old colleague, when at Oswestry School, in Dr. Floyd, the organist.

The next day was 'earmarked' for the first peal attempt in Australia, and to our great satisfaction this was safely accomplished. It was a peal of Bob Royal, in which all nine of the touring ringers took part, and in which they were joined by Mr. John W. Spencer, vice-captain of the Cathedral ringers. Mr. Spencer, before migrating to Australia in August, 1912, was a ringer at Groby, in Leicestershire, where he rang a few peals of Minor. Two days before he left England he rang in a farewell peal of seven methods of Minor, in which his father rang the treble, and which was conducted by Mr. Ernest Morris. In recent years Mr. Spencer has been ringing with St. Paul's Society, but he had never rung a course of Bob Royal until the arrival of the English visitors. It was curious that four other members of the band should have travelled over 11,000 miles to ring their first peal of Bob Royal, and that Mr. James should also come to Australia to ring his first peal of Bob Royal on tower bells.

There was great enthusiasm among the Melbourne ringers at the success achieved, but as the peal was rung through the middle of the day the employees in the Melbourne Gas Company's offices in an adjoining building were not, we were told, quite so enthusiastic about it. However, it was not necessary to escape by the back door; the vengeance, if any, will fall upon the head of the Precentor.

The bells at Melbourne Cathedral are a really fine peal, and a delight to ring. They were the gift of Mr. J. Dyer Edwards, a generous donor to the Cathedral, and the tenor bears the inscription, 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Donator J. Dyer Edwards.' The bells were opened on November 15th, 1889, and our peal was the first on ten church bells ever rung out of the British Isles. It may not be uninteresting to recall that the only previous ten-bell peal rung outside the British Isles was the handbell peal of Stedman Caters in Ostend during the ringers' pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, and by a coincidence I have had the honour of ringing in both.

In the afternoon, after the peal, a visit was paid to the Centenary Horticultural Show in Fitzroy Gardens, where Mr. Savage, the secretary of the Melbourne Society and the organiser of our tour at this end, has his home in a delightful setting. We were much interested in Captain Cook's cottage, which has been brought from England and re-erected in the gardens. It is the cottage in which Cook's parents lived, and some of us sat in the chimney corner seats, where Cook himself probably sat and told his parents of his wonderful discoveries.

While we were in Cook's cottage it began to rain, and it continued in torrents for the next 18 hours. Rivers of water ran down the roadside gulleys; in the country round about rivers overflowed and serious floods caused hundreds of people to leave their homes.

On Thursday, which was a public holiday, there was to have been a great 'floral float' procession—a parade of decorated cars—but it was completely washed out and postponed to the next day.

In one sense, however, the rain brought us welcome relief. We had had a hectic time, and the downpour of the morning, coming when we had no immediate 'official' engagement, gave us the opportunity of some much-needed rest. But in the afternoon we were off again to try the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, a ring of eight by Murphy, of Dublin, which were exhibited in the Dublin Exhibition of 1851, were brought out to Melbourne, where they remained at the

old Church of St. Patrick unhung for some years, and were then transferred to the new Cathedral of St. Patrick. Unfortunately we found the bells in a sorry state. Apart from the fact that they are a poor lot, they are 'odd struck,' hung the reverse way round, and 'go' very badly indeed. They are rung more or less regularly by a local band, whose heavy labours seem to be wasted. Mr. J. C. Nolan, the tower leader, told us that the Roman Catholic Church in Melbourne was devoting all its resources to the establishment and maintenance of schools, and there was no money available for bell restoration. Indeed, the completion of the Cathedral itself, which is minus its projected spires and other features, is held up for the same purpose. This is a great pity from the ringing point of view, for it was at this church that the first change ringing in Melbourne was done.

We soon realised that a peal was out of the question—we are not out for three hours of hard work and misery. A band of peal grabbers and bell maulers might have got some satisfaction out of it, but we were unanimous that a peal attempt was not worth while. We rang some Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and finished with a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, the first in Australia.

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The next day (Friday, October 26th) the postponed carnival took place, and the main streets of Melbourne were packed with tens of thousands of people. The decorated cars made a really brilliant show. Nearly all the designs—which for the most part illustrated the progress and industries of the various cities of the State of Victoria—were executed in flowers, with, of course, living characters among them. There were vivid colour schemes, extremely original tableaux and many bands, including that of the Grenadier Guards, who are present in Melbourne for the centenary proceedings.

We lunched as the guests of the Melbourne Cathedral Society, and in the afternoon visited the Shrine of Remembrance, Victoria's tribute to the men and women of the State who served in the war, and particularly to the 18,000 who gave up their lives. It stands in a commanding position in St. Kilda Park, near the Governor-General's residence, and can be seen from many parts of the city. It is an imposing building of granite, approached by a long flight of steps and surrounded by carefully laid-out lawns. There are symbolic groups of statuary on two sides of the building and allegorical groups fill the front and back gables. Round the walls of the inner chamber are some wonderful carved stone friezes, commemorating the work of every branch of the Services, and it is interesting to note that these were designed by a young Sydney man only 22 years of age.

The name of every man and woman of the State of Victoria who served in the war will find a place in the Books of Honour which will be placed in the shrine, but the heart of the memorial is a stone in the centre of the inner chamber. This marble slab is sunk below the floor level so that all who would read its simple inscription, 'Lest we forget,' must bow the head. And at exactly the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, in every year a ray of sunshine will penetrate the chamber through a specially designed orifice and fall upon this spot. The shrine is nobly designed and carried out, and its purpose is aptly carved on one of the exterior walls:—

Let all men know that this is holy ground. This Shrine, established in the hearts of men as on the solid earth, commemorates a people's fortitude and sacrifice. Ye therefore that come after, give remembrance.

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Those of our party who were not too leg-weary went on to Melbourne's famous Botanical Gardens, where they spent nearly a couple of hours wandering through pleasant walks and inspecting the marvellous display of plants and flowers, and later on we were all the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Savage at dinner at the Victoria Hotel.

In the evening we met for a Grandsire Cinques practice with the Melbourne ringers and with a band drawn half from St. Paul's Society and half from the visitors a quarter-peal (1,276 changes) was rung in very creditable style. Indeed it was a great achievement for the Melbourne ringers, for not one of them had previously rung more than a plain course. It was memorable, too, as being the first quarter-peal of Cinques ever rung in Australia. The band was: Mrs. R. Richardson (England) 1, W. H. Fussell (England) 2, C. Sharples (England) 3, Miss Frey Shimmin (Melbourne) 4, J. L. Murray (Melbourne) 5, A. A. Savage (Melbourne) 6, J. S. Goldsmith (England) (conductor) 7, J. W. Spencer (Melbourne) 8, G. Martin (England) 9, A. Boughton (Melbourne) 10, R. Richardson (England) 11, E. Knott (Melbourne) 12. This quarter-peal was a 'try out' with a view to attempting a joint peal on the following day, and the attempt was duly made on Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately it came to grief after an hour and a quarter's ringing through a shift course, which was the outcome of being disturbed by a number of visitors to the Cathedral who, for some unexplained reason, were admitted to the tower. It was a great disappointment, as the ringing went well up to this stage.

On Sunday morning the tourists' forces were divided, some going to St. Patrick's and other to St. Paul's to share in the service ringing. The Rev. E. B. James also took part in the service at St. Paul's Cathedral, reading the Epistle and assisting at the subsequent celebration of Holy Communion. Ringers gathered in force for ring-

ing for evening service, when all the members of St. Paul's Society had the opportunity of ringing with the visitors.

On Monday (October 29th) most of the party spent the day in a motor tour through the picturesque bush and mountain country behind Melbourne, and paid a visit to the Mackenzie Sanctuary at Badger Creek, where some of the gradually disappearing animals and birds of Australia are being preserved under natural conditions. Here we saw kangaroos, wallabies, koalas (which are like brown teddy bears, and live in trees), opossums, flying squirrels, and other quaint creatures. The drive took us through 120 miles of typical Australian scenery, and the day favoured us with the best weather since our arrival.

In the evening there was a gathering of the English ringers with the Melbourne Society and their friends in the Cathedral Buildings, the chief object of which was to hand over the gifts which had been brought out from England. The Precentor (Rev. R. Sherwood), vice-president of the society, presided, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith stated that the presents had been brought as a token of goodwill from the ringers of the British Isles, who had shown the greatest interest in the tour to Australia from the outset of the project. They not only sent their greetings to their brethren overseas, but had desired to send, also, some tangible link of their affection and regard. The Council had sent an address of greeting, illuminated on vellum. Mr. Goldsmith then read the address, which was worded as follows:—

#### TO THE CHURCH BELLRINGERS OF AUSTRALASIA.

The Central Council of Church Bellringers, at their 42nd annual meeting, held at Warwick on Whitsun Tuesday, 22nd May, 1934, resolved that the ringers visiting Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania on the occasion of the Melbourne centenary, be asked to convey to their brother ringers in Australasia (the greetings of the ringers of Great Britain and Ireland).

The Council therefore ask them to convey these greetings and to express the hope that the sound of church bells rung in changes may become endeared to the people of Australasia as it is to those in the Mother Country.

(Signed) EDWIN H. LEWIS,  
President.

Mr. Goldsmith added the interesting information that the address was the work of Miss Kathleen Hughes, whose father was the present head of the firm that cast the bells of Melbourne Cathedral. He asked Mrs. Richardson, one of the two lady members of the Council, to make the presentation, which she did.

Mr. Goldsmith then referred to the albums of photographs which had been sent out by the ringing associations. These volumes, he explained, contained pictures of cathedrals and churches containing notable rings of bells in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and they had been subscribed by over fifty associations, guilds and societies, all of whom had been delighted to contribute to the collection. They were sent with the good wishes of the ringers of the British Isles in the hope that they would be of interest to ringers in Australia. He asked the Precentor to accept them on behalf of St. Paul's Society.

The Precentor, in acknowledging the gifts, said this visit to Australia was the first of its kind, but he hoped it might be the forerunner of many such visits in the future. He would like to think that some day members of St. Paul's Society might visit the old country. It was a most sporting spirit that prompted the English ringers to come out to Australia. The moment he clapped eyes on them he took a fancy to them, and the more he saw of them the more he loved them (applause). It was a very great joy to the Melbourne ringers to welcome them. He suggested to the St. Paul's Society that they make application to the Chapter to have the address framed and hung in the tower. It was a valuable document, to be kept there for ever (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith then handed over a collection of the publications sent out by the Central Council. Mrs. Richardson presented a book on Tewkesbury Abbey, with photographs of the Davies Memorial Chapel, sent by Mrs. Davies, and Mr. Fussell presented to the society a copy of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's book, 'Among the bells,' sent by Miss Vera Robinson. It contained the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's signature and also that of the present Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Rev. Canon Coleridge). Mr. Fussell also handed to the society a copy of 'Bells Through the Ages,' sent by the author, Mr. Nicholls; 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' sent by the author, Mr. Ernest Morris; a complete collection of the books in the Snowden series, sent by Mrs. Snowden, and a book presented by himself, on the baronial halls and castles of the Motherland.

Mr. J. L. Murray, captain of the society, expressed thanks to the English ringers for their generous gifts. They were delighted to receive them, and would always cherish them as a link between Australia and England. He also thanked them for the brotherly feeling they had created in St. Paul's belfry and amongst St. Paul's ringers (applause). He hoped they would be successful in their peal ringing, and he hoped their visit would be an incentive to the members of St. Paul's Society to raise the art of change ringing to the standard it should have in Australia.

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## PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was extremely interested in your article in the issue for October 17th last, in which you expressed the need for some organised action to be taken in preparing a schedule of all records of interest to ringers that exist in our belfries all over the country. I have had the opportunity and pleasure of visiting between 400 and 500 belfries in all parts of the country, and have always made a point, when time permitted, of a close examination of all the boards, records, etc., that happened to exist on the walls. I have sometimes found it difficult to read them, and have also found some in bad repair, and others very loosely attached to the wall, and in danger of falling. Many a time I have thought exactly what you have now so lucidly put into words and print.

I brought the matter up for discussion at our Guildford Guild meeting at Wonerh on November 17th, and the members of the committee promised to get it on the agenda for our annual meeting. I hope we shall get a complete register of all records that exist in our belfries, not only of recognised peals, as such, but a register of anything and all that exists in the belfries appertaining to ringers and ringing. I have come across many ancient and quaint rules and regulations as to how, and when, the bells shall be rung, etc., and boards such as this: 'On December 26th, 1799, for the first time, a Complete Peal of 720 changes of — was rung on these bells by —. The Bobs called by Tom Dale.' To-day that record would not, of course, be put up in the belfry, but it is at least an accurate indication of the status of ringing in that tower at that date. Such records certainly ought not to be lost sight of, and there are many such up and down the country, equally historic and interesting.

With special reference to rules, etc., found in belfries, here is one which I find in my notebook, and which, perhaps, sheds some further light on (some) bygone ringers and their habits. Opinions will, I imagine, differ as to the desirability of preserving this kind of record. This one is (or was, when I last saw it) painted on a board and attached to the belfry wall, and is in a belfry in our own Guildford Guild: 'If any ringers are found at any time drunk or otherwise disorderly, that one that is so is to be discharged and another put in his place.' By order —. 'If any persons are found in the tower drunk or disorderly they are to be turned out by the ringers.' This does not, of course, prove that ringers were a worse lot than others at that jovial period, but it looks as if they were certainly as bad, or the authorities would not have found it necessary to have such notices as that erected.

I hope, sir, that all our Guild officials will read your article on this subject again, and decide to find out what old and interesting records they have stowed away in their belfries. I think I shall be safe in saying that they will get some surprise packets.

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Guildford Road, Cranleigh.

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Mr. Fussell then asked the chairman to present a silver bell inkstand to Mr. Savage, the secretary of St. Paul's Society, from the English ringers, as a mark of their appreciation and gratitude for all he had done in connection with the tour.

This had been brought from England, and was suitably engraved.

The Precentor handed the gift to Mr. Savage, and, at Mr. Fussell's request, presented an engraved brass handbell to Miss Enid Richardson, the youngest ringer at present in Australia.

Mr. Savage, in acknowledging the gift, said that anything he had done in organising the tour had given him the greatest pleasure. He had really done nothing to deserve such a handsome gift, but he would prize it very highly.

The Rev. E. B. James said the Australian ringers had already given them such a hearty welcome and shown them so much hospitality that he should not think they had anything left (laughter). The English ringers appreciated it to the utmost. Later, Mr. James proposed a vote of thanks to the Precentor and the Melbourne ringers for the hospitality extended that night and on the other occasions during the visit. They could not have done more for their entertainment (applause).

On the following morning the Rev. E. B. James gave a short talk on change ringing to the boys of the Grammar School, and this was illustrated by courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters on handbells, much to the apparent delight of the boys. Mr. Fussell gave a talk on English church bells and ringing.

The ringers met again last night for a peal attempt at St. Paul's Cathedral—six of the Melbourne company and six from England. The bells soon got into their stride for Grandsire Cinques, and everything was going in most promising fashion when, at the end of exactly an hour, a heavy thud overhead proclaimed that something had happened, and the voice of the eleventh was heard no more. The clapper had snapped like a carrot just under the ball as the result of crystallisation. It was a great disappointment, for the ringing had settled down to a gould compass, and everything was sailing gaily.

To-day we have packed our bags and leave for Tasmania.

## THE ROUND RINGERS.

## LACK OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE.

BY A. S. ROBERTS.

Any ringer in Cornwall who has read the recent issues of 'The Ringing World' must have felt slightly embarrassed and also have a feeling of superiority and importance by knowing there is just a possibility that an invitation may come to join a very select and chosen few to go somewhere in England (London presumably) to exhibit and show many so-called 'experts' how to raise bells in peal, ring them in rounds, and fall in a manner which appears to be peculiar only to that remote part of England, 'Cornwall.'

I do not think there is one sensible ringer of any kind in Cornwall who would belittle the art with which certain bands perform their 'rising, rounds and falling' almost as perfectly as can be expected of human beings. But, on the other hand, no sane ringer would allow them to go on without trying at the first opportunity to use tactful persuasion that there is something infinitely more interesting, fascinating and thought provoking than the continual performance of the same thing. There are plenty of round ringing bands in Cornwall which strike indifferently, just as there are many change ringing bands throughout England that are void of any sense of rhythm. We have to admit that the art of striking is one thing, and the science of ringing is another.

The most perfect round ringers in Cornwall are outside the auspices of the Diocesan Guild because they still have the ambition to compete in competitions. The interest of method ringing is not given a thought because there is no knowledge of the science. Again, the art of handling a rope correctly is unknown, for when the sally rises the rope is allowed to slip through the right hand, and this often means lubrication. If there is one notice I would put in some of our ringing chambers it would be 'Spitting prohibited.'

Further, Mr. J. A. Trollope's historical reference is quite correct, for the bells are rung at a quick pace and are often only half up, which causes a groove in the gudgeons. Specially adjusted ropes and single or knotted rope ends are also the outcome of round ringing, and are an abomination.

But, you will say, it is the striking that matters, and how splendid it is! How well they do it! Yes, but what about the method ringers? It was only last week that I received an unsolicited testimonial for the September tourists from a Vicar whose church they visited. He wrote, 'It was the best ringing I have ever heard.' I fully believe that these tourists, and many others, could do equally as well as the Cornish round ringers if they definitely and deliberately gave it a trial for a week or so, but oh, the monotony!

Furthermore, the bells in Cornwall are very suitable for such a practice, for of the 31 octaves the majority of tenors are under 15 cwt., and of the roughly 90 rings of six, many tenors are under 10 cwt., and very few are over 13 cwt. Now compare these to the bells in our large towns and cathedral cities, and the difference is tremendous; it is possible to ring them down in peal, but try ringing them up in peal; it is not worth the labour, and would be well nigh impossible without an army of strappers.

The Cornish method of striking, however, has evidently made an appeal, but is it to be fostered and encouraged as something perfect and fulfilling all the bounds of possibility? Should we not say, 'Yes, it is very good, but there is something better'?

The Truro Diocesan Guild has a tremendous task to teach and spread the art of method ringing. Whatever be the procedure, give the knowledge and describe the science first with lucid explanations of how it should be struck, and cut out the haphazard, tiresome and useless way of making some person, ignorant of any method, take hold the rope and depend upon continual prompting. I know ringers who go on for months and years dependent upon being prompted to the annoyance of their fellow-ringers and the public.

I wonder if the forthcoming tour will materialise, and who will be the fortunate people to constitute the band? Method ringers must not expect to be asked; the honour is for those who have been tried, tested and proved worthy of such an undertaking.

## FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

The following ringers rang their first peals this week:—

Joseph Gaden.	Wednesbury, Staffs.
Miss Edna F. Bedford.	Old Windsor, Berks.
Cyril Heskins.	Old Windsor, Berks.
Hugh McAteer.	Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.
Henry Clarke.	Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.
Hugh B. McAteer.	Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.
John Milliken.	Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.
Leonard Harrison.	Holt, Wilts.
William J. Foster.	Putney, London.
Alfred C. Williams.	Putney, London.
Ernest Mulford.	Harwell, Berks.
Robert Smith.	Holt, Wilts.
Francis J. Wootton.	Spalding, Lincs.
Jeffery Kemp.	Winfarthing, Norfolk.
Horace Bentley.	Madresfield, Worcs.
James Hodge.	Madresfield, Worcs.
William J. Randall.	Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

## ROYAL WEDDING TOUCHES.

Ringers in all parts of the country have expressed the happiness of the nation on the occasion of the royal wedding in no uncertain manner. We publish herewith a selection of the many quarter touches rung as an encouragement to those ringers whose circumstances and opportunities do not permit of peals.

**OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Thursday, November 29th, at the Church of St. Matthew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Adams 1, P. W. Grice 2, L. Freeman 3, W. Brooker 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, W. H. Curson 6, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 7, H. Curson (first quarter-peal) 8.

**LONG EATON, NOTTS.**—On November 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. S. Price 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, Miss I. B. Thompson 3, S. Pinder 4, H. King 5, J. Bailey 6, R. Narborough 7, A. R. Hickton 8.

**WALTON, LIVERPOOL.**—In commemoration of the royal wedding a peal of Minor was attempted on November 29th, but after ringing 2½ hours the sally of one of the band slipped out of his hand and over went the bell, bringing the peal to an abrupt finish. Two 720's of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent had been perfectly rung, and half of a 720 of Plain Bob. The following took part: Thomas Horridge 1, Arthur Jackson 2, James Martin 3, James Prescott 4, John Brown (conductor) 5, Ernest Bennett 6. This was a great disappointment to the conductor, who had reached within a few minutes of completing two peals in one day, this being the second time this had happened.

**MANACCAN, CORNWALL.**—On November 29th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, 10 different callings): O. Lovesey 1, H. Nines 2, E. Cossentine 3, J. Nines 4, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O. (conductor) 5, J. Vague 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by all the band except the conductor.

**WARKTON, NORTHANTS.**—At the Church of St. Edmund, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes, being 240 of Canterbury, 540 of Grandsire and 480 of Plain Bob): B. P. Morris 1, Miss D. J. Moir 2, H. T. Eastbrook 3, R. W. Lawrence 4, L. Tose-land (first quarter-peal in three methods as conductor) 5.

**CHARING, KENT.**—On November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Barnard (first quarter) 1, F. Shoobridge (first quarter) 2, G. Hill 3, W. Good (conductor) 4, F. Good 5, W. Henniker 6.

**BEACONSFIELD, HUCKS.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Smith 1, K. E. Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, J. Blackmore 5, H. Wingrove (conductor) 6, W. Fletcher 8. Rung with tenor covering, having met one short for Triples.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, November 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. Hayden 1, F. G. Springham 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. M. White 4, H. A. Wacey 5, P. Springham 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, E. Ansell 8.

**TRING, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss M. Arnold (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Brackley 2, H. Bishop 3, H. Bull 4, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 5, H. C. Jones (first with a bob bell) 6, C. Badrick 7, N. Brackley 8.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.**—At St. Deny's Church on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Hicks (first quarter) 1, W. J. Hack 2, A. Lowery 3, F. Hammond 4, E. Bishop, sen., 5, W. Kitchingside (first as conductor) 6, H. Hinson 8.

**CHESTER.**—At the Cathedral Church, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Pye (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Lee 2, M. Harris 3, H. Lewis 4, G. Gerrard 5, J. Hayes (conductor) 6, J. W. Clarke 7, A. Jones 8.

**LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.**—At St. Vincent's Church, on November 29th, 720 Kent: T. Measday 1, J. P. Cobbold 2, W. Savage 3, H. Stringer 4, P. W. Smith 5, A. Johnson 6.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On November 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): C. W. Price 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. S. Parsons 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, A. Painter 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. J. Lewis, jun., 8, W. H. Hayward 9, W. G. Cook 10.

**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—At St. Saviour's, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Hobbs 1, H. S. Hobden 2, E. Baber 3, A. K. Gower 4, E. Gower 5, F. H. Dallaway (first quarter as conductor) 6, A. C. Pankhurst 7, G. W. Stokes 8.

**IDLE, YORKS.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes), also 672 Bob Major: G. Titterington (Bradford), T. B. Kendall, E. H. Simpson, K. Simpson, Miss W. Foster, Miss M. White (Shipley), F. Davison, T. Hill, F. Killshaw, W. Feather, H. Buckley.

**MARSHFIELD, WILTS.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on November 29th: R. Fletcher 1, J. H. Beazer 2, E. Player 3, C. Harding 4, R. Swift 5, E. Lewis 6, G. Robinson (conductor) 7, C. Jukes (first quarter) 8.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On November 29th, a quarter-peal attempted, but brought round at 840 changes: J. D. Taylor 1, R. G. Taylor 2, Mrs. W. E. Taylor 3, J. E. Taylor 4, T. J. Fowler 5, J. H. Reedy 6, G. Gilbert 7, T. Holmes 8. Longest length of Triples 'inside' by R. G. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor.

**WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.**—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. Lea, sen., 1, J. Clutton 2, F. Mitchell 3, F. Evans (conductor) 4, J. Capper 5, T. Cathrall 6, W. Cathrall 7, A. Hodges 8.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. L. Taylor 1, H. J. Ford 2, S. Comber 3, P. W. Turley 4, W. Turley 5, H. D. Ford (conductor) 6, F. Paige 7, H. Comber 8.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Peachey 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, S. J. Worsfold 5, E. Cooper 6, H. E. Acock 7, S. R. Stevens 8.

**BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Howson (first quarter) 1, W. Harvey 2, E. Squibb 3, J. Stay 4, S. W. Pain 5, W. Silsbury 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, Mrs. H. Stay 8.

**HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.**—At the Parish Church, on November 29th, Queens and Tittums rung, followed by 1,008 changes of Bob Triples: J. Nunn 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, H. Jillings 3, C. Moss 4, J. O'Neill 5, C. Goodwin 6, A. H. Took 7, J. Jolly 8. During the afternoon touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—At the Parish Church, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): E. Brown 1, Eric Morey 2, G. Payne 3, C. A. Barnes 4, F. Parsons 5, W. J. Alliss 6, A. E. Baker (conductor) 7, F. Cruttenden 8.

**CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Thatcher 1, F. Fisher 2, E. Fisher (first quarter) 3, F. Gosling 4, A. E. Standen (conductor) 5, G. Fisher 6, R. Fisher 7, P. Bush (first quarter) 8.

**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**—At the Church of St. Michael, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Miss N. J. Elliott (longest touch) 1, A. Taylor (longest touch) 2, T. J. Palmer 3, N. W. Hawkins 4, T. A. Palmer (longest touch as conductor) 5, A. V. Jerram 6.

**UBLEY, SOMERSET.**—At the Parish Church, on November 29th, 1,130 Grandsire Doubles: W. F. Webb (conductor) 1, E. Tossell 2, J. Tossell 3, C. Bush 4, E. Dirbin 5, L. Davis 6.

**LLANDUDNO, NORTH WALES.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Albert Hingley (first quarter) 1, Edward Lodge 2, J. H. Midwinter 3, A. E. Pegler (conductor) 4, R. Fairlie 5, J. Flood (first quarter) 6, A. Fairley 7, Tom Lowe 8.

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The first peal in this method was rung at Christ Church, Ealing, by the Middlesex County Association on Saturday, December 1st, 1934, conducted by J. Armiger Trollope.

## DEATH OF REV. M. E. THOROLD.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has lost another stalwart by the passing on December 3rd of the Rev. Michael Edward Thorold, Vicar of SS. Philip and Jacob Church, Bristol, aged 79. When over 60 years of age he learnt to ring, and in 1918 he became Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, a critical period in its history. His wise counsel at this period was invaluable. He was the senior vice-president of the association. In November, 1933, he bought a new motor-cycle for use in his parish work. He then said that he had been riding a cycle for 60 years, and claimed to be the last man who regularly used one of the old penny-farthing bicycles in Birmingham.

## A QUIET TIME FOR RINGERS.

Under the auspices of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association a 'Quiet Time' for bellringers was held at Stoney Stanton on November 3rd. Ringers attended from Croft, Burbage, Broughton Astley, Earl Shilton, Higham-on-the-Hill, Peckleton, Kirkby Mallory, Sapcote and Stoney Stanton, Exhall, Countesthorpe, Husbands Bosworth, Theddingworth, Kilworth and other towers.

The conductor was Rev. W. Grome-Merrilees, of Theddingworth, who gave two addresses, in which he emphasised the important part that ringers had to play both in the services of the church and as examples of Christian men in all their various walks in life. He referred to the need of overcoming fear, a factor which had been detrimental to the peace of the world. If only they could substitute a policy of trust throughout the world how different things might soon become.

A discussion was also held as to the best ways of bringing about a better understanding of this great responsibility. Suggestions put forward included the holding of an annual meeting at the Cathedral (with service); clergy to be encouraged to visit the belfries more often; a quiet time for the district to be held annually; a short service to be held at each district meeting. It is hoped to put some of these suggestions into practice in the near future.

After a service in the church the bells were available and made good use of. We are much indebted to the Rev. Grome-Merrilees for his work, and also Rev. Farrow for allowing this 'Quiet Time' to be held at his church.

A. E. R.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Dec. 8th, from 3 p.m. Ringers proficient in Stedman are asked to assist those who are not, and those who are not are asked to come and try it. We hope to ring other methods, too, so please come in parties.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., by invitation of the secretary. Buses leaves North Bridge bus stand 15 mins. past the hour and run each half-hour direct to the church.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. — J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible? J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Leatherhead (and not Ashted as previously advertised) on Saturday, Dec. 8th, with usual arrangements. Business to include nomination of officers for 1935.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends made welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) and at Yaxley (6) available at 2.30. Tea, at the Horse Shoes, at 1s. a head, at 4.30. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Laverstoke on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Canteen 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify me for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service afterwards.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Half-rate to members. Maximum 1s. 6d.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Stagsden (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Dec. 8th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d., at 4.30 p.m. Meeting in the Church House at 5.30 p.m.—E. Swain.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, December 8th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Sat., Dec. 8th. Service and tea as usual.—Wilfred G. Wilson, Assistant Secretary, 28, Abbey Avenue, Alperton, Middlesex.

**PINCHBECK, Lincs.**—The augmented ring of 8 bells will be opened on Thursday, Dec. 13th, at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Morris. The former ring of 6 restored and 2 trebles added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. Canon C. E. Bryce). All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Dec. 12th? Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose, Bristol, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by December 12th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Wilton, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow in the Schools. Those who want tea please notify by Tuesday, December 11th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's (R.C.), Brownedge, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) arranged for all who notify Mr. R. Hardacre, 24, St. Mary's Road. Meeting after tea. All ringers welcomed.—J. Charnock, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at Streatham on Saturday, Dec. 15th. St. Leonard's 3.30 to 5.20. Tea at Manor Arms 5.45. Meeting after tea. Immanuel bells after, and a social evening at Manor Arms at 8.45. Bring your voices and send word to the secretary re tea.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73 Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Sat., December 15th. Bells available 3.0 p.m. Service 5.0 p.m., and tea 5.30 p.m. to all who send in their names to E. Ford, 18, Cloverdale Square, Smithills, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Liscard (eight bells) on Saturday, December 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 12th?—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Stroud and Wotton Branches.—A combined meeting will be held at Wotton on Saturday, December 15th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Sandbach on December 15th. Ringing (eight bells) from 3 p.m. Please note that the list of towers to be visited during 1935 will be compiled at this meeting. Will all those who intend being present at Sandbach, kindly let me know by the 12th?—Richard D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**LINGFIELD, SURREY.**—The ring of eight, augmented from five, and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated on Saturday, December 15th, at 3 p.m., by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Woolwich. All ringers welcome. Tea provided. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. Wallis, Mount Pleasant, High Street, Lingfield, not later than December 12th.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Theale on Saturday, December 15th. Preacher, Rev. Canon B. Long, of Whitchurch. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m., 9d. Please notify T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, by December 14th, number for tea.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Braunston (six bells) on Saturday, December 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The last meeting of the year will be held on Saturday, December 15th, at Shilton, near Coventry. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at five o'clock in the school, 1s. per head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wigan Parish Church, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea at a nominal price will be arranged for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, December 12th. Poolstock St. James' bells will be available after tea. A good attendance is requested.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on December 15th at Chiseldon, and not at Aldbourne, as had been previously arranged. Five bells, open from 3 p.m. Will intending visitors please let me know by December 13th? —A. Taylor, 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. for all who notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than December 12th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, December 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meetings after.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**MIRFIELD, YORKSHIRE.**—The ring of 10 bells, which have been rehung by John Taylor and Co.; of Loughborough, will be reopened on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Special preacher, Ven. Archdeacon Harvey, of Halifax.

**SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.**—New treble and two new tenors added to complete ring of eight (tenor 11 cwt.); three bells recast and the eight bells hung in a new frame with new fittings. Dedication by the Rev. H. C. Perry, Chaplain of Bedford School, on Wednesday, December 19th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Wednesday, December 26th. Bells (10) available during the afternoon and evening. Service in the Cathedral at four o'clock, followed by tea in the Prebendal House. Business meeting afterwards.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

## BIRTH.

**DARBY.**—On Monday, December 3rd, at 336, Malden Road, North Cheam, Surrey, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Darby, a son.

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## A LIGHT RING TESTS LONDON RINGERS.

The choice of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, proved popular to members of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for their meeting on November 24th. The bells, a light ring of eight, tenor 8½ cwt., required expert handling to get really good ringing. It was therefore gratifying to all concerned when touch after touch was brought round in fine style. Rounds for beginners were not forgotten, nor were Cambridge and London for the experts. A bright service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Father Atkinson).

Mr. E. M. Atkins presided at the business meeting, when Miss B. Hart was elected a member of the association. Sympathy and good wishes for his speedy recovery were passed to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, hon. secretary of the South and West District, who had recently undergone an operation.

Mr. G. R. Goodship brought welcome news that the bells at Harrow Weald were to be rehung and two trebles added. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) reminded members that the district had already voted the sum of £5 towards these bells, which would now be paid with much pleasure. The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Field on January 26th.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—At the Parish Church, for the festival service of All Saints' Day, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Smith (first quarter of Surprise) 1, J. Harrison 2, D. R. Fletcher 3, K. E. Fletcher 4, W. Edwards 5, J. Blackmore 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, H. Wingrove 8.

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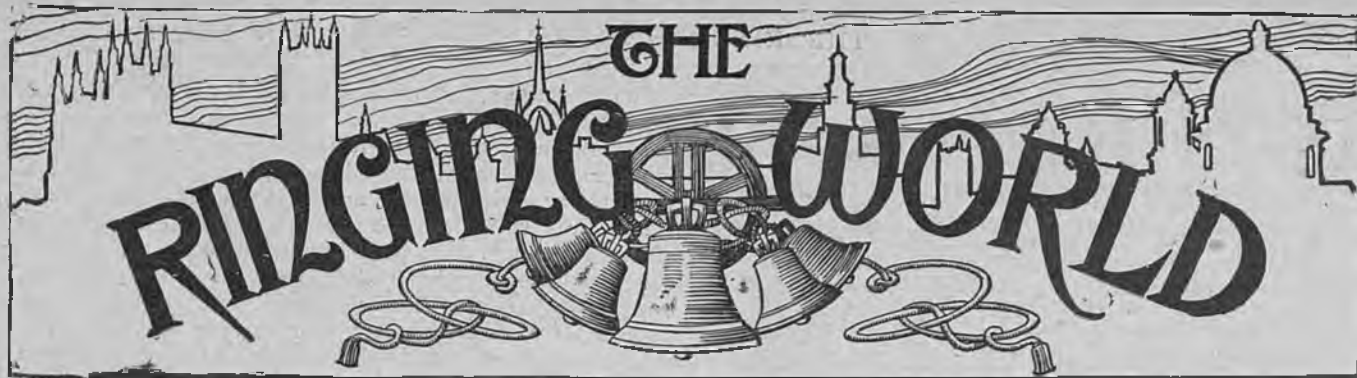
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Not many weeks go by nowadays without some new Surprise Major method being rung, and if things go on at this rate, the time will come when there will be no more new methods to ring, and bands, perforce, will have to ring those that have already been practised. Fortunately that will not occur in our days, for the supply is enormous. And yet there is one group which is much smaller than might have been supposed. I mean the really good Surprise methods which have backstroke work only. There are still some of them which have not yet been rung, though I believe they have all been worked out. It is among them we must look for the methods which are likely to take their places alongside Cambridge and Superlative as standard methods. One or two already, such as Rutland and Yorkshire, are beginning to make good their claim. Norfolk has been tried, and if not exactly found wanting, at least not quite of the real quality. It is not easy to say exactly what are the qualities which make up a really good and popular method, but one at least (though not among the most important) is that it should have a good name. As a general rule, the Exercise leaves the naming of new methods to the bands that first ring them, and that lays on those bands the duty of seeing that they have good and suitable names. For more than three hundred years ringers have been producing and naming methods, and on the whole the job has been well done. All our standard methods have good names. London, Norwich, Cambridge, Bristol, Oxford—these are not only important towns, but places intimately connected with the history of the art. Grandsire and Superlative—these we feel to be excellent, why we can hardly say.

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Perhaps the safest plan is to call the method after the town or village where it was first rung. And that, too, has historical value, but it is not always possible, for more than one new method may have been rung in the same tower. Nor are the names of places of equal value. Generally speaking, place names are the best, but bands should remember that if their new method is likely to be rung by other people, it should have a name which will appeal to others beside themselves. Eastcote and Boveney, for instance, are no doubt very desirable places in themselves, but what have they to do with bells or ringing, or what do ringers as a whole know or care about them? Most of the names of counties have already been taken; those that are left should be reserved for what are likely to become standard methods.

Two ways of naming methods are detestable. One is the made-up or imitative name. To call a method Camdon because part of it resembles Cambridge and part London—that is the sort of thing which may well be left to people who name patent medicines. Or to call a method Londonderry or Londonthorpe because, like many scores of others, it has some features in common with London Surprise—that sort of thing should not be done. And the topical name is just as bad. There was a method rung in 1919 and called Victory Major. The idea in the minds of the ringers was no doubt excellent, but cannot we see now that it was not the right thing? And similarly why call a method Princess Marina? Drop the Princess and call it Marina Surprise and you have a quite good name, but the other won't do.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

G. ARTHUR BAKER ... .. Treble	BERT HORTON ... .. 7
*HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	†ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 8
†NORMAN H. SMITH ... .. 3	§HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 9
*ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 4	THOMAS SMITH ... .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 11
JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 6	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

\* 180th peal together. † First peal of Cinques. ‡ First peal on twelve. § First peal of Grandsire Cinques with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the royal wedding and as a birthday compliment to G. A. Baker, who kindly entertained the band to tea on the completion of the peal; on the 40th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, in the same tower.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1934, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 7
DANIEL T. MATEIN ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 8
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 3	ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 9
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 10
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 5	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 11
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This composition now rung for the first time. Specially composed and rung in honour of Mr. James George's 81st birthday.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. Giles' Church, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss B. Mills 1, W. A. Batten 2, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 3, F. C. Shorter 4, W. Grainger 5, T. Wyatt 6, E. J. King 7, H. H. Peters 8.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

NORTHFLEET, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 28, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
EDWARD J. BEER ... 2	JOHN WHEADON ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Cambridge. Rung to welcome the Rev. F. A. Page as Vicar of Northfleet.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 6
WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... 3	HARRY TOOKE ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	WALTER R. FARROW ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Fiftieth peal as conductor during 1934. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

On the Gabriel Eight.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Treble	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 5
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 6
ALBERT G. WARNES ... 3	Cecil V. EBBERSON ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in D.

WALTER THOMAS ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
GEORGE JONES ... 2	JAMES MORGAN ... 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS ... 3	THOMAS GUEST ... 7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHT.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

Rung to commemorate the royal wedding.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER ... Treble	E. GEORGE MORRAD ... 5
RICHARD SMITH ... 2	EDWARD J. BEER ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	RICHARD A. CONSTANT ... 7
RICHARD A. MUNN ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding. Birthday peal for Richard Smith.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON ... 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	GEORGE KENWARD ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
TOM SAUNDERS ... 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding. The composition, No. 406, is rung for the first time. The conductor's second time 'round the circle,' also conducted a peal from each bell in this tower.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

*FRED HAZELL ... Treble	CHARLES DYKE ... 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 2	EDWARD ASHBY ... 6
*MISS E. K. FULTON ... 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES ... 7
ROY WILKINSON ... 4	JOHN E. ROOTES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOCIETY OF BRAUGHING YOUTHS.)

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*REGINALD STACEY ... Treble	HERBERT WRIGHT ... 5
*FREDERICK BARKER ... 2	WILLIAM BARDWELL ... 6
*HARRY WEBB ... 3	WILLIAM K. NORTH ... 7
*WILLIAM H. CLEMENCE ... 4	*GEORGE SKIPP ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM K. NORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding and for the jubilee of the association.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ALFRED T. MAGGS ... Treble	BERTRAM C. WORSDELL ... 5
*ALBERT C. BAKER ... 2	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE ... 6
JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... 3	FRANK SKIDMORE ... 7
SAMUEL PHILLIPS ... 4	JOHN COX ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKIDMORE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM EDWARDS ... Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
*JOSEPH LITTLE ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3	CHARLES OLLIER ... 7
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 4	T. B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for the royal wedding.

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OXFORD.  
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(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. EBBE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 4½ cwt.

CHARLES COLES ... .. Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
GEORGE HORWOOD ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... .. 6
JOHN R. HARRIS ... .. 3	FRANCIS E. MAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR  
Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. KATHARINE,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt. in D.

*G. DENNIS DIGHTON ... Treble	CYRIL WILSON ... .. 5
STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 6
†CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 3	*WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

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

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob, also as conductor. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob 'inside.' First peal of Oxford on the bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

F. GEORGE BAILEY ... Treble	CHARLES DAVIES ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 2	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 6
*SIDNEY G. MONTON ... 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung in commemoration of the royal wedding.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
At the Church of All SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 5
*HARRY SNERDON ... .. 2	THOMAS NORMAN ... .. 6
NORMAN HOBDEN ... .. 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 7
JOHN HOBDEN ... .. 4	RICHARD V. FULLER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 5.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS JOAN PEARCE ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS  
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KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MAURICE LING ... Treble	ERNEST DURRANT ... .. 5
ERNEST B. SMITH ... .. 2	URBAN WILDNEY ... .. 6
*ROY MOWFORTH ... .. 3	†JOHN CLARE ... .. 7
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 4	H. A. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, and also the 11th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ling. A farewell peal to Mr. Roy Mowforth, who is leaving the district.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	ERNEST W. PURBANK ... 7
JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 4	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon Helmore, late secretary of the Kent County Association, on his 83rd birthday.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.  
First Surprise peal on the bells and rung for the royal wedding. The composition, a two-part, with the 6th the extent R and only four H bobs, is now rung for the first time.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

At the Church of St. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET ... Treble	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... .. 5
GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 7
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4	HENRY NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the widow of the late Canon Fowler, late Vicar of this parish.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALBERT G. EDGE ... Treble	*CHARLES H. KING ... .. 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	HERBERT J. ELDRED ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7
*CHARLES W. WARD ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. John Sumpter, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On November 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Davy (first quarter of Triples) 1, J. Gould 2, A. Lane 3, S. Butchers 4, L. Derrick 5, E. Shearn (first quarter of Triples) 6, N. Coombs (conductor) 7, H. Windsor 8.

## OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

PERCY AMOS ... .. Treble	GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... 5
JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. 2	*ALBERT L. WARD ... .. 6
WILLIAM HECTOR ... .. 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 7
REGINALD ALEY ... .. 4	SIDNEY H. TOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in celebration of the royal wedding.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

E. E. PICKERING ... .. Treble	C. E. CARR ... .. 5
A. BALLARD ... .. 2	† W. A. WOOD ... .. 6
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 3	P. ALDEAM ... .. 7
* F. MEASURES ... .. 4	G. A. NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. Cox.

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the royal wedding.

## CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation).

WILFRED COX ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. COOPER ... 5
HAROLD J. SHUCK ... .. 2	HARRY HUBBALL ... .. 6
HARRY WYRE ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 7
WALTER FARLEY ... .. 4	JOSEPH WARR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

* EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM WATHEN ... .. 5
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 6
† GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 7
KEITH W. WHITEELL ... .. 4	JOHN GOOCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

\* First peal of Triples. † First in method 'inside.' Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	* CLAUDE WOODARD ... .. 5
JAMES ROSE ... .. 2	CHARLES SHEMMING ... 6
* WILLIAM KINSLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE MORE ... .. 7
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. ROSE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

R. EDWARD JONES ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations of the above church.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

* ERNEST H. KILBY ... .. Treble	* WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ... 5
† EDWARD LANKESTER ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 7
* JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 4	HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

## WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1934, in Three Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE OXFORD BOB, PLAIN BOB, AND DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Containing 1,632 changes of Double Oxford, 1,792 of Plain Bob and 1,584 Double Norwich.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

JACK RANCE ... .. Treble	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Arranged by ALBERT G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in these three methods 'spliced' by all the band and by the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT DOWNES ... .. Treble	WALTER EVANS ... .. 4
ERNEST SALMONS ... .. 2	FRANK DOWNES ... .. 5
ALBERT HURCOMBE ... .. 3	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

## GUISBOROUGH, YORKS.

## OLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 28, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

* G. HUSBAND ... .. Treble	G. P. KEMBALL ... .. 4
† M. T. PEACOCK ... .. 2	† B. PYBUS ... .. 5
† J. REED ... .. 3	C. ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ROBINSON.

\* First peal. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding. Also a farewell peal to the captain of the band, M. T. Peacock, who is leaving the district.

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**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Original, New Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, April Day, Grandsire and Union, Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*ERNEST J. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 3
JOHN HIGGINS ... .. 2	*FRED LAMBERT ... .. 4
ERNEST HILLYER ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal and first attempt. First in seven methods of Doubles by all the band. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 4
FRANK LORD ... .. 2	GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 5
ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

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

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

JAMES H. MUSSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
HARRY GIBBARD ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	CHARLES WILKINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 changes each of Horton Double Surprise, Cheddleton Double Surprise, and Biddulph Double Surprise and two 720 changes (each called differently), of Hanley Double Surprise and Milton Double Surprise.

CHARLES PRESTON ... .. Treble	REGINALD O. PRESTON ... .. 4
WILLIAM WHELDON ... .. 2	JOHN WHELDON, JUN. ... .. 5
FRED WM. GROCOTT ... .. 3	GEORGE HY. BILLINGS ... .. Tenor

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN W. HOBSON ... .. Treble	HARRY RODMELL ... .. 4
*DERRK M. SHARP ... .. 2	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. WEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

KITTY WILLERS ... .. Treble	*ERIC CHAPMAN ... .. 4
ARTHUR C. WILSON ... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 3	*EDWARD W. HAYNES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. HAYNES.

\* First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD BLOCKSIDE ... Treble	†RICHARD INSTON ... .. 4
NELSON BLOCKSIDE ... .. 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 5
ALBERT WOODVINE ... .. 3	*LEONARD BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

THOMAS HARPIN ... .. Treble	WALLACE G. CHURCH ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN SIZEL ... .. 2	*LEONARD WILLIAMS ... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

HARDINGTON-MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, five callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

MISS K. V. TORNER ... .. Treble	DOUGLAS W. RANSOM ... .. 4
FREDERICK J. MARSH ... .. 2	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... .. 5
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. DELAMONT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT W. RENDELL.

First peal and first attempt by all members and first on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Conducted by H. D. TAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the royal wedding and as birthday compliments to Mrs. C. Hallett, mother of J. Hallett, and Mrs. H. Taylor, wife of the conductor.

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

*On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 each of Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Woodbine Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

PETER ROGERSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST SWAIN ... .. 4
STANLEY CLIFFORD ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE ... 3	HERBERT PALMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

First peal in six methods by all the band. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

**WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 2,160 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor and 2,880 changes of Bob Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES HANCOCK ... .. Treble	† FREDERICK HANCOCK ... 4
* GEORGE HANCOCK ... .. 2	REV. E. S. POWELL ... .. 5
MRS. M. POWELL ... .. 3	JOSEPH DEAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Rev. E. S. POWELL.

\* First peal in two methods on a bob bell. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

**BOW BELLS RECORD.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The record of Bow Bells that the B.B.C. turns on to us every little while we all of us know is stoney, and, in my opinion, not too good. Would it not be possible for the Ancient Society of College Youths to ring a touch of Stedman CATERS on these bells for a record and present it to the B.B.C.? It would be much more pleasant to hear from a ringer's point of view, and also give the public some idea of change ringing. R. E. Tenterden.

**JUBILEE PRESENTATION AT PUTNEY.**

**MR. THOMAS BOLTON HONOURED.**

On Wednesday, November 28th, during a 'break' in the ordinary practice, at which about 20 members and friends of the St. Mary's, Putney, Association were present, Mr. C. Moody called the attention of the company to the fact that they were there assembled to honour their Master, Mr. Thomas Bolton, on his completion of 50 years' service as a ringer at St. Mary's, 27 of which he has held the office of Master. Mr. Moody called on Mr. J. Herbert (treasurer) to make the presentation.

Mr. Herbert, in a short and happy speech, presented the Master with a fitted smoking cabinet, which will be suitably inscribed. He voiced the hope of all present that Mr. Bolton would be spared many years to enjoy it, and conveying to him best wishes for his future health and happiness.

Mr. Bolton briefly thanked the company for their kindness, remarking that he would treasure the gift, and the spirit of goodwill which prompted it.

During the 50 years many changes (not Stedman) had taken place at Putney, once quite a rural suburb. The Parish Church, formerly a 'stoney' tower, had from the commencement of Mr. Bolton's mastership been pushing onwards with change ringing, till about three years ago a local band rang a peal of Double Norwich. It is not in the peal ringing firmament that the local star is prominent, but in service ringing. Led by the Master, who has generally averaged 97 attendances for Sunday ringing per annum, the other members respond gallantly to the call, some even sometimes surpassing him. Mr. Bolton has rung several peals in standard methods, 'just to show 'em,' but is more happy in the more humdrum weekly round of service ringing and practice, and the pleasure of welcoming visitors and doing his best to provide for their comfort and enjoyment. A peal was rung the next day in honour of Mr. Bolton, which has been recorded in the proper place.

**LECKHAMPTON BELLS TESTED.**

Leckhampton bells, which have recently been placed on hall bearings, were well tested on December 1st, when, by invitation of the Archdeacon of Cheltenham, the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held their annual meeting there. The service was conducted by Archdeacon Sears, who, with Mrs. Sears, kindly entertained the company to tea. At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected, and votes of thanks accorded to all concerned. The tower was again visited, and, with the aid of Mr. S. Romans, Master of the association, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, many methods were practised.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ringer of the third in the peal of Surprise Minor at Leytonstone on November 12th was P. H. Avey.

Mr. J. Pugsley, Minehead, has recently had a peal board put in Milverton tower recording a peal rung 41 years ago. This was the first peal on the bells after being augmented to eight.

In reply to Mr. E. Corner, of Hanley, as to the lowering of bells in peal, this can only be achieved by practice. The main principle is to put a very good man on the treble and for the other ringers to use their ears.

There is a promising young band of ringers at Bognor Regis, who desire the master hand to help them forward. Mr. C. Andrews, of Upwell, Clyde Road, Felpham, would be pleased to hear from Sussex County officials.

In connection with the peal of Stedman Triples at Woburn on November 17th, we are informed that it was the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by Mr. William E. Redrup. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. L. Gutteridge.

Will correspondents sending in reports of meetings and peals kindly note that these should be addressed to 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford. The prompt submission of reports will facilitate the production of Christmas issues of 'The Ringing World.'

Through the breaking of the treble rope, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters was unfortunately lost at the Priory Church, Leominster, on December 1st. A quarter-peal of Caters was afterwards rung by C. Edwards (conductor) 1, W. Downes 2, F. Downes 3, A. Gwynne 4, G. Giblin 5, W. Taylor 6, H. Symonds 7, A. Hurcombe 8, H. Taylor 9, E. Salmons 10.

From a newspaper cutting in the British Museum: 'January 18th, 1852. The Wiltshire Youths ascended the tower of Layton Under-shaft Church, Wiltshire, and succeeded in accomplishing a true and complete peal of Stedman Cinques consisting of 5,280 changes in 3 hours and 58 minutes (names follow). Weight of tenor 49 cwt. in the key of C flat. Conducted by J. Davis.' The curious thing is that there never was a society called the Wiltshire Youths, and never a peal of twelve in Wiltshire. If this was somebody's joke, the reason for it is not apparent.

'Ealing' Surprise has brought us many letters from old friends. Mr. E. Jenkins (Bradford, Yorks) reminds us that this peal was composed by the late Mr. Arthur Craven in 1901 and is No. 21 in his collection; Mr. George Williams (Eastleigh) submits that the peal composition 'grewed' from what the late Nathan J. Pitstow used to call 'Washbrook's' 27 courses of Superlative, and that the figures may be found in 'Bell News,' Vol. 5, page 226, July 30th, 1887, '6,048 in three parts,' and also on page 293 in one part of the same volume; Mr. George Baker (Brighton), Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne) and Mr. G. Marriner (Leatherhead) state that the method is identical with 'Horsham' Surprise, discovered June 15th, 1912, by Mr. G. Baker, of Brighton. The same formed part, writes Mr. Marriner, of the combination method 'Leatherhead' Surprise rung in the early part of this year at Leatherhead. Mr. Trollope will deal with this interesting theme next week.

## PRESENTATION TO ARCHDEACON HOWSON

The Ven. Archdeacon Howson, who now resides at Putney, visited Liverpool on December 8th to fulfil two or three week-end engagements. The opportunity was taken of presenting him with an illuminated address. The address was beautifully worded and written on vellum, which was on leather and folded like a book. It contained an expression of the appreciation of the members of the Lancashire Association, particularly the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, to the Archdeacon for his many kindnesses to them throughout the past years. The address was handed to the Archdeacon by Canon Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association. Archdeacon Howson was greatly pleased with the address and its beautiful wording.

The members of the association are very grateful to Canon Elsee for his work in connection with the address and his kindness in travelling to Liverpool to make the presentation.

## FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Ernest J. Lambert.	Cosgrove, Northants.
Fred Lambert.	Cosgrove, Northants.
Albert G. Edge.	Chipping Barnet, Herts.
Charles W. Ward.	Chipping Barnet, Herts.
Charles H. King.	Chipping Barnet, Herts.
Reginald Blocksidge.	Malinslee, Salop.
Leonard Bray.	Malinslee, Salop.
Derek M. Sharp.	North Ferriby, Yorks.
Miss K. V. Turner.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
Frederick J. Marsh.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
Mrs. G. W. Rendell.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
D. W. Ransom.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
Gilbert W. Rendell.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
William G. Delamont.	Hardington-Mandeville, Som.
G. Husband.	Guisborough, Yorks.

## RISE AND FALL OF BELLS.

CORNWALL DENIES THAT IT IS A DYING ART.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Being a regular ringer of St. Austell, I cannot refrain from taking Col. Jerram to task when he says that rising and falling is a dying art in Cornwall. I can assure him that it is not so. If he will take a line from Ladoek across Cornwall to Newlyn East, along the north coast to Kilhampton, then by the Tamar to Malher and on the South Coast as far as Fowey and St. Austell, he will enclose the largest half of Cornwall. I believe I am right when I say that every tower band in this circle can rise and fall, and the majority can do it very creditably, especially in East Cornwall, where a ringing festival is occasionally held. This alone makes different bands practise rising and falling, also round ringing and call changes.

I have heard bells rung in the following manner: Rise and get into key of 30 rounds per minute for eight bells, or 32 rounds for six bells, in three minutes; ring rounds for ten minutes; then fall at your leisure. I've heard this done with less than six mistakes. There are invariably three judges. If Col. Jerram desires, I will get a band together all from one tower. I wonder if the Colonel has ever heard the father and five sons by the name of Libby, of Talland, near Looe, ring a peal. If not, I would advise him to try and get in touch with them.

One thing more: Col. Jerram says that if you rise in peal the tenor will not double all the way up; if it does, it gets on the wrong side of the bells. That is wrong. I have rung the tenor in almost every tower in Cornwall and a good many in Devon, and the only one I remember getting on the wrong side in rising is the tenor, Charles Church, Plymouth. At St. Austell, where the tenor is 18½ cwt., we usually have two to rise the bell, and I have never known the clapper to get on the wrong side. I have pulled it up myself with a strapper and not once did it get wrong. I might also say it doubles all the way after the third round. I was captain of a nearby tower of six bells hung by Gillett and Johnston. This tenor I will guarantee will double up and down with Gillett and Johnston patent clapper spring attached. If Col. Jerram would care to come in this district, I can assure him I will get a band together that will convince him that Cornish ringing is not yet dead.

G. R. STEPHENS.

Lancast, Stables, St. Austell.

## A WEST COUNTRY EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the leading article in your paper of November 23rd, and would be very interested if Col. Jerram could arrange to bring a band of ringers from the West Country, not particularly Cornwall, to give demonstrations of rising and falling in peal as it should be done.

I remember about the year 1891 I visited Clossworth to ring. The bells were a peal of five, and still are, and, as far as my memory serves me I should think the tenor would be approximately 12 cwt. They were hung in a very ancient oak frame, extremely high off the foundation, and the bells themselves in those days had very long canons, and they were hung right out of their stocks, and I very much regret these canons have been removed, but, since then, they have been rehung, and, in my opinion, the canons could have been very well left on as they were of a particularly ornamented type. The bells were hung right out of their stocks, so that they had a very long swing.

They were fitted with full wheels of very large diameter and hung, as the local ringers called it, 'dead rope,' that means there was no sally pull whatever. The occasion when I visited the tower we raised the bells in peal to about three-quarters way up, and then let them down again, raised them a second time and rang a few call changes. This took some doing, and I can quite well remember I did not make much of a job of it. One of the old local ringers said to me, 'If you want to get over a bell you just have to pull her harder and get over that bell, and if you want to ring closer and cut in a place you just hold her down on the tail end.' The open lead was very noticeable, as naturally the bells swung considerably higher from the one pull on the tail end of the rope. Needless to say, there were no stays or sliders.

These old ringers used to ring these call changes remarkably well, and the way they did it without any handstroke pull was very remarkable.

J. H. B. HESSE.

Olivers, Haslemere.

## A ROYAL TIME AT SWINDON.

The fine peal of ten at Christ Church, Swindon, rang out merrily on December 8th on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal, and there was a good attendance, the majority of the towers being represented.

A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. F. W. Thomas. After tea the business meeting was held and all the officers re-elected. No meeting was arranged for January, and Blunsdon and St. Mark's, Swindon, were chosen for the February and March meetings.

## FROM THE HEART OF WESSEX.

WIMBORNE BRANCH RINGERS AT WIMBORNE.

The venerable Minster Church of Wimborne, with its towers, constructed of a reddish-brown sandstone and partly of a drab coloured stone, was the venue for the Wimborne branch annual meeting on December 1st. The 15th century western tower in its tapering appearance contains a peal of ten bells, the tenor weighing 36 cwt. and bearing a Latin inscription recording the fact that it was made originally by Mr. William Loringe and recast in 1629. The music of these bells went, clear and distinct, soft and muffled, across the stately town. At the customary service the Vicar (Canon A. L. Keith) gave an appropriate address, and the lesson was read by the chairman of the branch (Canon E. Clement Eddrup). A member of the local band played the organ.

At the business meeting, those present, on the initiative of the chairman (Canon Eddrup), stood in silent tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Bernard Herklots (Rector of Poole). Giving the financial statement, the Rev. C. A. Phillips (secretary and treasurer) mentioned there was a balance in hand of £7 3s. 5d., compared to £7 14s. 7d. brought forward. Of the total receipts of £18 8s. 5d., £8 17s. represented 115 ringing members' subscriptions at 1s. 6d. each, 12s. from six associates and £1 from four honorary members. Mr. Phillips commented on the small number of honorary members, and appealed for greater support in this direction. The statement was adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Ivor Davis, seconded by Mr. W. A. Houlton.

The secretary's report gave an interesting resume of the activities of the branch, and towers in particular, during the past year. He pointed out the outstanding events belonged to the county and guild as a whole rather than to the branch, and reference was made to the part taken in the dedication of Sherborne Abbey bells and the great rally at Milton Abbey in June. The branch, as a whole, and the Poole tower in particular, had lost a good friend in the passing of the Rev. Herklots, Mr. Phillips observed. The officers were elected en bloc, Mr. Phillips paying tribute to the constant help of Mr. J. I. Davis, his assistant.

Sympathetic reference was made to the very serious accident which had befallen Mr. W. C. Shute. It was agreed that a message of sympathy, coupled with best wishes for a speedy recovery, should be sent to him.

The meeting agreed to convey to Mr. Williams, of Okeford Fitzpaine, hearty congratulations on the celebration that day of the diamond jubilee of his wedding. Mr. Davis, calling attention to the 25th anniversary of the King's reign next May, expressed the hope that the event would be marked by the ringing of all church bells in the various towers.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT DETACHED TOWER.

A meeting of the Truro Branch of the above Guild was held at Illogan on December 1st. The Church of St. Illogan was rebuilt in the year 1848 in another position in the extensive churchyard, but the ancient embattled granite tower, with pinnacles, was left standing north-west of the present church, and contains a clock and six bells, which were recast in 1889 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank from an earlier peal. In 1930 the bells were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

During the afternoon and evening, rounds, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung by those present, who included Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Diocesan Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (general secretary). At the service the singing was led by the choir, and the address given by the Rector (the Rev. G. E. Renner). A bountiful tea was generously provided in the Harris Memorial Hall, and the Rector, Mr. T. Slee (local captain) and all the lady helpers were heartily thanked by Col. Jerram. This was seconded by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella.

As this was the annual district meeting, the officers were elected as follows: Branch chairman, Mr. T. Slee (Illogan); branch secretary, Mr. A. S. Roberts (Truro). St. Agnes' was selected for the next meeting. Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

## MISSIONARY WORK IN NORTH BUCKS.

Some 40 members attended the quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Woughton on December 1st, when it was reported that various meetings had been arranged in some parts of the branch's area to promote the interests of those towers not affiliated to the Guild.

Owing to the illness of the Rector of Woughton, the service was conducted by the Rev. H. Partridge, R.D., Rector of Blethley, and a Woughton ringer presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and the Rev. H. Adcane Byard presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. W. Sear (hon. secretary). The maintenance of the number of honorary members was a matter discussed, and the encouragement and assistance of young bands.

Some good ringing was done after the meeting, Sampson tower being available, and the methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Steelman Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****NEWBURY BRANCH'S GOOD YEAR.**

Thirteen towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on November 17th. The service in the church was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. L. Cooper, R.D.), and the address was given by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch).

A company of 65 sat down to tea in the Parish Room served by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by other ringers' wives. At the business meeting the chairman of the branch presided, and an apology was read from the Master (Canon G. F. Coleridge).

Mr. H. W. Curtis (secretary) reported a very successful year. Eight peals had been rung in the branch during the year, and six meetings held. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £15 16s. 10d.—The report and accounts were adopted.

The following officers were re-elected: The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, chairman; Mr. H. W. Curtis, hon. secretary and treasurer; Messrs. S. Quintin, T. Curtis, F. Owen and A. Smith, general committee.

Good reports were heard from nearly every tower in the branch, and the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) congratulated the towers upon their excellent reports, and wished them the best of success in the future. Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) congratulated the branch on its successful year.

Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer) reported that the Jenkyn memorial had been dedicated by their present Master, Canon Coleridge, and the total cost of £131 had been met. Mr. C. A. Hawker, J.P., churchwarden, also addressed the meeting. One new hon. member and eight new ringing members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for Shaw in February, and the spring meeting for Yattendon in April. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Newbury, Canon W. L. Cooper, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, Mr. Sellick, and to Mrs. Curtis and her helpers, which was carried with applause. The tower was again visited. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

## **ESSEX RINGERS PLEASED WITH NEW WANSTEAD BELLS**

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association at Wanstead on November 17th was fairly well attended in spite of the inclement weather, 40 members being present from Leytonstone, Romford, Walthamstow, Gillingham (Kent), Hornchurch, Colchester, Cumberwell, Bishopsgate, Leyton and Fobbing.

The new peal by Messrs. Taylor's was made good use of previous to the service conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. Birchrough). The was served in the schoolroom, the members being kindly entertained by the Wanstead band.

The business meeting was held under the presidency of the District Master, supported by the Association Master (Mr. E. P. Duffield) and the churchwardens. Two new ringing members were elected, and Messrs. Prior and Butler were re-elected District Master and hon. secretary respectively. Hornchurch was the place selected for the next meeting, to be held on January 12th. The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for kindly allowing use of tower and bells and for conducting the service, to the Wanstead band for entertaining the members to tea, and also having everything in readiness.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going till 8.15 p.m., when a move was made for home. During the afternoon touches in various Minor methods ranging from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise were rung, everybody having a chance to try their favourite method on this splendid light peal of six, which has now taken the place of the old steel bells formerly installed in this tower. Messrs. Taylor and the Church authorities are to be congratulated on the excellence of the new ring.

**A LOSS TO THE DEVIZES BRANCH.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild took place at Rowde on December 1st, when the Rector (the Rev. P. H. Opperman) made the members very welcome. Tea was served in the Institute by Mrs. Watts. Mr. E. F. White presided at the business meeting in the continued absence of the branch chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham). The members were pleased to hear that Mr. Heginbotham was progressing towards recovery, he having now returned from hospital to his home. The secretary reported that Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chapman, who had put in such a large amount of work at Bretton, were leaving the district and taking up their residence at Keinton Mandeville. The meeting decided that a letter of good wishes should be sent to them from the branch, thanking them for what they had done and wishing them God-speed. A touch of Triples were rung on handbells, and Messrs. Hillier and Winter obliged with a course of Major (four-handed). Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to Miss Wright, organist, also the choirboys. The ringers then returned to the tower, where methods up to Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

**MORE PROGRESS IN ESSEX.****SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.**

Enthusiasm is unabated in Essex, and a particularly encouraging report comes from the annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division at Widford on November 24th, when 50 members were present. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. R. Thurlow), the address being given by Mr. Hussey.

The business meeting followed tea, and was presided over by the retiring District Master (Mr. H. W. Kirtton), supported by the Master of the association (Mr. E. P. Duffield). The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. A. Head, of Chelmsford.

The hon. secretary, in his report of the year's working, said five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 28. One honorary member and nine ringing members had been elected, and the division had lost by death two ringing members, Mr. H. Dawson, of Great Baddow, and Mr. A. Head, of Chelmsford. There were now 136 ringing members.

The District Master welcomed the Master of the association (Mr. E. P. Duffield), and congratulated him upon his election as Master of the College Youths, to which Mr. Duffield replied. Dr. Spencer-Phillips was elected District Master, Mr. Kirtton wishing to retire, and Mr. H. W. Shadrack was re-elected as hon. secretary. Eight ringing members were elected, viz.: H. Carter and D. Green, of Great Baddow; C. Smith, Ford End; D. Roast, E. Roast, F. Galley, W. Spokes and G. Coppin, of Danbury; also two probationers—T. Abbott and F. Wincott, Danbury.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Springfield on January 26th.

The Master explained the procedure proposed for the referendum on the proposed change of title for the association, which will be taken in February.

The District Master proposed votes of thanks to the Rector, to Mr. Hussey and to the ladies who prepared and served the tea.

**THE REV. A. T. BEESTON MEMORIAL.****ENCOURAGING MEETING AT HYDE.**

Fourteen towers were represented apart from local ringers at the meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Hyde on November 24th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Victor Dawson) officiated at the service, and tea was provided by the local ringers in the Parish Room.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, and the chairman of the branch (Mr. Hough) and Mr. Tom Wilde both spoke very feelingly of the loss sustained by the death of Mr. James Fernley. The meeting stood for a few moments in silence as a token of respect. The Secretary (Mr. A. Whiting) announced that he had received £6 8s. towards the Rev. A. T. Beeston memorial, and that subscriptions continued to arrive at an encouraging speed. He also read several extracts from letters wishing the appeal success. The meetings for next year were arranged provisionally as follows: The annual meeting at Stockport, St. Mary's, on January 26th, and the quarterly meetings at New Mills on March 30th, Mobberley on June 29th, Bowdon on September 21st, and Stalybridge, Holy Trinity, on November 16th. It was also decided that practice meetings might be arranged during the summer months at a later date. Votes of thanks were passed to all who helped to make the meeting so enjoyable. During the afternoon and evening ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise methods.

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION AT BUXTON.**

The North Norfolk Branch held a successful meeting at Buxton on November 24th. The bells of Stratton Strawless were also available, and numerous touches in a variety of methods, including London and Cambridge Surprise, were rung on both peals in the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting which followed the tea, kindly provided by the Church authorities in the Village Hall, the Vicar of Buxton, the Rev. H. W. Benson, presided, supported by Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer) and Mr. N. Golden (hon. secretary, South Norfolk Branch and hon. secretary pro tem.). Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. C. E. Bishop, Rector of Stratton Strawless, and Mr. P. E. Sewell, of Buxton.

The belfry elections of Miss P. E. Tillet (Ipswich) and Messrs. F. J. Tillet, jun. (Ipswich), C. Clarke (Grundsburgh) and C. T. H. Bradley (Folkington) were ratified, and Mr. P. W. J. Fryer, of Wymondham, was unanimously elected a life member of the association.

The annual meeting was fixed for February 2nd at Aylsham with Marsham. The South Norfolk Branch meeting is at Saxlingham on January 19th, while the East Norfolk Branch goes to Lowestoft on February 23rd.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the donors of the tea, the Rev. H. W. Benson for presiding, and the Rev. C. E. Bishop for the use of his bells.

N. G.

**NINETEEN TOWERS REPRESENTED.****NORTH DORSET BRANCH'S ENCOURAGING MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Mere, Wilts, on December 8th, when about 50 members and visitors were present. Service was held in the Parish Church of St. Michael, the Rev. I. G. Cameron (Vicar) and the Rev. E. O. Laidlay (curate) officiated, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. A. Charles (curate of Gillingham). Following the service tea was partaken of in the Grove Buildings at the invitation of the clergy and Parochial Church Council, and was admirably served by lady members of the Council and choir.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild) presided at the business meeting, and he was supported by the Rev. I. G. Cameron, the Rev. E. O. Laidlay, Mr. J. H. Allen (churchwarden), the Rev. J. H. A. Charles, the Rev. Deaconess Belfield, Mr. H. J. Ralph (branch hon. secretary), the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch). Nineteen towers were represented.

The following officers for 1935 were elected: Chairman, E. W. J. Hellins; vice-chairman, the Rev. F. L. Edwards; Ringing Masters, Mr. W. O. Shute and Mr. E. G. Coward; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. J. Ralph; on the Branch Committee, Mr. W. Brown and Mr. Ridout. The quarterly meetings for next year were decided, viz.: Durweston, March; Shaftesbury, June; Child Okeford, September; and Sherborne in December for the annual meeting. Mr. A. H. Chant (Templecombe) and Mr. Coward (Gillingham) were elected members.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy and officers of the church, and quoted the words of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, viz., that there were two things which never failed to touch his emotions, and they were the National Anthem and the sound of church bells. On the motion of the chairman, a vote of sympathy was carried and the secretary requested to convey same to Mr. W. C. Shute ('Good old Bill') with the hope of a speedy recovery from his accident. Thanks were given to the visitors and to the officers of the branch. Letters of regret for absence were read from the Masters (the Rev. R. H. Gundry and Mr. W. C. West).

The meeting concluded with a touch of Triples on the handbells by Mere, Poole and Lyme Regis members. During the afternoon and evening touches were rung on the tower bells in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Doubles and Major, Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Minor.

**AYLESBEARE ANNUAL MEETING.**

Between 50 and 60 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devonshire Guild on Dec. 1st at Topsham. The bells were kept going before and after tea, and the methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor. The service in St. Margaret's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Guy Unliday), and an impressive address was given by the president (the Rev. E. V. Cox), who based his remarks on the inscription on the second bell at the Priory, Christ Church. The wives and friends of the local band kindly entertained the company to tea.

In the absence through indisposition of the chairman (the Rev. E. A. Jullian), the Rev. E. V. Cox presided. The secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted. The Rev. E. A. Jullian and Mr. R. Brook were re-elected, respectively, as chairman and hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. Skinner was unanimously elected as Ringing Master for the coming year. Owing to the revision of the rules, three members were elected as representatives to the General Committee, Miss Goodman, Miss Lomas and Mr. John Hayman. The Rev. W. N. Mitchell, Rector of Clyst St. George, was elected an honorary member, and four associate members were elected. The next meeting was fixed for Whimble on Saturday, February 23rd. The president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and use of the bells, the organist and choir for their attendance, and the ladies who presided over the tea tables. The secretary thanked the president for presiding over the meeting and for his address in the church.

**EXETER'S ENCOURAGING YEAR.****SCARCITY OF PEALS THROUGH BELLS NOT AVAILABLE.**

The art of change ringing is progressing in the Exeter District of the Devon Guild. The annual meeting at St. David's, Exeter, on December 8th, was very encouraging. The service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Esdaile Burkill), was followed by tea in the Institute, where 70 were present.

Mr. C. G. Glass (chairman) presided at the business meeting. The secretary's report showed progress. Several hands had learnt to ring something different from Grandsire and Stedman, but peals were scarce through members not being able to get permission to ring the bells. The membership of the branch was well maintained, the youngest member to gain his certificate being just 12 years of age. The officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. Glass, chairman; W. H. Howe, secretary and treasurer; W. A. Wills, assistant secretary. The following were elected to the General Committee of the Guild: Mr. E. W. Biffin (St. Thomas'), Mr. J. Ridler (Thorverton) and Mr. E. J. Ryall (Christow). Votes of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success concluded the meeting.

The bells of the various towers in the city, including the Cathedral, were kept busy during the evening.—W. H. H.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES.**

The meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on December 1st, was a very enjoyable affair, some 40 ringers attending. The bells were kept going in a good variety of methods. At the business meeting, which followed tea, Mr. C. H. Kippin presided, in the unavoidable absence of the District Master. The secretary announced that it was hoped to arrange a mid-week meeting at Mitcham on Wednesday, January 9th, and also that the annual district meeting would be held at Croydon on Saturday, January 26th. The general secretary stated that the augmented peal of eight bells at Lingfield was being dedicated on Saturday, December 15th, and appealed for a good attendance. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the ladies who prepared such an excellent tea, and to Mr. Hardy for making local arrangements and giving the association such a warm welcome to Lambeth. The tower was again visited for some more ringing until 9 o'clock, with a short break at 7.30, when most ringers present attended evensong, the Vicar giving a very appropriate address.

**SURREY MEMBERS AT MERSTHAM.**

The famous old peal at Merstham was visited by the Southern District of the Surrey Association on December 8th, when about 30 members were present. Those who were not inclined to climb the steep stairs to the belfry spent an interesting afternoon with Major Williams, who gave an account of the history of the church and pointed out the chief features.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the Master (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) presided at the business meeting, when three new members were elected. Two peals were reported, both being first peals as conductor. The next quarterly peal is to be attempted at St. John's, Redhill, with Mr. W. Claydon as conductor. Notice was given that the next district meeting would be held at Horley in January, if tower available, or as an alternative Betchingley. Members were reminded of the rededication service of Lingfield bells next Saturday.

Mrs. Birt then gave an account of how she spent last Christmas Day in South Africa and the homely feeling produced when the sound of a single bell was heard coming from a mission church about twelve miles away. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Wilkinson) for the use of the bells, to Major Williams and to Mr. and Mrs. Birt for their kindness in inviting the members and their wives to tea.

After some change ringing on the handbells, a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector. Ringing then continued in various methods until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

**DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM WISKENS.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. Wiskens, who passed away on December 4th at the age of 66, after a long illness borne with much fortitude. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, and was for 41 years a member of the Diss Company. His death took place on the 40th anniversary of his first peal.

The funeral was at Diss Cemetery on December 8th, and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by the following: C. J. More 1-2, E. F. Poppy 3-4, G. Archer 5-6, D. Whiting 7-8. Among the floral tributes was a beautiful wreath from his ringing colleagues.

On Sunday afternoon eight members of the Diss Company rang with the bells half-muffled a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples as follows: G. Archer 1, F. Roper 2, E. Bennett 3, C. J. More (conductor) 4, A. G. Harrison 5, D. Whiting 6, W. Chenery 7, W. Musk 8.

**GOOLE WELCOMES YORKSHIRE RINGERS.**

Goole gave a very cordial welcome to the 30 members who attended the quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association on December 8th. Ten towers, apart from the local company, and visitors from Barton-on-Humber and Gainsborough, were present. The service held in church was conducted by the Rev. F. W. H. Jessop, Vicar of Wressle, a former curate of Goole, who gave a very interesting address, telling how he was thrilled by the sound of bells during his ministry in Canada, which reminded him of home. Tea was partaken of at the Sydney Hotel, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. F. W. H. Jessop. One new member was elected, Bernard Hartley, of Easington. On the motion of Mr. F. Dale, seconded by Mr. F. Cryer, York was selected as the place for the annual district meeting, subject to the necessary permission being granted by the Dean and Chapter.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer and seconded by Mr. F. Dale, and responded to by the Rev. F. W. H. Jessop, and a vote of thanks to the local company was proposed by the secretary (Mr. W. S. Morley), seconded by Mr. A. E. West. Mr. Drake, in his reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the association to Goole. The methods rung during the meeting were Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Minor, Plain Bob Major and Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

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The first peal in this method was rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, on November 29th, conducted by L. G. Brett.

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**BROUGHTON BELLS REHUNG.**

December 4th was a red letter day for the people of Broughton, Hampshire, as it saw the completion of the restoration of the church bells, for which the church authorities and villagers have been working to raise funds for some time. The old ring of five have been restored and rehung in modern fittings and a new treble added, making a handy ring of six with a tenor of 12 cwt.

The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton, and the church was crowded; the opening touch was rung by the King's Somborne ringers, by special request of the Rector of Broughton. Ringers were present from Bishopstoke, King's Somborne, Lockerley, Nether Wallop, Romsey, Stockbridge and Winchester. The bells were available for ringing after the dedication service.

The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in their usual efficient style.

**FARNHAM DISTRICT AT ALDERSHOT.**

The light peal of eight (tenor 8½ cwt.) at Aldershot was well employed at the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Aldershot on December 1st. The service, fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (Canon H. Le Fleming, R.D.). Tea, prepared by the local lady ringers, was very well served in the Parish Hall. At the business meeting, two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. P. Connor and E. Symonds, of Aldershot. The gathering stood in silence to the memory of Canon R. W. H. Stuart, an honorary member, of Bagshot, and Mr. G. T. Pearce (Hascombe). The district's retiring officers were renominated for 1935. Votes of thanks were passed to all responsible for the meeting arrangements. Owing to a church service, the tower was not available until 7 p.m., but handbell ringing, dancing and musical games were enjoyed for about an hour. The bells were rung down, after a good practice of standard methods, at 9 p.m.

**A RINGER'S WEDDING.**

From 'down Somerset way' comes the news this week of the wedding at Winsford Parish Church of Mr. William G. Newberry, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Newberry, of Dulverton, and Miss Dora Frances Veysey, fifth daughter of the late Mr. G. Veysey and Mrs. Veysey, of the Post Office, Winsford. The bride's father was a keen member of the local band of ringers, and Mr. Tom Newberry is one of the old-timers in the Dunster Deanery Association. His son, who lives at Ashted, Surrey, shares his father's enthusiasm. Throughout the afternoon and evening the bells rang out their message of good wishes and happiness. The wedding presents included a mirror from the Leatherhead ringers and a case of spoons and forks from the ringers at Ewell.

**BELLS FOR CHURCH.**

'Treble's going . . . gone!' The sally leaps from my hand, And full five hundredweight of metal Curtseys at my command. The mighty motion rocks and sways The tower of the church, But the gliding ropes are quiet and straight As a group of sapling birch, While the tireless sallies soar aloft, Pause, and come down again, And over the city chimneys drifts A rhythmical refrain. O where is born the music That arises when we ring? Not in the ghostly belfry Where the great bells crash and swing, Not in the grey begrim'd tower Where the starlings wheeze and croak, Not in the silent team of men With their eye on each other's stroke, But the angels of God that wait behind The altar at evening prayer Spread their pinions and mount above The steeple and hover there, And knowing our wish they chant a Heavenly Summons far and wide To come and worship the living God In His house at eventide.

**SUSSEX MEETING AT WISBOROUGH GREEN.**

As the outcome of a meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association at Wisborough Green, on November 17th, the association is to be asked to provide a printed form of service similar to those in use by other associations. The suggestion was made by Mr. Walter Charman, who presided.

Thirty-seven members attended, and good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, the following towers being represented: Arundel, Billingshurst, Heene, Kirdford, Lower Beeding, Rudgwick, Shoreham, Turners Hill, Warnham, West Grinstead and the local band.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Edwards), who was thanked for the use of the bells.

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## ROYAL WEDDING TOUCHES.

**WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On November 30th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,272 changes): Eric Thorpe 1, James Upton 2, Joseph E. Taylor 3, William Thorpe 4, Thomas W. Thorpe 5, Joseph H. Beale (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who has completed 28 years as clerk and sexton at the above church. Longest length in the method by the ringer of the treble. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

**CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.**—On November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Cook 1, T. Skinner 2, A. Wiles 3, H. Huntley 4, A. Aylward 5, A. Longley 6, E. H. Everest (conductor) 7, L. E. Everest 8.

**CHICHESTER.**—At the Cathedral Campanile, on November 29th, 504 Oxford Bob Triples: H. W. Stovold 1, H. T. Wisdom 2, T. A. Doick 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, G. Marshall 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. W. Arthur 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

**ROCKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.**—On November 29th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. West 1, \*J. Wardle 2, P. Jervis 3, \*G. Graham 4, \*H. Nelson 5, \*W. Haywood 6, A. Tomlinson 7, T. A. Howes-Smith (conductor) 8. \* First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Leonard on November 29th, 720 changes of Kent Treble Bob: William Sharp 1, Mark Broomfield 2, Arthur H. White 3, Ernest Trusler 4, Herbert Steele 5, Frank Trusler (conductor) 6.

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—On November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Diplock 1, G. Mansbridge 2, H. Richardson 3, W. Stenning 4, G. Masters 5, G. Lucas 6, J. Fiest (conductor) 7, J. Woolgar 8. Also as a compliment to W. Stenning on the 44th anniversary of his wedding.

**THORVERTON, DEVON.**—At the Parish Church on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Dymont (first quarter) 1, R. B. Ford, jun. 2, B. Milford (first quarter) 3, H. Pook 4, H. Corry (conductor) 5, J. Ridler 6, F. Milford 7, R. B. Ford, sen. 8.

**HIGHLEY, WORCS.**—At St. Mary's Church, a 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. Howe 1, J. Davies 2, E. Brown (conductor) 3, W. Turner 4, W. B. Unitt 5, J. Blount 6. First 720 for all except conductor. First 720 to be rung by a local band.

**STAGSDEN, BEDS.**—At St. Leonard's Church on December 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: H. Clark 1, P. G. Bonnett (conductor) 2, T. Welch 3, H. Welch 4, P. L. Bazley 5, A. Welch 6. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, also as a compliment on the birth of a son and heir to the wife of the ringer of the 5th.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**STURRY, KENT.**—As a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and for evening service, on December 2nd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: Miss A. Slingsby 1, R. H. Maile 2, E. Banks 3, W. Thompson 4, R. G. Maile 5, H. R. French (conductor) 6.

**APSLEY END, HERTS.**—At St. Mary's Church on December 2nd, 720 St. Clement's Minor: W. Feasey 1, W. Puddifoot 2, E. Upton 3, A. V. Good 4, G. Bruce 5, F. Tompkins (conductor) 6. First in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5, and first as conductor in method.

**LLANERADACH, GLAM.**—At All Saints' Church for patronal festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Cassel 1, W. Waters 2, G. Gwillim 3, J. Gwillim 4, S. Bailey 5, G. Morse 6, F. Stevens (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Henrichson 8.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel on December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Frank Hiscork 1, John E. Philbrick 2, Cuthbert W. H. Powell (conductor) 3, Henry G. Keeley 4, Frank Price 5, George H. Whitmore 6, Frank E. Blackmore 7, Walter Sartin 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Sherborne for Confirmation.

**BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.**—At St. John's Church, on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Waylen 1, F. Townsend 2, Miss F. Child 3, H. Bennett 4, P. Witham 5, E. T. Griffin 6, A. G. Rose 7, H. Mitchell (conductor) 8. Rung on the church's dedication anniversary, and on the occasion of the dedication of the new processional cross.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—At the Parish Church, on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Kent Major (1,284 changes): M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1, G. N. Ives, Braintree, 2, D. A. Symonds 3, A. Symonds 4, W. Jarvis 5, A. P. Ballard, Cavendish (first quarter-peal in the method), 6, L. Pryke 7, F. A. Turner 8.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. A. Burnett 1, J. H. Cassidy 2, C. H. Shepherd 3, F. W. Stemp 4, W. Barlow (Rifle Brigade) 5, E. G. Williams 6, E. R. Warner 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.

**SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.**—At All Saints' Church on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Minor (consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): J. Myhill 1, Miss A. White 2, O. Longley 3, A. R. Gardiner 4, W. Prall 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6. Arranged for Mr. A. R. Gardiner, who was on a visit to Springfield from St. Osyth, and also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

## STRIKING IN SURPRISE METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Trollope's article re striking of bells, and agree with most of it, but not with the part which seems to suggest that Surprise ringing is conducive to bad striking. I have always found the reverse of that in our own tower, and that ringing the more difficult methods keeps the ringers more alert and better striking results than in the simple methods. Especially is this the case in peal ringing, because in many Surprise methods a little error soon puts a stop to the peal, whereas in Kent Treble Bob or Bob Major, after having a very bad time (even to the extent of a salvo of fring), the bells can be brought into coursing order. The bells then come home in fine style, and the anguish is forgotten in the joy of another peal coming into the (ringing) world. In proof of this some of the best-struck peals in which I have had the pleasure of taking part have been in some of the new Surprise methods rung by our band, while two of the very worst were in the good old Bob Major methods. In my opinion a bad striker in Surprise ringing is a bad striker in any other method, and vice versa. If there is bad striking the fault lies with the individual ringer and not with the method rung.

T. W. LAST.

Helmingham, Suffolk.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A representative gathering of ringers attended the annual district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry at Fulbourn on December 1st. The Rev. T. H. Hennessey (Rector) conducted the service and afterwards generously entertained the company to tea.

At the business meeting, Mr. C. W. Cook was re-elected District Ringing Master, Miss K. Willers district secretary, and Messrs. T. R. Dennis, E. G. Hibbins, F. Hurry, H. L. Martin and P. Webb to the District Committee. Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith, of the Cambridge University Guild, was elected a member of the association. It was decided to hold a meeting at Old Chesterton on January 12th. Mr. Cook stated that St. Benedict's bells were being rung for morning prayer on alternate Sundays. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, organist (Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith) and to Mr. Martin for blowing the organ. Ringing followed the meeting.

## NORTHAMPTON RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

By kind invitation of the Rev. R. Howes, a party of ringers from Northampton visited the charming village of Cold Higham on December 1st. On arrival, the Rector conducted the party over the ancient church, describing features of historical interest. During the afternoon and evening the sweet-toned ring of six were kept going to Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob by the following members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Rev. R. Howes, W. Rogers, H. Key, J. Burston, W. Atterbury, G. Bannard, W. H. Ashby and Miss Howes. The party was entertained to tea by the Rev. R. and Mrs. Howes at the Rectory, who were heartily thanked for their kind hospitality by Mr. W. Rogers. Replying, Mr. Howes said he felt indebted to the Northampton ringers for the help given in his effort to master the intricacies of change ringing.

## A MYSTERIOUS SOCIETY.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Can you or any one of your readers inform me about a society whose headquarters appear to be either in Loughborough or Leicester? They meet once a year about this time at a feed, either dinner or supper—it might be supper, bed and breakfast. Once it was named the Syston Turkey Do, another time the Loughborough Cock Supper, now it has changed to the Leicester Duck Dinner.

The number of birds for this feed appears to be out of all proportion to the number of members present. How can I join the society? Who are its officers? Invitations are issued, but no price for a ticket is required and no one is allowed in without one. I hear on one occasion a non-member was present, a roll call was made, the non-member ran to earth and most unceremoniously ejected. It certainly is one of the most secret and exclusive societies I have come across.

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## RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN WEST WORCESTERSHIRE.

All the officers were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Malvern Link on December 8th. Ringing took place during the afternoon, tea follow at 'The Link' Dining Rooms, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Miss Osborne and other friends, and at the meeting Upton-on-Severn was selected for the spring meeting.

Evensong was attended by the ringers, at which the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Hill) gave a very inspiring address. Afterwards the ringers again visited the tower. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

## NOTICES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTICES of Meetings inserted under this heading is at the rate of 3d. per line (average 8 words) per insertion, with the minimum charge of 1/6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. Canon C. E. Bryce). All ringers welcome. Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's (R.C.), Brownedge, on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) arranged for all who notify Mr. R. Hardacre, 24, St. Mary's Road. Meeting after tea. All ringers welcomed.—J. Charnock, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-West Division. — The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me. — H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73 Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Sat., December 15th. Bells available 3.0 p.m. Service 5.0 p.m., and tea 5.30 p.m. to all who send in their names to E. Ford, 18, Cloverdale Square, Smithills, Bolton. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The last meeting of the year will be held on Saturday, December 15th, at Shilton, near Coventry. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at five o'clock in the school, 1s. per head.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Theale on Saturday, December 15th. Preacher, Rev. Canon B. Long, of Whitchurch. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m., 9d. Please notify T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, number for tea.

LINGFIELD, SURREY. — The ring of eight, augmented from five, and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated on Saturday, December 15th, at 3 p.m., by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Woolwich. All ringers welcome. Tea provided. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. Wallis, Mount Pleasant, High Street, Lingfield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, Malvern.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, December 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Annual reports ready.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wigan Parish Church, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Poolstock St. James' bells will be available after tea. A good attendance is requested.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, December 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meetings after.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

BEDFONT, MIDDLESEX.—The ring of six (tenor 8 cwt.), restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Middlesex on Sunday, December 16th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—New treble and two new tenors added to complete ring of eight (tenor 11 cwt.); three bells recast and the eight bells hung in a new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. Dedication by the Rev. H. C. Perry, Chaplain of Bedford School, on Wednesday, December 19th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

OSSETT, YORKS.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Wakefield at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells available 7-9 p.m. The former ring of eight has been recast and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. A Ringers' Day will be announced later.

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**ST. STEPHEN'S-BY-SALTASH, CORNWALL.**—On Saturday, December 22nd, at 3 p.m., the Ven. Archdeacon of Bodmin will dedicate the ring of six bells which have been restored and hung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Wednesday, December 26th. Bells (10) available during the afternoon and evening. Service in the Cathedral at four o'clock, followed by tea in the Prebendal House. Business meeting afterwards.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**CAMBERWELL.**—The St. Giles' ringers will be at home on Boxing Day, December 26th, from 10.30 to 1 p.m. All ringers are welcome on this occasion.—W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, December 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Gilby's Tea Rooms, High Street. Service at 6 p.m. Ringing after.—A. W. Groves, Amhurst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Watford, January 19th, 1935. Full particulars later.—C. H. Horton, 63, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

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#### BIRTH.

**CARTWRIGHT.**—To Mr. and Mrs. William B. Cartwright, of Harborne, Birmingham, a son, on December 9th.

#### DEATH.

**PEARSON.**—At Campsall House, Pontefract, on December 8th, Kate Pearson, aged 75 years, widow of the late William Pearson.

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**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—At the Parish Church, on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. C. Chandler 1, F. J. Cattermoul 2, W. H. Stevens 3, C. S. Bird 4, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 5, E. R. Gladman 6, D. R. May (first quarter-peal 'inside') 7, W. A. Lewis 8. Composed by E. Behens, of Melbourne, Australia.

**FRITTENDEN, KENT.**—At the Parish Church, on November 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Arthur Falding 1, Mrs. Baker 2, Harry Baker 3, Frederick Morris 4, Nelson C. Bourne (conductor) 5, Sidney Harmer (first quarter-peal) 6.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**—At St. George's, Wilton, on November 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. J. Wyatt 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, A. W. Hayward 3, W. T. Clarke 4, S. P. Merson 5, W. A. Sivier 6, S. G. Coles (conductor) 7, H. J. Moggridge 8. Rung to welcome home Mr. A. S. Wyatt, a member of the Wilton band, who was married at Diss, Norfolk, to Miss D. Porcher, on November 26th.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. E. Lankester 1, G. M. Kilby 2, Mrs. P. Humphrey 3, T. J. Lock (conductor) 4, W. F. Holloway 5, J. H. Botham 6, E. H. Kilby 7, H. Kilby 8.

**ROUSHAM, OXON.**—At the Parish Church, on September 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Harry Adams 1, Corbet Scarrott 2, Herbert Adams 3, Frederick W. Pritchett (conductor) 4, George Cuss 5, Lennard Lamer (first quarter-peal) 6. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Lily Adams, daughter of the ringer of the treble.

**LLANDOVERY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.**—After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Minor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), the first quarter-peal on the bells since being recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1933: G. Copnell (Bedwellty) (conductor) 1, G. Howell (Gorseinon) 2, G. I. Lewis (Cadoston) 3, D. J. Williams (Gorseinon) 4, E. Smith (Aberavon) 5, W. Dobbins (Gorseinon) 6.

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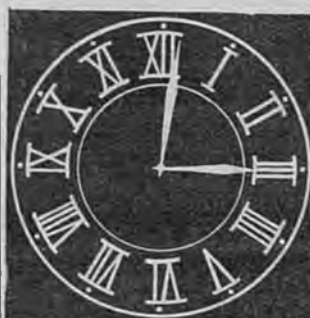
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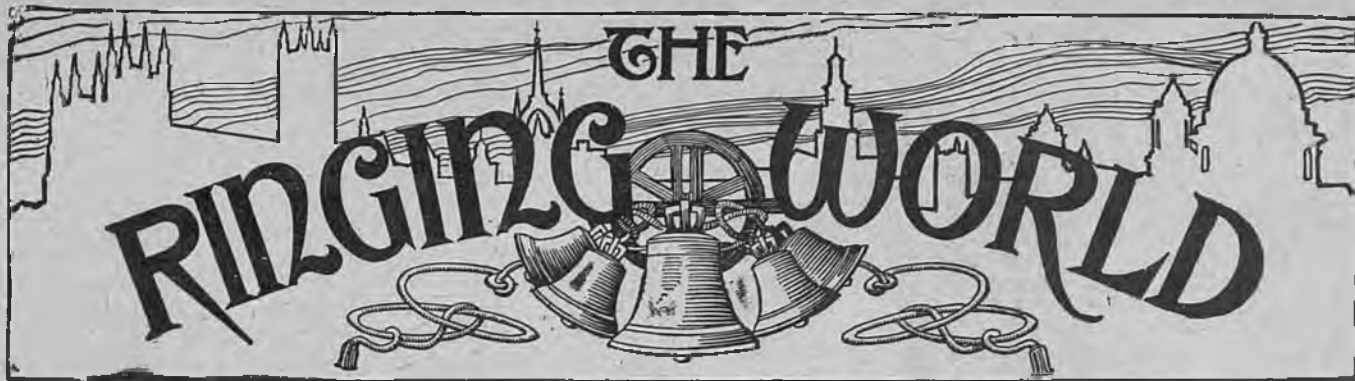
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## NOTES BY THE WAY.

I wonder whether people appreciate the historical articles which appear from time to time. Many, I fear, do not. I know one man, young, well educated, and not without brains, who would liefer read about the Middlesex Association of to-day than the College Youths of by-gone years, and would rather possess a cheque with my signature than a genuine letter signed by John Holt. But I hope there are others. To me the history of the Exercise is most fascinating. Not merely peal records, for they can be dreadfully monotonous, but the story of the ringers themselves, who they were and what they did. Partly, no doubt, the reason is that we know so little about them, and that little has to be won by sweat and labour. I have spent (shall I say wasted?) hours and hours in the British Museum trying to find out some few details, and I have read many a rare and strange book, not altogether without results. There was one of our earliest composers a man named Samuel Scattergood, the friend and contemporary of Fabian Stedman. He was a parson, and some of his sermons were printed in a book. I do not altogether recommend seventeenth-century sermons as exactly light reading, but I went through these—two volumes of them—and I had my reward, for I formed a clear and very favourable impression of the man. I was not always so lucky. Samuel Roe, who just two hundred years ago rang the tenor to a peal of Grand-sire Triples, was also a parson. He wrote a book in controversy with, or in opposition to, the great John Wesley. I attempted to read it, but I could not; it was worse than trying to eat sawdust. Nor could I read the "Miscellanea Critica," by Richard Dawes, one of the Cambridge Youths, who was fond of nut brown ale, went mad, and died. It is written in Latin, but it would have been all the same if it had been written in English, for it is a very learned book on the Greek language.

These are not the only ringers who have been authors. John Harrison, Master of the College Youths in 1644, wrote an account of Muley Abdala Melek, Sultan of Morocco, and very entertaining it is. He also published a book with the idea of converting the Jews to Christianity. Whether it had any success I do not know. I am not a Jew, but I imagine not.

A century later John Hardham was also Master of the College Youths. He rang in the first peals of Royal and Maximus ever accomplished. He was a tobacconist with a shop in Fleet Street near Ludgate Circus. He was also greatly interested in the theatre, wrote a play, and was a friend of David Garrick, the famous actor. Garrick made his fortune by advertising his snuff by interpolating refer-

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J. A. TROLLOPE.

## AUSTRALIAN TOUR PEALS.

HOBART, TASMANIA.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 3, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
JOSEPH HARDCASTLE ... 2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.  
First peal in the method outside the British Isles.

HOBART, TASMANIA.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	REV. A. A. BENNETT ... 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON  
\* First peal in the method. First peal of Bob Major in the Commonwealth.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE.

On Armistice Day, Sunday, November 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 3½ cwt.

*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 7
*MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	†JOHN W. SPENCER ... 8
†CHARLES SHARPLES ... 3	*GEORGE MARTIN ... 9
†MISS FREY SHIMMIN ... 4	†FRANK BROUGHTON ... 10
†JAMES L. MURRAY ... 5	*ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 11
†ARTHUR A. SAVAGE ... 6	†EDGAR B. KNOTT ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal of Cinques. ‡ First peal. First peal on twelve bells outside the British Isles. Rung by six Australian and six English ringers at the third attempt.

Specially rung to commemorate the Armistice and to celebrate the dedication of Victoria's Shrine of Remembrance by H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.—At the Parish Church of St. Andrew on November 30th for festival service, a quarter-peal, 1,320 changes, of Annable's London Surprise Minor: C. Thulbon 1. R. Knights 2. S. Few 3. C. Gimbert 4. F. Warrington (conductor) 5. G. Few 6. First quarter and longest length in the method on the bells and by all except the conductor (from Over), rest local.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL.**

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5091 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 9
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 4	ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 10
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 5	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 6	GEORGE H. YENDALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells and by all the band.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Alphege.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 2	*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 7
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 8
ROGER W. DANIEL ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 5	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. 8
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 4	MATRICE F. R. HIBERT ... .. 9
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 7
TOM SANDERS ... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 8
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 9
*WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 5	†FREDERICK MORRIS ... .. Tenor

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

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten. Birthday peal for Master Stanley Kenward, son of the ringer of the 6th. The composition, No. 162, is rung for the first time.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 6
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7
†MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 8
MRS. GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 9
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor. This is the first peal on ten bells by five married couples.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph.

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT BROWN ... .. Treble	HARVEY E. BURRELL ... .. 6
FRANK DEWEY ... .. 2	ARTHUR ELLIS ... .. 7
*FRANK P. HARWOOD ... .. 3	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 8
FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 9
†JAMES SHARPE ... .. 5	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal and first attempt.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*GEORGE WIGGIN ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
*HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
HERBERT RAMM ... .. 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 8
*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... .. 4	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 9
ROBERT W. E. DAWE ... .. 5	GEORGE ELPHICK ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Remigius.

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	WALTER R. FARROW ... .. 5
*CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. 2	*HERBERT C. READ ... .. 6
*HAROLD QUANTRILL ... .. 3	RUSSELL W. CORSON ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4	HARRY TOOKE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Oxford.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

ANNIE POTTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHUKER ... .. 5
WILLIAM HESKETH ... .. 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 6
ALFRED FROST ... .. 3	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. 7
THOMAS JONES ... .. 4	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by N. HEAPS.

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## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

*ALBERT GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble	*LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKKE ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. G. POWELL.

\* First in the method. First in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the royal wedding and also as a birthday compliment to Miss H. Gorrings.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	HORACE BELCHER ... .. 6
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1934, 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	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BUILE ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

## GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 6, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*E. WILSON ... .. Treble	W. H. BARBER ... .. 5
*R. H. HEWITT ... .. 2	*P. E. JOHNSON ... .. 6
R. PATINSON ... .. 3	*D. ARKLESS ... .. 7
*J. SNOWDON ... .. 4	J. STUART ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\* First peal. Local band with the exception of the 5th ringer. Rung to commemorate Canon H. S. Stephenson's (Rector) 25 years' ministry in Gateshead.

## MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Friday, December 7, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CLIFFORD BRADSHAW ... .. Treble	*VICTOR E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
BERNARD ALLSOP ... .. 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. BLAGSHAW ... .. 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... .. 7
*RAYMOND GREATORIX ... .. 4	*GAMES GILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

\* First peal.

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## ROYSTON, HERTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*SIDNEY BROWN ... .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 5
BERRY WAYMAN ... .. 2	TOM CASTLE ... .. 6
ALBERT E. SYMONDS ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 4	LEONARD FIDLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal in the method.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF OAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt. [ ]

JOHN ARBON ... .. Treble	*HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 6
*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

\* First peal in the method.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. Treble	H. ERNEST COX ... .. 5
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 2	*ALFRED T. PODLTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 4	REGINALD POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* 100th peal.

## FRITTENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... .. 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED J. BOYCE ... .. Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 5
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 2	† ERNEST F. WHITE ... .. 6
GEORGE WINTER ... .. 3	† FRANK GREEN ... .. 7
*NORMAN G. KNEE ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

## LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

KENNETH FORD ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
DAVID MACKAY ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS ROBINSON ... .. Treble	CHARLES BLACKBURN ... .. 5
JOHN ROBINSON ... .. 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 6
HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 7
JOHN W. GARDNER ... .. 4	*WILLIAM LEACH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. Thanks are due to the Vicar and others responsible for the excellent tea provided.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE GLOSSOP AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Whitfield,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JAMES L. BUCKLEY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR WHITING ... .. 5
*FRED MARSDEN ... .. 2	*FRED BOOTH ... .. 6
JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
†KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH

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

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 5
*SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 2	*H. WALTER SMITH ... .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

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

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 2	STEPHEN PARRY ... .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 7
GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Miss Bell is the first lady to ring in a peal on these bells.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

HENRY JENNINGS ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
JAMES TOPP ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Major in the method by the society.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HENRY G. BULLOCK ... .. Treble	NOAH REES ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	JOHN W. DAVIS ... .. 6
OLIVER THOMAS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 7
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4	CHARLES GOULDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\* First peal away from the tenor and was elected a member before starting. Rung as a birthday peal for the ringer of the second. Ringers of 1 and 2 are from All Saints', Newport, Mon.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*HENRY C. JONES ... .. Treble	*HAROLD BISHOP ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. REEVE ... .. 2	†FREDERICK WM. LEACH ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... .. 3	*CHRISTOPHER J. BADWICK ... .. 7
WALTER AYRE ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight. Rung for the jubilee of the association.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 10, 1934, 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;**

Containing 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate parts.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
JOHN P. FELLOE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. L. JAMES.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. Treble	H. ERNEST COX ... .. 5
JOHN CLARK ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 4	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Stedman Triples in the City of Hereford.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

AARON JONES ... .. Treble	FOREST T. MASSEY ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... .. 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... .. 5
HUBERT JONES ... .. 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN ... .. Tenor

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On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF OAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
The Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD BUSBY ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4
*JAMES T. TITT ... .. 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 5
†THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

## PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES WEAVERS ... .. Treble	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... .. 4
*GEORGE TRENDALL ... .. 2	ARTHUR RIPPINGALE ... .. 5
ALFRED BIRD ... .. 3	THOMAS BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

\* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells since the new treble was added to complete the ring of six.

## ONGAR, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Southwell, Coldstream, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Norwich, London and Ipswich. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 4
PHILIP H. AVEY ... .. 2	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 5
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

## HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Burton, Kent, Killamarsh, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingstone, Sandal and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIE GREEN ... .. Treble	JOHN W. CHAMPION ... .. 4
ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 2	DANIEL SMITH ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Rung directly following the dedication of the new electric clock to the Church of St. John in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Healey. The 2nd ringer has now completed the circle of this tower.

## CORBY, NORTHANTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's Oxford Bob and four 720's Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

*E. KENNETH GEARY ... .. Treble	HENRY PAYNE ... .. 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
HENRY FAULKNER ... .. 3	A. NORMAN GEARY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal.

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## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*THOMAS LEECH ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 4
†HERBERT G. CLAY ... .. 2	†HARRY VICKERS ... .. 5
WALTER LYCETT ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. ‡ First peal on a working bell. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, also for the festival of St. Andrew.

## MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's: (1) London Surprise; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (4) Double and Single Oxford; (5) Double and Single Court; (6) Double Bob and St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

DAVID TARGETT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 4
JOHN E. METCALFE ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
DAVID MACKAY ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

## LUDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two extents, ten variations of calling. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	*HERBERT C. READ ... .. 3
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 4
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman Doubles by the remainder. First peal on the bells. The heaviest bells turned into Doubles by the association.

## HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 4
*PERCY AMOS ... .. 2	A. NORMAN GEARY ... .. 5
*ALBERT L. WARD ... .. 3	JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

\* Longest length of Oxford Bob away from treble.

## WEYBREAD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT BARBER ... .. Treble	*CHARLES LOOME ... .. 4
STANLEY COPLING ... .. 2	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 5
*WILLIAM FLATT ... .. 3	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

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

## WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Woodbine and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*ARTHUR JERVIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	†RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 5
HARRY PARKER ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in four methods. Mr. G. H. Crawley's 100th peal and the conductor's 180th peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5087 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

*JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 1-2	HAROLD JACKSON ... 7-8
FREDERICK PAGE ... 3-4	ALFRED BARNES ... 9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6	PETER LAFLIN ... 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

\* First peal of Cinques 'in hand.'

WAVERTREE, LIVERPOOL.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At 7, STANMORE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings, forty-two 120's.

THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 1-2	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... 3-4
EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 5-6	

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRISS.

First peal 'in hand' for all.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... 1-2	HAROLD JACKSON ... 5-6
*JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 3-4	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7-8
PETER LAFLIN ... 9-10	

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Umpire—A. J. Bailey.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

**CORNISH TOURS RECALLED.****DEATH OF THE REV. R. H. SOWELL, OF ST. KEA.**

The death took place suddenly at St. Kea Vicarage, near Truro, on December 13th, of the Rev. R. H. Sowell, M.A., at the age of 73, but, although having passed the psalmist's allotted span, he was extremely active.

Mr. Sowell was a practical ringer, although he had done very little since the close of the Great War, when in September, 1918, his only son, Arthur D. Sowell, a very active young ringer, who had rung several peals in the standard methods, was killed in action. There is a stained glass window in St. Kea Church in his memory, and a brass tablet in the belfry records his work as a ringer.

In August last Mr. Sowell completed 25 years' ministry in the parish, and in September a peal of Stedman Triples was rung in honour of this by four tourists and Miss E. J. C. Angwin and Messrs. W. H. Southard, W. H. Sleeman and C. E. Lanxon, of Truro. The four latter, with Messrs. A. S. Roberts and W. E. Minors, assisted the local ringers when the bells were rung half-muffled after the funeral on Saturday afternoon last.

Mr. Sowell took special interest when a peal was attempted on his bells, and, if the peal was successful, would come to the tower and would state the exact time the peal had taken and pass his comments on the striking. He knew if a peal failed and would seldom be seen on such an occasion. In 1913 a touring band rang at St. Kea a peal of London Surprise Major, and the following morning one of Superlative, commencing at 6 a.m., conducted by Mr. William Pye and Mr. T. T. Gifton respectively, and the same week one of Grandsire Triples was conducted by Mr. John Thomas (Edmonton), when several local ringers, including the late A. D. Sowell, took part. This is the only time three peals have been rung within five days at a tower in Cornwall. After the peal last September, Mr. Sowell and Mr. Pye renewed acquaintance after a space of 21 years. The late Vicar was particularly pleased that the ringing was in honour of his 25 years' ministry, and entertained the band at the Vicarage afterwards.

Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Sowell in her loss, and the passing of such an incumbent removes one who would always grant the use of his bells at a moment's notice, simply because he understood the fascination of the art and the enthusiasm of ringers, whether it be for rounds or a peal attempt.

A. S. R.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION.**

To the Editor.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Alfred T. Poulton rang his 100th peal at Bridstow, Ross, Herefordshire, this week.

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. William Pye has had a breakdown in health, necessitating hospital treatment.

A letter sent to Mr. J. E. Bailey, of Dartford, has been returned to us through the Dead Letter Office. Will Mr. Bailey forward his correct address?

Mr. Norman Summerhayes, of Dartford, Kent, rang his first quarter-peal within four months of his first lesson in handling a bell. A very promising start.

Mr. G. Lindoff informs us that a composition of 5,056 Runnymede Surprise was credited to him. It had previously been published by Stephen H. Wood and should be so recorded.

Mr. John Dale, steeplekeeper of Hornchurch, Essex, has completed 50 years' service as a ringer. A congratulatory peal was rung on December 8th.

A band of railwaymen employed by the L.N.E.R. brought off a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields on December 15th.

Among the failures of the month to be recorded is the attempt at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, for a peal of Stedman Triples. Although the peal was lost, the usual shrimps were provided for the visitors, writes our correspondent.

Mr. J. L. Murray, captain of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, who rang his first peal of Cinques on Armistice Day, is 73 years of age. In 1890 he rang in the first peal in Australia—Grandshire Triples at Sydney.

The new chairman of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild is Canon E. W. J. Hellins and not Mr. E. W. J. Hellins as reported in our last issue. Canon Hellins is the Vicar of Marnhull, whose band of ringers have recently completed 38 years together.

The Editor and Staff of "The Ringing World"  
extend hearty Christmas Greetings to all ringers  
both near and far.

May the message of the bells be one of happiness  
throughout 1935.

The Rev. A. A. Bennett, now Rector of St. George's, Hobart, who rang in the peal of Bob Major at Holy Trinity Church, was formerly a Church Army Captain at Gloucester, where for a time he was hon. secretary of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. It is 12 years since he rang his previous peal.

The peal at Beddington, Surrey, by five married couples rung on December 8th is of interest to the Exercise. It is the first peal on ten bells by five married couples, and the selection of the method, Cambridge Surprise Royal, indicates the standing of those who participated. A special congratulation to Mrs. F. W. Housden, who registered her first peal under such happy circumstances.

## BOW BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Having read R. E.'s contribution re the record made of Bow Bells, I should like to ask, 'Has R. E., either before or since the restoration, had any personal experience on these bells?'

Having rung there occasionally since about 1909, I feel sure that his answer must be in the negative for both periods, otherwise he would neither have expressed his opinion on a past performance nor have made the suggestion he did for a future one.

Crayford.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, jun.

## FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Clifford Bradshaw.  
Raymond Greatorex.  
Victor E. Taylor.  
G. Gill.  
James Sharpe.  
E. Wilson.  
R. H. Hewitt.  
J. Snowden.  
P. E. Johnson.  
D. Arkless.  
William Leach.  
Miss Frey Shimmie.  
Mrs. Fredk. W. Housden.  
George Trendell.  
E. Kenneth Geary.

Matlock, Derby.  
Matlock, Derby.  
Matlock, Derby.  
Matlock, Derby.  
Boston, Lincs.  
Gateshead, Durham.  
Gateshead, Durham.  
Gateshead, Durham.  
Gateshead, Durham.  
Gateshead, Durham.  
St. Helens, Lancs.  
Melbourne, Australia.  
Beddington, Surrey.  
Pebmarsh, Essex.  
Corby, Northants.

# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

English Ringers' Magnificent Reception in Tasmania.

A GREAT AND MEMORABLE WEEK.

The English ringers, touring in Australia, spent a truly great week in Tasmania, where they were royally treated as guests of distinction and filled such a programme of engagements which nearly overwhelmed them. In addition to much sight-seeing and numerous social events, two peals were rung at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart.

visitors were greeted by the Acting Lord Mayor (the Lord Mayor himself being absent in Melbourne), and at which the Bishop and Dean were again present.

In the afternoon the Governor of Tasmania (Sir Ernest Clark) and Lady Clark received us very graciously at Government House, and thereafter there was a succession of entertainments that almost threatened to cut out ringing from the programme. In this most typically English of all the States of the Commonwealth we have felt



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HOBART, TASMANIA.

The Centenary of this church was celebrated last year. The tower contains a peal of eight bells, tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr., cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1847. Two peals of Grandsire Triples have been rung on them, both in December, 1890.

Their return to Melbourne was signalled by the first twelve-bell peal rung out of the British Isles—a peal of Grandsire Cinques on Armistice Day rung by six Australian and six English ringers.

Hobart.

November 8th, 1934.

The warmth of our reception and the cordiality of our treatment in Hobart will remain a lasting memory with those who have been privileged to enjoy it. Almost immediately after our arrival, we were given a parochial reception in Holy Trinity Church Hall, attended by about a hundred parishioners and residents in other parts of Hobart, at which, in addition to Archdeacon Blackwood, who is Rector and president of the Bellingers' Society, there were also present the Bishop of Tasmania (Dr. Hay), the Dean of Hobart (Dr. Rivers) and the Rev. A. A. Bennett (formerly of Gloucester and now Rector of the parish of St. George, Hobart). The following morning there was a civic reception at the Town Hall, when the

ourselves to be thoroughly at home; we have received great, open-hearted hospitality, and we leave the island with many lasting friendships cemented, and, we hope, some encouragement to the art of ringing in Hobart.

For the elaborate arrangements made for our entertainment we have specially to thank Mr. A. R. Wilson, the enthusiastic hon. secretary of the Holy Trinity Society, who was backed up cordially by Archdeacon Blackwood, the ringers and a host of friends, and to all these we express our deep indebtedness, although words are quite inadequate to convey our appreciation of the many kindnesses extended to us.

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We left Melbourne on Wednesday afternoon (October 31st) and reached the Tasmanian port of Launceston, which lies 40 miles up the River Tamar, at 8 a.m. We were told that our passage across Bass Strait, a much dreaded piece of water, had been a 'fairly good one.' If it could be called a fairly good trip when a ship rolls until her cabin portholes are under water, we wondered what a bad one might be like. Some of the party found out on the return journey. From Launceston to Hobart is 120 miles, a normal five hours' journey

by the 'boat express.' We travelled by the 'boat express,' but what with the engine wilting on the steep inclines (probably under Rupert's weight), and having to get a fresh engine to complete the journey, we were 6½ hours getting to Hobart. But it is a very charming train ride; the first part being a gradual climb to about 1,250ft. through English-like pastoral country, gay with hawthorn and gorse. The second part of the trip, down the steeper side of the mountain, is through bush land, on a winding track that follows the curves of the hills and often almost folds back upon itself. The railway has a gauge of only 3ft. 6in., but the carriages are of normal width.

When eventually we reached Hobart, there were many new friends on the platform to meet us, with cars ready to take us to the home of our appointed hosts. Members of the congregation accommodated us and were lavish in their hospitality. We were provided with free passes on the city trams, by the courtesy of the City Council, and this incidentally enabled the visitors during the week to take opportunities of seeing some of the beauty spots in the suburbs. Even printed programmes, with full information for the forthcoming days, were handed round—so complete were the arrangements for our convenience and comfort.

The bells of Holy Trinity, Hobart, were sent out from the White-chapel Foundry in 1847, and they were transported from the wharf to the church, which stands in a high and dominating position, by a team of six bullocks. The tenor is 9 cwt. 3 gr. 1 lb., and bears the inscription, 'Their sound has gone out into all lands and their words unto the end of the world.' For a peal cast at that period they are quite a good little ring in tone, but they lack breath. They have been rung from the earliest days, but change ringing found no home in Hobart until towards the end of the century.

Then in 1890 there was a visit of Melbourne ringers, of which visiting band Mr. J. L. Murray is still in active connection with ringing as captain of St. Paul's Society. They rang two peals of Grandsire Triples (Davies' Five-Part and Holt's Ten-Part) during a four days' stay. Only one peal had been rung before that in Australia, and that by the Melbourne ringers on a visit to Sydney earlier in the same year.

In the preceding year Hobart ringers had been invited to Melbourne to assist in the opening of St. Paul's Cathedral bells, their photographs hang in Holy Trinity tower to-day, and they are curious as revealing the fact that they rang in a kind of loose uniform coat. It was of striped black and white material, and made the ringers look like a team of footballers. Four of that company are alive to-day—45 years after—and were among those who gave us a great welcome at Holy Trinity Parish Hall on the night of our arrival.

Archdeacon Blackwood presided over this gathering, at which a number of speeches of welcome were made: Archdeacon Blackwood for the parish, the Rev. A. A. Bennett for the other churches in Hobart, Messrs. E. A. Rogers and H. L. D'Emden (former ringers, who were in the band that visited Melbourne in 1889), Mr. A. Jerrim (churchwarden) and Mr. M. Crawford for the Church of England Men's Society.

Mr. W. H. Fussell acknowledged the greetings, and said the party would carry away happy memories of their welcome to Tasmania.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith presented to Holy Trinity Society the two albums of photographs of English cathedrals and churches brought as a gift from the ringers of the old country to the ringers of Hobart as a tangible expression of their affection and goodwill. This gift was suitably acknowledged by Archdeacon Blackwood, and the Rev. W. Walters then handed to Holy Trinity Society a framed photograph of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. He said he knew nothing of Mr. Davies as a ringer, but he knew of him as an astronomer and as president of the British Astronomical Association from 1923-1925. Learning that Mr. Davies was the composer of the first peal rung in Hobart, he thought the most fitting place for it would be in Holy Trinity ringing chamber.

Mr. Goldsmith said it was a strange coincidence that that portrait should have been presented that night, for among the gifts which the English ringers had brought out was one from Mrs. Davies (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' widow), which was an album of views of Tewkesbury Abbey, where Mr. Davies learned to ring and where he was buried, supplemented by photographs of the ringers' memorial chapel and the memorial tablet.

Other gifts in the shape of books on bells and ringing were presented to the society, and Mr. W. H. Fussell, on behalf of the visiting ringers, handed to Mr. A. R. Wilson a suitably engraved silver bell inkstand, to mark their gratitude for all he had done to make the visit an enjoyable one.

Mr. Wilson, who was taken by surprise, thanked the visitors for their very handsome gift.

During the evening a programme of music was carried out and a number of views of Tasmania screened by Mr. E. T. Emmett, Director of the Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau.

On the morning after our arrival we were accorded a civic welcome at the Town Hall. The Lord Mayor was in Melbourne for the centenary proceedings, but supporting the Deputy Lord Mayor were a number of the civic dignitaries, the Lord Bishop of Tasmania, Archdeacon Blackwood and the Dean of Hobart. The Deputy Lord Mayor

gave the visitors a cordial welcome to Tasmania, and hoped they would be able to see a good deal of the island during their stay. Tasmanians were proud of the fact that the country was more like England than any other State in the Commonwealth. He hoped the visit would provide many pleasant and happy memories.

The Bishop, in the name of the diocese, extended a cordial welcome to the visitors. He said they would find Tasmania a replica of England, for many English trees flourished here, and even the weather at times resembled that of England. Also there were some very old churches—old as they counted things in Australia. There was one difference, however, they had not the peals of bells in Tasmania. The glorious sound of the traditional bells of England was never to be forgotten, but here the only peal was at Holy Trinity, although there was a move well under way for the extension of the tower and provision of bells at St. David's. It was a special privilege to welcome the visitors, because it was the first time they had had a visit of bellringers from England.

Archdeacon Blackwood, as Rector of Holy Trinity, and president of the Bellringers' Association, supported the previous speakers, and said they were looking forward very much to the visit, and the attempts to ring peals at Holy Trinity.

The Dean of Hobart said he had a special personal interest in the visit of the bellringers, because they contemplated procuring a peal of bells for St. David's Cathedral. It was expected to commence the tower of the Cathedral in a few weeks, and to have the bells about 18 months later. It was very difficult to get expert advice in this regard, and, therefore, it was a delight to have some of the best English ringers visiting the city.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, on behalf of the party, said they deeply appreciated the kind expressions and warm welcome, and the generous efforts made to ensure the success of their tour. Mentally and physically, bellringing was a beautiful exercise, but there was a far deeper meaning. It was a part of the church work and closely connected with the spiritual welfare of any parish. In England bells had been associated with the life of the nation for centuries, and no other country had been able to emulate the English art. Her ringers were loyal to the Church and the State, and they marked all the important dates by giving a peal on the bells.

He deplored the use of machine-worked bells, and said there was hardly a cathedral in England which would tolerate a carillon. They all had the fine deep and sonorous bells rung by hand. He hoped that they would ensure the installation of a proper peal of bells at St. David's Cathedral to enhance its dignity and character, and that they would be rung in the same manner in which their forefathers had carried on the work. He suggested that ten bells, with 1½ tons tenor, should be procured.

Members of the party rang a course of Grandsire Caters on hand-bells at the close of the function, which was much appreciated. The Deputy Lord Mayor then conducted the visitors on a motor drive around the Queen's Domain, a great hilly space which by admirable foresight has been preserved to the public for ever.

In the afternoon a visit was paid to the Beaumaris Zoo, round which a tour was specially conducted by Mr. Reid, the curator, who explained the habits and characteristics of many of the denizens.

From here the party went on to Government House, where they were graciously received by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Ernest Clark) and Lady Clark. Capt. I. Matheson, A.D.C. and private secretary, and Commander Beatty, hon. A.D.C., were in attendance, and others present were the Lord Bishop and Mrs. Snowden Hay, the Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood and the Rev. A. A. Bennett. His Excellency was very interested in the ringers' visit, and was photographed with the party, who were entertained to tea in the luxurious drawing room.

It had been determined to make the first attempt for a peal at Holy Trinity Church in the evening, and a start was made for Kent Treble Bob Major. It was found that all the bells had a very short pull at hand, which did not make ringing an easy task, despite the light weight of the bells, but the peal seemed well within reach when, after 2 hours 50 minutes, with only another course to go, the treble rope unexpectedly slipped wheel and the bell set up! The ringers were: W. Linter 1, Mrs. R. Richardson 2, Rev. E. B. James 3, C. Sharples 4, W. H. Fussell 5, J. S. Goldsmith 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, R. Richardson 8. It was a great disappointment to everyone, but it proved a greater disappointment to me afterwards, for as it turned out afterwards it robbed me of my only opportunity of scoring a peal in Tasmania.

Next day, to my chagrin, I was stricken down with a heavy attack of influenza, which kept me in bed for five days, caused me to miss all the delightful programme arranged for our interest and pleasure, and detained me on the island two days after the departure of the rest of the party. But it had its compensations, for it revealed how very kind good friends can be. Everyone was solicitous for my well-being, and I have specially to thank Miss Wilson (sister of the Holy Trinity Society's hon. secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould, who were constant in their ministrations.

Rupert, armed with brace and bit and screwdriver, spent the next morning among the bells, cutting new garter holes and readjusting the ropes. He effected a marvellous improvement.

On Saturday afternoon there was a visit to The Springs, a wonderful vantage point 2,500ft. up the side of Mount Wellington, from which a wonderful panorama of mountain and river scenery can be obtained, with Hobart spread out at one's feet.

It was decided to try for the peal again in the evening, Joe Hardecastle coming in to fill the vacancy, and this time it was successful in 3 hours 1 minute. It was, of course, the first time a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major had been rung outside the British Isles, and the ringers received the congratulations of the Archdeacon and members of the local society on its completion.

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On Sunday there was a crowded day, beginning at 8 a.m. with Corporate Communion and breakfast in the Parish Hall, presided over by Archdeacon Blackwood. There were about 40 present and the visitors were welcomed by Mr. E. McLagan, president of the C.E.M.S., the welcome being acknowledged by Mr. Fussell.

The visitors attended morning service at the Cathedral; specially broadcast Holy Trinity bells in the afternoon, Mr. Fussell giving a short talk prior to the performance. In the evening there was a special bellringers' service, which brought together a crowded congregation. Some special music was introduced and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. Banks James, who gave a most interesting address upon the science of bellringing and the message of the bells. He brought home with special emphasis the real use of church bells, which, he said, not merely called people to church, but proclaimed, in the loudest tones, praise of the Master. They were angels and messengers to people who listened; they conveyed messages of thanksgiving to God and of peace and goodwill on earth.

At the close of the sermon a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells in the chancel with fine effect, and was watched with great interest.

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On Monday, which was a public holiday in the island, the party made a trip to Tasmania's wonderful National Park, as guests of the Government. It is reached by a unique train journey, probably unsurpassed by its scenic beauty, and the visitors were provided with a special observation car at the end of the train. The National Park covers many square miles and contains, among other natural attractions, the Great Russell Falls, famed throughout Australia. For the facilities granted the party are much indebted to the Premier (the Hon. O. G. Ogilvie, K.C.) and his private secretary (Mr. E. H. Parkes).

Monday evening was spent as the guests of Hobart's Ringing Master (Mr. J. W. Quarmbay), and on Tuesday morning the second peal of Major in Tasmania was rung, when with the Rev. A. A. Bennett, formerly of Gloucester and now Rector of St. George's, Hobart, taking part, a 5,056 of Bob Major was successfully rung.

Those who were not too leg weary visited the chocolate factory of Messrs. Cadbury, Fry and Pascall in the afternoon, and all the ringers spent Tuesday evening in the belfry assisting the local men in change ringing. At present their limit is a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, but there is promising material in the band, and, with the help given and the aid of the books left with them, it is hoped soon to hear of further progress.

There was just one other fly in the ointment. On Wednesday morning, with the Rev. A. A. Bennett standing in and Mr. Quarmbay ringing the tenor, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made. Much of it was very passable stuff, with just a few irregular blows here and there by the tenor, but after 1 hour 54 minutes the 'drum' got down to lead and there was nothing left but to stop, to everyone's keen disappointment, and not least the veteran tenorman's.

In the afternoon, on the Master Warden's beautifully appointed launch, a trip round the wonderful natural harbour formed by the River Derwent, and capable of accommodating at one time all the navies of the world, was a treat greatly enjoyed, the party having tea on board. In the evening they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Peddar.

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The next morning the main body took a much regretted departure. The stay on the island had produced a marvellous display of hospitality, and it was with genuine reluctance that both hosts and visitors took leave of each other. Nothing had been spared to make the stay interesting, entertaining and happy, and the English party carry away with them the most delightful memories. Mere words cannot express their gratification for the kindnesses showered upon them.

But Bass Strait was not so kind in the blessing bestowed. The crossing on Thursday night found it in one of its foulest moods. The 'Nanana' rolled until her sides were under water; dived in head first till there seemed little left above water but her stern, and then sat up on her tail as if she were going to beg like a good doggy. The worst of it was she did nothing for long, and the travellers were bumped about in their bunks and so shaken up that at first some of them were afraid they were going to die. Afterwards they hoped they would.

They were two hours late in reaching Melbourne on Friday morning, missed their scheduled train to Geelong, and so upset the programme in that city; but about their visit there I must tell you later. Suffice it to say they did not find the bells pealable.

I rejoined them on the morning of Armistice Day in Melbourne, and had at any rate the compensation of a much smoother crossing of the Strait than they had experienced. Melbourne was crowded with Service men and civilians for the dedication of the Shrine of Remembrance—our task lay at St. Paul's Cathedral, where we rang the twelve bells half-muffled up to a quarter to eleven, and the tenor then tolled the hour for the two minutes silence. It must have been a poignant moment, for thousands assembled round that wonderful tribute to Victoria's men and women, 18,000 of whom went forth in the Great War and came not back.

But the tribute having been paid, a virile nation does not look back and continue to weep. It rejoices in victory and looks to the future; therefore, the rest of the ringing was done with bells open, and it is with the greatest gratification that I record the achievement of our greatest ambition on this tour. On the afternoon of Armistice Day six Australian ringers (who before this visit had never rung but a plain course) and six English rang the first peal of Cinques outside the British Isles. The original plan had been to ring it on this day, if possible, but as the time had drawn near it seemed doubtful if there would be sufficient interval between the services, and consequently the two abortive attempts, already reported, were made.

But it was kept to Armistice Day itself to achieve success, and it was a triumph which, with one accord it was agreed, was worth coming all the way to Australia to attain. The previous practices had shaped the band up, but at the last minute everything was in the balance, for the conductor was the sick man. He got up from his bed on Thursday; he had travelled 500 miles by train and sea during Saturday and Sunday morning; could he stand it? With a reshuffling of some of the positions to enable him to ring in front, he was willing to make the attempt in view of the importance of the occasion, but when he called 'This is all,' both his voice and his knees had almost gone. The success achieved, however, made all else matter nothing. The Australian ringers, and particularly Miss Frey Shimmin, whose first peal of any kind it was, deserve the utmost congratulation. It was a great feat for them, and the hope was expressed that this peal would be an inspiration to St. Paul's Society to go on and ring an 'All Australian' peal of Cinques in the near future.

THE EDITOR.

#### ROYAL WEDDING BELLS IN CANADA.

The Canadian mail this week has brought us an interesting letter from Mr. A. G. Limpus, of 208, Union Street, Vancouver, B.C., informing the Exercise that the bells of the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, were rung in Queens, rounds, Grandsire and fired to celebrate the wedding of Prince George and Princess Marina on November 29th. Those taking part were A. B. Lomas, T. Greenaway, R. H. Tapper, W. Sampson, G. Roberts, W. D. Bond, Mr. Bailey, Miss May Leech and A. O. Limpus.

Mr. Bond, an old ringer from Cheltenham, helped to instal the original French bells in 1900, and has been absent from the ringing chamber for 20 years, but at 73 he is still able to ring the tenor.

The wedding service in Westminster Abbey was heard clearly over the radio and repeated again at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Pacific time. 'The bells at the Abbey,' writes Mr. Limpus, 'I heard very clearly ringing rounds after the wedding and going off into changes as we were cut off. They seemed to be ringing very wide. I believe they are heavy bells, as we are told it would take three hours and twenty minutes to complete the peal of 5,040.'

#### DUDLEY GUILD AT BRIERLEY HILL.

##### DEATH OF MR. H. JOHNSON.

The inclement weather on December 8th was responsible for a smaller attendance than anticipated at the quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild at St. Michael's Church, Brierley Hill. There was 1½ hours' ringing previous to the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Herbert), who gave an eloquent address.

A company of 40 assembled for tea in the Schoolroom. At the business meeting the Rector presided, supported by Mr. H. Mason (vice-president), Mr. S. J. Hughes (hon. treasurer) and Mr. H. Sheppard (hon. secretary). A cordial welcome to Brierley Hill was extended by the Rector. Mr. Mason made feeling reference to the sudden death of Mr. H. Johnson, of Old Hill, which occurred early in the week, and was laid to rest that day. The secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to the family, and, on the suggestion of Mr. Mason, the members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of their respect.

The Rector of Brierley Hill was elected a honorary member, and the following belfry elections were ratified: Mr. W. Goodman (Dudley) and Mr. P. G. Martin (Blakenhall). It was decided that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Brierley Hill, the necessary arrangements as to method, time and date being left in the hands of Mr. John Lloyd (Brierley Hill). The next meeting, the annual, will be held at Dudley. Appropriate votes of thanks to the Rector, the Parochial Church Council for kindly providing the tea, the ladies, the organist and local ringers concluded the meeting. An adjournment was again made to the tower.

## ENGLISH MEDIEVAL BELL-FOUNDERS.

BY H. B. WALTERS, M.A., F.S.A.

In a previous article which I had the privilege of contributing to 'The Ringing World' I gave some account of the writers to whom we are indebted for our knowledge of the history of English church bells. Their books have done much to throw light on the various bell-founders and their productions, especially in medieval times, and readers of this paper may find interest in a short sketch of that subject.

The earliest records of bell-founding in this country go back to the latter part of the thirteenth century. It is true that there are not a few bells still hanging in our church steeples which are of an earlier date; but it is not until the end of this century that we hear of regularly

polish, where the names of founders first appear about 1280-1300.

Towards the end of the thirteenth century we find frequent mention in records (1297-1312) of a family of the name of Wymbish, who hailed from Essex and had their quarters in *Aldgate*, under the *aegis* of the Priory of the Holy Trinity. Three founders of the name cast bells which still exist and bear their names. Richard, who appears to have been the eldest, cast a bell for Goring in Oxfordshire which bears a prayer for Peter Quivil, Bishop of Exeter, and cannot be later than 1290. Five of his bells exist in other counties. Buckinghamshire contains five bells by Michael, who died about 1310, and there is one in Sussex by Walter de Wymbish, whose name is not otherwise recorded. Contemporary with them were



+POVEL (POTTE)R ME FIST. Lettering used by one of London's earliest bell founders, about 1300.

organised foundries in some of the principal towns. Records imply that hitherto a certain amount of bell-founding has been done in monastic centres such as Bury St. Edmunds, St. Albans, and Worcester; but apparently the earliest name of an actual bell-founder is that of Johannes le Bellyetere, who was *praepositus* (provost) of Bristol in 1236. His position shows that he must have been a man of some importance. At Gloucester the name of Hugh le Bellyetere occurs in 1275, and that of his daughter Christina some years later. There is a bell still existing at Besford in Worcestershire, which may be still work of the latter. Other thirteenth-century founders can be traced at Bridport and at Paignton in Devon.

The name *bellyetere*, or bell-caster, seems to have been the one in regular use for a bell-founder down to about the middle of the fourteenth century, though sometimes we find 'potter' or its Latin equivalent *ollarius*. Subsequently 'brasyer' became common, as at Norwich. In Billiter Street in the City of London we have a reminder that Aldgate was the centre of the industry in the Metro-

Geoffrey of Edmonton, who placed his name on a bell at Billericay, Essex, unfortunately recast in 1890; and Paul le Potter, who occurs at West Challow in Berks. The latter's name is known from records between 1283 and 1312, but no bell by him was known until 1926, when the turret of that church was with difficulty reached by an intrepid young bell-hunter. A specimen of his lettering is here given.

The late J. C. L. Stahlschmidt disinterred a long list of founders' names of the fourteenth century from the London City records, but only a few of them are known from existing bells. These are Peter de Weston (1336-1347), William Revel (1357), William Schep (1347-1349), Simon de Hazfelde (1353-1373) and Robert Rider (1351-1386). There are, however, other bells of the early fourteenth century in the Home Counties and even further afield which bear close relationship to the work of the founders already named. A notable example is the old treble of Westminster Abbey, formerly on floor of the N.W. tower which dates from about 1320, and another, formerly at Thurning, Hunts, is illustrated on next page.

Towards the end of the 14th century a distinct change in London-made bells may be observed. In the first place the practice of giving the founder's name entirely ceases, and there is not a single example of this among London-cast bells later than Robert Rider, though some founders give a clue to their identity by means of initials or punning trade marks. Secondly, the practice, hitherto invariable, of using Gothic capitals for the inscriptions gives way about 1400 to that of using black-letter smalls, with capitals for the initial letters only.

In the fifteenth century there appear to have been two distinct lines of founders in London, most of the representatives of which have now been identified with certain groups of bells, and a chronological sequence established.



Bell formerly at Thurning, Hunts, cast in London about 1320.

This achievement has been due chiefly to the researches of Stahlschmidt and Tyssen, as noted in my previous article.

The London founders of the fifteenth century probably cast as fine bells as have ever been turned out from an English foundry, and their reputation spread all over England. Even at the present day there is hardly a county, from Durham to Cornwall, in which specimens of their work do not exist, and of one founder's bells there are over a hundred remaining. Each founder has his special trade mark, though many of the stamps and letters are handed down from one to another. In the sixteenth century bell-founding in London seems to have somewhat declined, and by the time of the Reformation had died out almost entirely. The last London founder was Thomas Lawrence (about 1520-1540), a man of original ideas, and he eventually migrated to Norwich. There is a bell of his dated 1515 at Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire.

(To be continued.)

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—A quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor (1,260 changes) on the occasion of the royal wedding, November 29th: H. Clarke (first quarter) 1, W. Leslie 2, F. J. Bolton 3, E. Parker 4, A. Swan 5, E. Stevens (conductor) 6.

## 'EALING' SURPRISE.

### INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE ON THE COMPOSITION

The peal of 'Ealing' Surprise rung at Ealing on December 1st has given rise to some interesting correspondence. We refrained from publishing the correspondence last week in order to give Mr. J. A. Trollope, who conducted the peal, an opportunity of replying.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The method rung at Ealing on December 1st as Ealing Surprise was composed by the late Arthur Craven in 1901, and is No. 21 in his collection unnamed therein.—Sincerely yours,  
Bradford. E. JENKINS.

### COMPOSITIONS.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope's weekly articles in 'The Ringing World' are most interesting reading, but I am doubtful if composers will agree with his idea of omitting a composer's name from peal records.

With regard to his (Mr. Trollope's) figures in last week's issue (Ealing Surprise), I should think he could have quite modestly claimed that they, like Topsy, 'grewed' from what the late Nathan J. Pitstow used to call 'Washbrook's' 27 courses of Superlative. These figures may be found in the 'Bell News,' Vol. 5, page 226, July 30th, 1887—6,048 in three parts—another, page 293, in one part, same volume. By the diagram I should think Ealing Surprise is a most interesting and musical method to ring.

Eastleigh, Hants.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, W. and P.D.G.R.

Dear Sir,—The method published as 'Ealing' Surprise in your last issue was discovered and named 'Horsham' Surprise on June 15th, 1912, by yours truly,  
Brighton. GEORGE BAKER.

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate you and the band who rang the peal of 'Ealing Surprise' Major on December 1st, but would like to point out the method is an old one, produced (or shall I say discovered) by George Baker, of Brighton, in June, 1912, and named 'Horsham Surprise.'—Yours truly,

Ashton-under-Lyne.

WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Dear Sir,—Whilst congratulating the band on ringing the peal at Ealing, it may interest some to know that I have the same method in my collection as 'Horsham' Surprise, discovered June 15th, 1912, by Mr. G. Baker, of Brighton, and, as such, formed part of the combination method 'Leatherhead' Surprise, rung the early part of this year at Leatherhead, and later published in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours, etc.,  
Leatherhead, Surrey. G. MARRINER.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the peal of Ealing Surprise rung on the 1st December at Ealing, I have this method as 'Horsham,' composed by George Baker on the 15th June, 1912.—Yours faithfully,  
Watford. S. HOARE.

### MR. TROLLOPE'S REPLY.

Dear Sir,—I have to thank these gentlemen for their letters. I do not suggest that, as a general rule, the names of composers should be omitted from peals. What I do say is that there are many peals to which you cannot with justice put any one man's name, and in those cases it is better not to put anything. I gave as an instance the peal I called at Ealing. Mr. Williams is quite correct in saying that it 'grewed' from what Nathan Pitstow used to call Washbrook's 27 courses of Superlative. But are they Washbrook's? My recollection is that it was objected at the time he published them that they are only a simple (if much improved) arrangement of Cox's peal. Which is quite true. But are they Cox's? Benjamin Thackrah wrote a book on ringing, and in it he gave a composition of Superlative which, through an obvious blunder, is short of a peal (he had omitted two courses and three bobs at Home in each part). Cox owned a copy of this book, and in it he made a marginal note of the mistake. He then added the missing courses (which anyone with a little knowledge could have done), and put the peal out as his own. It seems that the standards of the time allowed such things, for I never heard that Cox was a man to do a deliberately dishonest thing. But is the peal Thackrah's? It is the old familiar nine courses of Bob Major turned into a three-part by adding a bob at M in each part; perhaps the simplest and most obvious composition in the whole of ringing. And now I ask who composed the peal I called? merely adding that it will not run either to Superlative or Bob Major. Ealing Surprise is one of those methods which any competent man, who tries to work out methods, is likely to come across, and I should have been very much surprised if it had not been composed long ago by several people. I have had it for many years, but not from so long time past as 1901.

Also I am not surprised that one gentleman has given it a name. There is no harm in that. Anybody may, if he is so minded, sit down quietly and name methods to his heart's content. But he must not expect that his action will bind anybody else. We who rang the method at Ealing called it Ealing Surprise. And that's that.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

**DEATH OF MR. F. L. CHAPMAN.**

The death took place suddenly on December 10th at Rushden, Northants, of Mr. Francis Lewis Chapman, aged 59, who was a member of the Higham Ferrers belfry for about 40 years. He placed his wide knowledge of ringing at the disposal of many a young band. In the belfry and in Guild circles he will be greatly missed.

The funeral took place on December 12th at Rushden Cemetery, being preceded by a service at St. Peter's Church. Besides the family mourners, which included his brother, Mr. E. Chapman (Keyston, late of Manchester), were Messrs. G. Randall, A. E. Martin, G. Dennis Deighton (Higham Ferrers), Oscar Payne (Irechester), H. Chambers (Irthlingborough) and Frank Kirk (Raunds). The floral tributes included a wreath from Higham Ferrers ringers and from the Vicar and ringers of Irechester, where he helped to teach the local band.

With the bells half-muffled, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung in the evening. The ringers taking part were from Irthlingborough, Raunds and the local band.

On December 15th a peal of Grandsire Triples half-muffled was attempted in his memory, but came to grief after one hour's good ringing by members of the Peterborough Guild.

**DEATH OF MR. J. GRANGER.**

Chatteris ringing has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Joseph Granger, one of its oldest ringers, who died on December 1st at the age of 60 after a short illness. He had been a regular ringer at Chatteris for 30 years and organ blower for 20 years.

The funeral took place at Chatteris on December 5th. After the service the bells were rung half-muffled, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Job was rung by P. Smith 1, A. Abrams 2, S. Murphy 3, A. Mattock 4, W. Young 5, W. Seekings (conductor) 6.

**CHESHUNT RINGERS' POSITION.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In respect to the reference in 'The Ringing World' of November 9th by 'Observer' regarding Cheshunt ringers, I am informed that the chiming of the bells for weddings has been started by the Vicar for the purpose of giving the poorer classes the chance of having the bells chimed if they wish for 10s. 6d. Where people are in a position to pay the usual fee the rule still stands the same. The present band of ringers agree with the Vicar on this point. They are making very good progress with Doubles and Grandsire Triples. I understand they are not concerned over the few shillings received from weddings, as their main object is to have a band for Sunday service ringing.

I think it is very bad policy on the part of 'Observer' to suggest that the Herts Association should bar such ringers from joining or turning them out. The one great aim of associations is to raise the standard of ringers and ringing for Sunday service, and as long as the so-called Cheshunt ringers make this their chief object, I think I am pretty safe in telling them that they will have the full support of the Hertfordshire Association.

'FAIR PLAY.'

**A HAPPY COINCIDENCE.****SOUTH YORKS SECRETARY'S SILVER WEDDING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on December 8th. The day coincided with Mr. F. Clark, the genial hon. secretary, having completed 15 years as secretary of the district and the attainment of his silver wedding. Mr. Clark kindly entertained the members to tea, and Mr. S. F. Palmer (the Ringing Master) offered the felicitations and hearty congratulations of the members to Mr. Clark on the happy occasion. The secretary sincerely thanked the members for their good wishes to his wife and himself, and also thanked those who kindly wrote to him tendering their congratulations.

Despite the rather poor attendance, good practice was enjoyed, methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise. The Vicar (the Rev. Pierce Price) presided at the business meeting and gave the members a hearty welcome to his church. Mr. E. Lee, of Arksey, was elected a member.

An invitation from the Rawmarsh tower to hold the annual meeting at their tower on March 16th was accepted.

**TWO MORE SUSSEX MEMBERS.**

Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, was the venue for the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association on December 8th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Morgan), and tea was provided in the Parish Room. Mr. W. Franks presided at the business meeting, when two new members—Miss G. Knight and Mr. C. M. Elliott—both of Christ Church, Blacklands, were elected. Mr. A. C. Pankhurst proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service. The members then went on to Christ Church, St. Leonards, where the bells were kept going until 8 p.m.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OSSETT, YORKS.**—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Wakefield at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells available 7-9 p.m. The former ring of eight has been recast and augmented to ten by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. A Ringers' Day will be announced later.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged for Slough (eight bells) on Saturday, December 22nd, at 7.15.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ST. STEPHEN'S-BY-SALTASH, CORNWALL.**—On Saturday, December 22nd, at 3 p.m., the Ven. Archdeacon of Bodmin will dedicate the ring of six bells which have been restored and hung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brislington, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of Church Council) and meeting at 4.30 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 27th inst. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, December 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Gilby's Tea Rooms, High Street. Service at 6 p.m. Ringing after.—A. W. Groves, Amhurst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.**—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at 3 p.m. The ring of six has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting of the association will be held jointly with the annual meeting of the Frome Branch, at Shepton Mallet, on Jan. 5th. Bells available: Shepton Mallet (8), Doultong (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service, followed by tea and business meetings, 4 p.m. Other towers could be open by previous arrangement.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Gen. Sec., Chilcompton; G. H. Hasell, Branch Hon. Sec., Timsbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Silkstone tower and bells restoration. The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Further particulars next week.—A. Panther, Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A joint mid-week meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 9th, at the Parish Church, Mitcham. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Hall 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. Notifications for tea to be sent to me not later than Monday, Jan. 7th.—D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The fifth annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each, for which applications (with remittance) should be made to me not later than Jan. 7th. Bells at S. Nicolas' Church available 4 to 5.30.—G. L. Grover, Acting Hon. Sec., Epsom Road, East Clandon, near Guildford, Surrey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance hoped for. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. A. Sloman, St. Leonards, West Malling.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—Best wishes for Christmas and 1935. Make a resolution to attend the Watford meeting on Jan. 19th. Tower open 3.30 till 8.45. Tea at 5.30. Don't break the resolution.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Jan. 14th?—R. Harris, Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

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**OVER, CAMBS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary on December 9th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. Parish (first 720) 1, G. Whybrow 2, D. Adams 3, R. Smith 4, M. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Mary on December 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: G. D. Coleman 1, Miss P. Hine 2, E. Clarke 3, G. D. Flint 4, R. Barnes 5, F. Fields 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 7, H. Fields 8.

**PENTRE RHONDDA.**—At St. Peter's Church on December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Major: W. G. Page (first quarter in method) 1, W. Cross (first quarter 'inside' in method) 2, G. Poppell 3, W. Palmer 4, E. G. Palmer 5, F. Lasbury 6, W. Page 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. In honour of the royal wedding.

**WIVELSCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—At St. Andrew's Church on December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples: Wm. Greedy 1, C. Parkman (first quarter) 2, C. Tarr 3, C. Bellow (first quarter) 4, Wm. Hartnell 5, James Hartnell 6, Alf Stone (first 'inside') 7, W. Hartnell, jun. 8.

**DARTFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church on December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples: Norman Summerhayes (first quarter-peal) 1, H. E. Audsley 2, F. E. Walker 3, E. Brown 4, J. W. Leaden 5, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 6, H. Hovard 7, H. Simmons 8.

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—At Christ Church on November 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,286 changes): J. L. Gray 1, E. A. Hern (conductor) 2, T. Burns 3, M. Livesley 4, G. W. Dix 5, J. E. Scott 6, R. M. Gray 7, J. Scott 8, A. Cook 9, S. Hewitt 10.

**EAST HENDRED, BERKS.**—On November 25th, 720 Bob Minor: A. E. Lock (conductor) 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, J. Nobes 4, R. G. Rice 5, G. Caudwell 6.

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**DOVER, KENT.**—On December 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples: E. T. Ellender (first quarter away from tenor) 1, C. Turner 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, H. Whitehead 6, R. T. Clark 7, C. Hardeman 8.

**SOUTHGATE.**—At Christ Church on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, G. Plater 3, E. King 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

**LINCOLN.**—At the Church of St. Botolph, on November 26th, for Confirmation service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Thomas Sharpe (conductor) 1, Geoffrey M. Mayer 2, William Baker 3, Cecil J. Mayer 4, Frederick Walker 5, John Walden 6.

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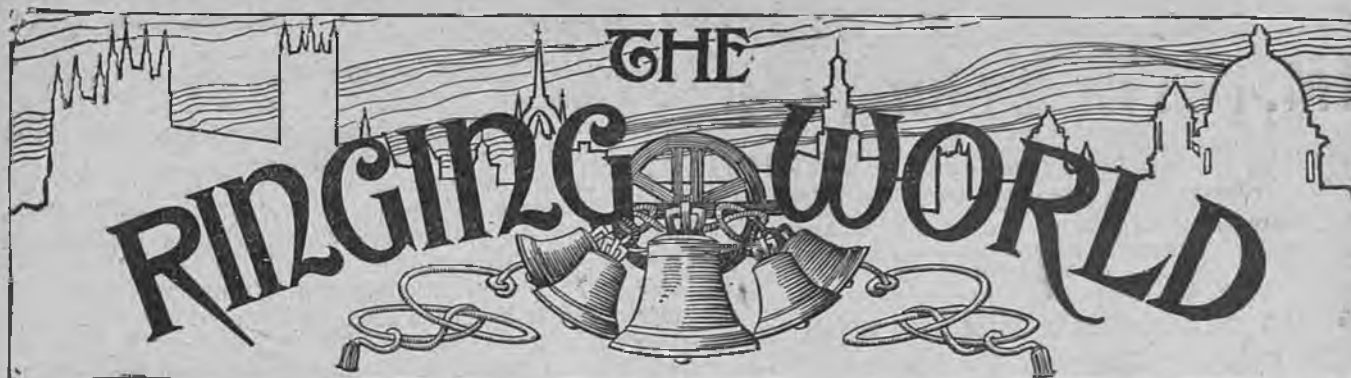
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Once the idea was started for Minor, it was pretty sure to come sooner or later for Major. How it did come was in this wise. Maurice Hibbert had it in his mind to call a seven-part composition of Stedman Triples, and he went to Willesden for the peal. I was asked to make one and said I would, provided I was allowed to ring the tenor, which, of course, is the only bell worth ringing to that method. We did not get the peal, and Maurice and I walked to Willesden Junction. On the way, as was meet and proper, we had a drink. We went into the most dreary public-house I think I have ever entered. It was quite empty and the saloon bar reminded one of the waiting room at a railway station. We sat down and talked by and large. The four Surprise Methods had just been rung in one day and we agreed that it was a very fine performance. But, said I, it would be a finer thing still to ring the four without setting the bells. It will be done some day, and I can tell you one who won't be in the band. But, I added (the thought and words being born at the same instant, though it was but the second glass of beer), I would not mind starting for four quarter peals.

Maurice was greatly taken with the idea. If he got a band together would I make one? Of course I would. But would it be allowed? Why not? Anyhow, it would be worth doing. We did meet and made a very poor attempt. But Maurice has a conscience, and that conscience made a coward of him. He was afraid he was breaking some rules and might fall under a præmunire or some such other dreadful thing. So he wrote to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. (He intended to ring the peal but he wanted to shift the guilt on to another man's shoulders.) Davies, as might have been expected, was somewhat

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scandalised. He referred the matter to the Central Council at the meeting at Salisbury, and the Council promptly vetoed the whole thing. But that part of the story you may read for yourself in the published reports.

The debate at the Council meeting was not without effect. Law James set his active brains to work and in due time produced that very fine composition of his, which has been the parent of other peals by Mr. Pitman and Ernest Turner. It was rung at Warnham in 1927 by a mixed band, which included the editor of 'The Ringing World,' and was conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling. Meanwhile, in the north, the Gofton brothers had rung spliced Cambridge and Superlative, and presently people were splicing all manner of methods together. Now, you must know that there are two sorts of splicing. There is one where you ring a quarter peal or some other long length of one method and then go on and do the like with the next. The other is where you change the method at very nearly every lead-end. Both sorts are worth doing, but there is no comparison between them. The first is no more than what you do when you ring two or more methods in a six-bell peal. The other does require an alert brain. It does not seem quite right to use the same term for both. I suggest it would be well to keep the word 'spliced' for the peals where the method is frequently altered and find another ('combined' if you like) for the other sort. But we shall want a proper definition and a Central Council resolution.

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Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method, also on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters, also on ten bells. † First peal on ten bells.

MARGATE, KENT.—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on December 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Spickett (first quarter) 1, F. Gadsden 2, A. Dadds (first quarter) 3, F. Reeves 4, A. Saxby 5, J. Waghorn 6, E. Burgess (conductor) 7, R. Whybrow (first quarter) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to their late colleague, Walter Trusler, for over 30 years a member of the band, who passed over on December 8th.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*8<sup>th</sup> On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Andrew,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20 cwt.**

GEORGE L. JOYCE ... .. Treble	*JOSEPH G. MACDOUGAL ... 5
ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 2	†JOHN E. BLAY ... .. 6
*ARTHUR ROLPH ... .. 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD ... .. 7
*JOHN V. CROSS ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. FREESTONE... Tenor

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**THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

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*At the Church of All Saints, Stranton,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt.**

*STANLEY HORSFIELD ... Treble	RALPH W. JACKSON ... .. 5
FRED P. HOWCROFT ... .. 2	GEORGE P. KEMHALL ... .. 6
THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 3	SIDNEY BREEZE ... .. 7
*ALLEN CHRISTON ... .. 4	E. BURNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. BURNETT.

\* First peal. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

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**FARNHAM, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Andrew,*

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Tenor 20½ cwt.**

GEORGE L. GROVER, Secretary, Guildford District ... .. Treble	
CHARLES W. DENVER, Secretary, Farnham District ... .. 2	
ARTHUR H. SMITH, Secretary, Leatherhead District ... .. 3	
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE, Secretary, Chertsey District ... .. 4	
HUBERT J. CHAFFY, Ringing Master, Chertsey District ... .. 5	
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE, Ringing Master, Guildford District ... .. 6	
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Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.**

JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. Treble	*HAROLD CHANT ... .. 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. 2	ARTHUR CHAMPION ... .. 6
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... 3	JAMES H. SYKES ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

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\* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a memorial to the late Mr. George Hill, who taught the elementary principles of change ringing to the ringers of the 6th and 7th. Also to Corporal Harry Champion, R.F.A., brother of the ringer of the 6th, formerly a ringer at this church, who gave his life in the service of his King and country during the Great War, 1914-18. R.I.P.

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**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

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THOMAS F. KING ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 6
†HORACE D. TAYLOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
RICHARD J. COUSINS ... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise with a bob bell.

**LONDON.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt.**

GEORGE DAWSON ... .. Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 5
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 2	HERBERT ELSE ... .. 6
CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
ERNEST J. BUYLER ... .. 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

The band are all railwaymen employed by L.N.E.R., and wish to thank Mr. Albert Coles for having the bells ready.

**GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)*

*On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10 cwt.**

PERCY K. PARKER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 5
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PARKER ... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. W. Parker on the eve of his 70th birthday.

**GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt.**

GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 2	HERBERT DEVONISH ... 6
MISS AMY E. WALDOCK ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
PERCY GREEN ... .. 4	FRED CHALK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

Birthday compliment to Percy Green.

**BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).**

MISS STELLA DAVIS ... Treble	GEORGE ESSEX ... .. 5
MISS RUBY HAZELL ... .. 2	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 6
*ERNEST G. ESSEX ... .. 3	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 7
*ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 4	REGINALD W. REX ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

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

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## SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' TWENTY-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*HAYDN DOBBINS ... .. Treble	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 5
†WALLACE DOBBINS ... .. 2	†WILLIAM J. CROSS ... .. 6
†DANIEL J. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4	EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ Proposed a member before starting. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. D. Edwards Davies, M.A., who was inducted to St. Mary's on December 11th.

## BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROLAND PARK ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. PEVERELL ... .. 5
W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 2	JAMES T. TITT ... .. 6
JOHN SMITH ... .. 3	*JOHN PENLAND ... .. 7
*JOSEPH WEST ... .. 4	ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

\* First peal. Rung to commemorate the dedication of the new organ presented by Sir J. Priestman to the church.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WALTER MARTIN ... .. Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
FRANK RUFFLES ... .. 2	JOHN J. CREASY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	WALTER RUFFLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

\* First peal in the method.

## PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. HALLETT ... .. Treble	R. WESTCOTT ... .. 5
F. J. THYER ... .. 2	*G. KERLEY ... .. 6
*E. EMM ... .. 3	J. DARCH ... .. 7
F. SHARPE ... .. 4	*W. L. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HALLETT.

\* First peal. The ringer of 3rd from Aberdare, 4th Merthyr, 5th Llanibisant. All the rest are Sunday service ringers of St. Catherine's, Pontypridd.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 7
LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th on his 60th birthday.

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## OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

The 'Barrabool' composition.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORFFREY W. CLAYFIELD Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 5
JOHN H. DEAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 6
HORACE MOULT ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to ringers of tenor and 5th, which occurred on 14th and 15th respectively.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

ARTHUR R. MILES ... .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. 7
*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. This composition in two parts has 4.5.6 their full combination in 5.6, without the 2nd in 5th or the 3rd in 6th.

## MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
JOHN G. NASE ... .. 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS COLLINS ... .. Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 5
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 7
*THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal of Major in the method. First Surprise peal by a band of this Christian name.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF ERITH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

This method is now rung for the first time. Rung at the first attempt.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM, IRELAND.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on December 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. McAteer 1, Miss McAuliffe (first quarter-peal) 2, J. Palmer 3, H. Clarke 4, H. B. McAteer 5, Capt. L. J. Roper 6, W. Pratt (conductor) 7, J. Milliken 8. Rung in honour of the Bishop of Cashel being elected to the See of Down and Connor and Dromore. He was formerly Rector of Carrickfergus.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HAROLD A. NOBES ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. BARTON ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. STIMP ... .. 2	ERNEST G. WILLIAMS ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... .. 7
CHARLES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 4	† ERNEST R. WARNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLY'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lb.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. FISHER ... .. 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's: Alnwick, York and Durham, London and Wells, Ipswich and Cambridge, Carlisle, Beverley and Surfleet, and Primrose.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. 3	* HARRY GIBBARD ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	† JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First attempt for a Surprise peal 'inside.' † First Surprise peal in 11 methods 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Freda Irene, daughter of the ringer of the 5th. It was also his 25th peal.

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

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

* THOMAS SCOTT ... .. Treble	GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 4
LESLIE WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 3	GEORGE W. BLANCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. BLANCHARD.

\* First peal.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.  
HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Parish Church

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being in seven different 720's.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

F. GARTSIDE ... .. Treble	* A. J. BENNETT ... .. 4
L. DAWSON ... .. 2	J. E. FIELDING ... .. 5
H. NUTT ... .. 3	J. BURGESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. GARTSIDE.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

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

On Sunday, December 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 six-scores each called differently.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 4
HARRY NEWMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM DEAN ... .. 5
PERCY PONTING ... .. 3	* JOSEPH RUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal.

ELSTOW, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

VERNEY COOPER ... .. Treble	FRANK C. TYSOE ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2	LEONARD WILLIAMS ... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Treble	WALTER WILLIAMS ... .. 3
* RAYMOND COPHAM ... .. 2	PERCY SPARKS ... .. 4
HARRY CHURCHILL ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

\* First peal.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Court, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

DAVID TARGETT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 4
KENNETH FORD ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
DAVID MACKAY ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER Treble	H. FREDERICK MYERS ... .. 4
AUBREY L. BENNETT ... .. 2	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 5
THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 3	G. HARRY MYERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells, which have just been rehung and augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

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## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*G. CROSS, JUN. ... .. Treble	†P. CRIDGESHANK ... .. 4
G. CROSS, SEN. ... .. 2	†S. S. WOODBURN ... .. 5
A. E. BAVERSTOCK ... .. 3	H. ELLIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First attempt as conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

## FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Netherseale Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Treble	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

## WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN PAGE-WOOD ... .. Treble	*GEORGE JONES ... .. 3
*HUGH MACKINDER ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 4

A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal in two methods. The conductor's first peal on five bells. First peal in two methods on the bells.

## OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITING ... .. Treble	GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 4
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First as conductor in seven methods.

## OHLTON, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob, four callings, and 21 six-scores of Grandsire, with ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

GEORGE W. ENGLAND ... .. Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 3
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 2	FRANK GREEN ... .. 4

WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. D. Giddings, who has been sexton at this church for 24 years, and was the first peal on the bells. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mrs. Giddings for their kind hospitality after the peal.

## CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

HARRY PERKINS ... .. Treble	*CHARLES CREANE ... .. 4
GEORGE N. IVES ... .. 2	GEORGE W. BLOOMFIELD ... .. 5
*VICTOR E. IVES ... .. 3	*ARTHUR P. BALLARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. BALLARD.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells for the Suffolk Guild.

## NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 each of Grandsire and Stedman. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble	GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 3
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 2	EDWARD FOSTER ... .. 4
FREDERICK C. HOOPER ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by G. E. FOSTER.

A birthday compliment to the son of the conductor.

## HENLOW, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

FRANK C. TYSOE ... .. Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 4
*FRANCIS BEAUMONT ... .. 2	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal of Minor.

## HORBLING, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Norwich, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY GIBBARD ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 2	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	CHARLES WILKINSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

## LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (3) Double Oxford; (4) Oxford Bob; (5) Double Court; (6) Single Court; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID TARGETT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. 4
KENNETH FORD ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
DAVID MACKAY ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE TRENDALL ... .. Treble	CLAUD SNOWDON ... .. 4
REGINALD SIMMONDS ... .. 2	HILDA SNOWDON ... .. 5
ALBC GENERY ... .. 3	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. Tenor

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A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16½ in F.

*IVAN ALLUM ... .. Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL ... .. 4
LEWIS J. BATLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE FILBY ... .. 5
ALFRED H. WATSON ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal and first attempt.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores each of Canterbury, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and twelve six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

*HERBERT W. ABBOTT ... Treble	W. REGINALD BUTCHER ... 3
†MISS MARJORIE J. SWAN ... 2	*J. JOHN BAILEY ... .. 4

BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. P. MORRIS.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, also a birthday peal for the ringer of the third.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4
FREDERICK RIX ... .. 2	†ROBERT W. LINGWOOD ... 5
*RICHARD GILHAM ... .. 3	GEORGE A. COOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JAMES BARBER ... .. Treble	*ERNEST PLUMMER ... .. 4
LEWIS J. BATLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE FILBY ... .. 5
DAVID CRACKNELL ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal for the Guild. This was the first peal on the bells for 20 years.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CLIFFORD J. WATKINS ... Treble	ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 4
†V. JAMES CARLESS ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM BEAVER ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. WATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. JONES.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung on and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 1-2	HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	*JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. 7-8

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, has rung 60 peals this year—a fine achievement. His latest successes were peals of London Surprise Minor at Wroxham and a peal of Minor (seven methods) at Hethersett.

Miss May Leech, who participated in the ringing of touches in honour of the royal wedding at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, is, states a Canadian correspondent, the only woman change ringer in Canada. Miss Leech learnt to ring at Vancouver.

The Australian tourists, who are travelling on the P. and O. liner, 'Bendigo,' will reach London on Saturday, January 5th. The liner will put in at Plymouth, and it is possible that some of the party will leave the vessel there.

Miss McAuliffe, who rang her first quarter-peal at Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, on December 13th, is over 70 years of age. She is an ardent ringer and a regular member of the band. In congratulating Miss McAuliffe on her performance, we believe she holds the pride of place of being the oldest lady ringer in the Exercise.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Grundisburgh on December 15th, in honour of Mr. O. W. Parker's 70th birthday, is of more than ordinary interest. Mr. Parker took part in the first peal, Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung on these bells after they had been augmented to eight, on December 11th, 1897, ringing the seventh on that occasion. After the peal, Mr. Parker kindly entertained the band and some friends to supper, and his health and that of his wife, family and grandchildren, was proposed in felicitous terms by the conductor of the peal. Among those present were Mr. Wm. Dye, the first Suffolk man to call Holt's Original in the county.

Mr. Henry Beauchamp Walters, O.B.E., M.A., F.S.A., whose interesting article on ancient bells is appearing in this issue, is one of the most distinguished of living archaeologists. From 1925 to 1932 he was keeper of the Greek and Roman antiquities in the British Museum. He is the author of many books on Greek art and kindred subjects. He has also written two books on church bells, one in the Arts of the Church series and the other (and larger), entitled, 'The Bells of England.' Several of the county books on bells are by him, either solely or in collaboration, including those on Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Essex. He is a Chevalier of the Crown of Italy.

## BOW BELLS RECORD.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It would be much more pleasant from a ringer's point of view as 'R. E.' suggests. The B.B.C. have undoubtedly other records, and I myself as a keen change ringer am forced to say that the present record is definitely good; it is clean and clear. If 'R. E.' would think for a moment of the regularities of vibrations, harmonics, recording, reproducing, etc., he would realise the importance of this regularity of notes or stoney ringing.

Listen for the change-over even in 'stoney recording' or a 'bicycle bell' dashing by.

A. R. L.

## A VARIED HUNDRED.

Mr. S. H. Hoare, of Watford, who recently completed his first hundred peals, has a varied list which might serve as a spur to young ringers. The list is as follows:—

Doubles: Four methods 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 2, four methods 1, five methods 1, six methods 1, seven methods 5, ten methods 1, Cambridge 4.

Triples: Grandsire 1, Stedman 21, Original 1.

Major: Plain Bob 3, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 9, Original 1, Kent 1, Oxford 1, Superlative 10 (conducted 1), Cambridge 11, New Cambridge 1, London 3, Bristol 6, Yorkshire 1, Lincolnshire 1, Rutland 1, Aldenham 1, Bushey 1. Spliced Superlative and Cambridge 1, Spliced London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge 1, Duffield 1, St. Albans 1, Ashted 1, Pudsey 1, Oxhey 1, Hertfordshire 1, Elstree 1.

## FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Joseph Ruck.  
E. Emm.  
G. Kerley.  
W. L. Lambert.  
A. J. Bennett.  
Raymond Copham.  
Harold A. Nobes.  
Thomas Scott.  
Ivan Allum.  
Clifford J. Watkins.  
John E. Blay.  
Stanley Horsfield.  
Allen Christon.  
Haydn Dobbins.  
Joseph West.  
John Pentland.  
Richard Gilham.  
Victor E. Ives.  
Charles Creane.  
Arthur P. Ballard.  
G. Cross, jun.

Bisley, Gloucestershire.  
Pontypridd, Glam.  
Pontypridd, Glam.  
Pontypridd, Glam.  
Friezland, Yorks.  
Thurloxton, Somerset.  
Soherton, Hants.  
Elsham, Lincs.  
Laxfield, Suffolk.  
Clifford, Herefordshire.  
Hornchurch, Essex.  
West Hartlepool, Durham.  
West Hartlepool, Durham.  
Swansea, Glam.  
Bishop Auckland, Durham.  
Bishop Auckland, Durham.  
Sculthorpe, Norfolk.  
Cavendish, Suffolk.  
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Cavendish, Suffolk.  
Kelston, Somerset.

## ENGLISH MEDIEVAL BELL-FOUNDERS

By H. B. WALTERS, M.A., F.S.A.

(Continued from the previous issue.)

Of the provincial foundries, none had a greater reputation than Norwich, although there was little doing there before the fifteenth century. Probably the foundry must be regarded as the successor of one which flourished at King's Lynn between 1300 and 1350; but at all events in the latter years of that century the Norwich foundry was firmly established by Thomas Potter. He was succeeded by Richard Baxter, and then by the well-known family of the Brasyers, who flourished down to about 1520. The beautiful bells cast by the latter, with their fine lettering and interesting inscriptions, are still found in large numbers in Norfolk and Suffolk (there are about 150 in the former county), and are among the finest products of the medieval craft.

During the fifteenth century and down to the time of the Reformation there was another active foundry at Bury St. Edmunds. Most of the bells cast there bear a foundry shield with a representation of a bell and a cannon, which indicates that the founder (whose name is unfortunately unknown) combined two industries. A later successor is also known to have been a clothier, just as John Danyell of London (about 1460) is described as a vintner.

In the North of England we can only trace one medieval foundry, that at York. The records show a long list of founders there between 1300 and 1550, but only one or two can be identified as the makers of existing bells. One of the most notable names is that of Richard Tunnoc, Member of Parliament for York in 1327, who is commemorated in the well-known bell-founder's window in the Minster, showing the founder actually at work.

Hardly less important were the foundries at Nottingham and Leicester, though both actually reached the height of their fame in post-Reformation times, and Nottingham at any rate appears to have done little work before the fifteenth century. In the Western Midlands the chief centres were at Worcester, Gloucester, and Bristol, and in the south Exeter, Salisbury, and Wokingham in Berks.

The history of most of these foundries is fully recorded in the various books on the bells of the counties, and space, unfortunately, forbids entering into more detail. Smaller foundries existed in other towns, such as Canterbury, and even at an insignificant place like Toddington in Bedfordshire, where in the fourteenth century John Rufford was given the privilege of styling himself the royal bell-founder. As evidence of this, his bells bear the heads of the contemporary King Edward III. and his Queen Philippa, stamps which have a very interesting history, as they were afterwards used at Worcester and Nottingham, and even by post-Reformation founders, even as late as 1806 at Waltham Abbey. Other 'Royal Heads,' those of Henry VI., Queen Margaret, and Prince Edward, appear on bells cast at Worcester about 1480, which seems to have close connection with the monastery there. Two still exist, at Worcester and Grimley, dated respectively 1480 and 1482.

That bells were sometimes cast, if not in monasteries, at any rate under their supervision, is also shown by a group in Berkshire and neighbouring counties which bear the arms of the Abbey of Chertsey, a stamp which became the property of founders at Reading shortly before the Reformation.

I can only refer briefly here to a remarkable group of bells cast in Lincolnshire by an unknown local man about 1420-1430, the lettering on which is the most beautiful known on any medieval bells. There are examples at South Somercotes and Somerby in that county, dated respectively 1423 and 1431. Copies of these were made by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and reproduced on their well-known bells at Worcester Cathedral. Other bells with remarkable ornamentation, found in Sussex, Essex, and neighbouring counties, are the work of one John Tonne, who being of French ancestry, adopted a Continental style of decoration, and used a large assortment of crosses, stops, and ornamental medallions. He was apparently an itinerant founder, with no settled home, and his bells between 1520 and 1540 are often dated, another Continental feature. One from Tangley, Hants, dated 1522, is here shown.



Bell at Tangley, Hants, cast by John Tonne, 1522.

The absence of dates on medieval bells is a feature which has never been and probably never will be explained, especially as they are the rule on other classes of monuments, such as brasses. Apart from foreign importations, on which dating is the rule, there are only about thirty known instances, of which the majority are later than 1480, the earliest being 1296 at Claughton, Lancashire. Arabic numerals are not found before 1495. Another notable feature is the rarity of founders' names. The majority of medieval founders seem to have considered that a trade mark or badge of some kind was sufficient for identification, such as the ship (from the city arms) used by a Bristol founder. We have already seen that in the fourteenth century London founders frequently put their name on bells, but from 1380 onwards substituted trade marks or other devices. About forty names of founders in all are known from their bells; the rest have been as far as possible elucidated from records.

A few words in conclusion on the methods employed in medieval bell-founding may be of interest. It is remarkable how little, allowing for modern scientific knowledge and equipment, they differ from those in use at the pre-

sent day, though to a great extent, as for instance in tuning, the bell-founders only worked by rule-of-thumb. But they were justified by results, and I have been told by a modern bell-founder that generally speaking the more ancient bells are superior in tone and workmanship to those of the eighteenth century, when the introduction of change-ringing might have been expected to produce a great improvement.

An old MS. of the time of Henry III contains a treatise by a monk named Walter de Odyngton, in which elaborate instructions for casting bells are given. A wax model is to be made on a core of clay, the tone being regulated by the thickness of the wax. The use of crooks to obtain the exact shape of the bell is also regulated in another early treatise, of the eleventh century. The bell-founder's window at York, already mentioned, represents the forming of the core and the running of the molten metal with careful detail.

One point which arises in investigating the history of medieval bells is the way in which the difficulties of transport in those days seem to have been got over. When Alan de Walsingham decided to place a ring of bells in his new octagon at Ely Cathedral in 1354, he had recourse to a founder as far away as Gloucester, named John of Gloucester, and the latter conveyed his materials by water to King's Lynn and up the Ouse, and cast the bells on the spot. The Bristol and Gloucester foundries also made great use of the Bristol Channel and the river Severn, and thus we find their work not only in North Devon, but up the Severn as far as Shropshire and Montgomeryshire. I have also noted that the London founders' works are to be found in all parts of England.

Much might also be said on the ringing methods of the period, but this article has of necessity been confined to the actual work of the founders themselves, and if other aspects of the subject were included it would have run to an inordinate length.

#### TEN NEW MEMBERS JOIN SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

##### MEETING AT BURGESS HILL.

A meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, December 15th. Thirty members were present, including the hon. general secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone) and the secretary of the Northern Division (Mr. R. Swift). At the service the Vicar (Canon H. D. Burton) gave an interesting address on the subject of service, with special reference to the various bodies of churchworkers and their service to the church.

Tea, generously provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, followed. New members elected at the business meeting were: Seaford, Miss D. Woolston; Burgess Hill, W. Mayne; Henfield, P. Freeman, V. Freeman, R. Francis, M. Hellier, K. Rann and Ernest Morey; The Good Shepherd, Brighton, S. Ridge and E. Simister. At the request of Mr. T. H. Walder, an arrangement was arrived at by which the Burgess Hill band could receive instruction in change ringing from the divisional secretary and several other members who volunteered to help. The business meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for taking the service, his hospitality at tea, presiding at the meeting and for the use of the bells.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in a variety of methods, ranging from rounds to Superlative Surprise and London, while several members rang their first course in the higher methods. S. E. A.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**HASTINGS, SUSSEX.**—On December 11th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: J. Piper (first quarter) 1, A. Levett (conductor) 2, A. Funnell (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. Easton 4, F. Medhurst 5, G. Piper 6, S. Driver 7, W. Levett 8.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On December 8th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,230 changes) after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, G. R. Ambrose 2, P. E. Clark (first quarter in the method) 3, J. Thomas 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, H. Argent 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, T. Groembridge, sen. 8.

#### COL. JERRAM AND THE LIBBYS, OF TALLAND.

##### To the Editor.

Sir,—May I have a few lines to reply to Mr. G. R. Stephens' very interesting letter? With his first paragraph I absolutely agree, and said so in my previous letter that the best rising and falling was in East Cornwall and West Devon.

His second paragraph; do I not know the Libbys? I was bred at Talland, learned to ring there on the old four bells, was responsible for the present six and gave the treble. The two older Libbys and Mr. Stephens' namesake, Tom Stephens, taught me to ring and were my great friends. What I know about rise and fall and round ringing is entirely due to them.

As regards the last paragraph, Mr. G. R. Stephens is a very fine tenor ringer and obviously knows a good deal more about the subject than I do; but I have had several experiences lately of towers having given up rise and fall for the reason stated, that it is quite possible that I exaggerated the number of cases; but never in my wildest dreams did I think or say that 'Cornish ringing was dead' or anything like it. I hope very soon to meet Mr. Stephens and have a friendly talk over old times.—Yours, etc.,

L. F. JERRAM.

#### AN APPEAL FOR CORNISH UNITY

Dear Sir,—I was particularly pleased to read Mr. Stephens' letter, because it does show that 'The Ringing World' finds its way into the hands of some 'rise, fall and call-change ringers,' if I may put it in this way. I think generally those who boast of their method ringing in Cornwall are on friendly terms with those who equally, and quite permissibly and rightly, boast of their round ringing. However, I do feel that Col. Jerram's knowledge, wisdom and great understanding of the whole position should be made known.

Mr. Stephens mentions Talland and the local band, but does he know that Talland treble bell was given by Col. and Mrs. Jerram when the bells were augmented some years ago in memory of their eldest child and bears the inscription, 'Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, in memoriam Loveday'? Could anyone with any human conscience agree to such bells being rung with the possibility of each man winning the sum of ten shillings? I wholeheartedly support the Colonel's righteous indignation, and I am sure he will not mind me quoting from a letter, dated October 17th last, which I had from him in the course of some correspondence relating to the incorporation into the Diocesan Guild of a Round Ringing Deanery Guild and re-approaching a Prize Ringing Association:—

'... I do not think I need say more to show how anxious I am to raise that band above the prize ringing tradition. I am so anxious that I am wilfully doing nothing in order to avoid any antagonism. Some day they will give it up...'

At a recent committee meeting of our Guild, Col. Jerram stated, 'We have to admit that 90 per cent. of our members are round ringers.'

As it is at present, a great many round ringers seem to fear and be suspicious of the word 'Guild.' In one diocese we can only have one society of ringers, with the Lord Bishop as patron, such an esteemed person as Dr. Symons president, and the Archdeacons vice-presidents, and if all round ringers would join us they could come to our meetings and set a standard of striking which is the aim of all method ringers.

I am sorry that a firm of bellfounders have been mentioned in this correspondence, because it may cast some reflection, but whatever reflection is cast must fall upon the ringers who fail to clapper the bells correctly; it is either lack of strength or knack. A great many ringers swing a bell without pulling it at back stroke; this is where the failure lies.

In conclusion, I will say that the round ringers of Cornwall have the champion of their cause in Col. Jerram if they would only realise it, but, of course, they must further realise that he must lead the method ringers as well.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

Truro.

#### A LINCOLNSHIRE RING AUGMENTED.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Pinchbeck, Lincs, have been rehung in a new cast-iron frame on rolled steel girders and cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings. The old six bells have been retuned and two new trebles have been added in memory of the late Mr. W. S. Royce, M.P., and Mrs. E. L. Royce, J.P., making a ring of eight, with tenor 18 cwt.

The bells were dedicated by Canon Morris (Rector of Skegness) on Thursday evening, December 13th, in the presence of a large congregation. The Deputy Lieutenant of the County (Ald. J. W. Glead) performed the opening ceremony, and the bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers.

After the service the bells were rung in various methods by the local ringers and a number of visiting ringers. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in a most satisfactory manner.

A meeting will be held on January 12th, 1935.

## THE TOURISTS IN TASMANIA.



A picture of the Australian tourists taken at the Government House, Hobart. From left to right are Messrs. W. H. Fussell, C. Sharples, A. R. Wilson (hon. secretary of Holy Trinity Society) and J. S. Goldsmith, the Lord Bishop of Tasmania, Archdeacon Blackwood, Sir Elliott Lewis, Messrs. J. Hardcastle and R. Richardson, Sir Ernest Clark (Governor of Tasmania), Messrs. G. Martin, S. Taylor, W. Linter and A. Jerrim (churchwarden of Holy Trinity Church).

### DEVON'S HEAVIEST SIX.

#### REOPENING OF COLYTON BELLS.

A fire on October 2nd, 1933, did many thousands of pounds worth of damage to the nave, south aisle and transept of Colyton Church, East Devon. A few weeks ago the church was reopened after restoration, which has cost about £7,000. During the restoration it was considered necessary to strengthen the tower, which is central and distinguished from all other towers in Devon by having an octagonal lantern. Part of a Celtic cross, dating back to about 800, was found built into the west face of the tower, and another part, the base, was discovered in use as a corbel between the belfry and bell chamber, and a third portion came to light elsewhere.

The bells were not hurt by the fire, but it was deemed advisable to have them overhauled. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were entrusted with the work of strengthening the frame, recasting the second, tuning, turning and sandblasting the others, and supplying new fittings for the whole ring. The particulars of the bells, whose total weight is 84 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb., are:—

1.—8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. This bell was put up at the expence of the parish. Anno Domini 1772. William Hatherley, Vicar. Thomas Bilbie fecit.

2.—9 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. I.P. 1667. When I call follow mee all. John Abbet. H. S. Wyatt. H. J. Barnes. S. Long. 1934. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

3.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. O Lord how glorious ar Thy works. Ao. Di. 1611.

4.—12 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. William Drake, gentleman. Church Warden. I.P. 1667.

5th.—19 cwt. 20 lb. Mr. William U. I. Carey and Mr. James West. Church Wardens. Thomas Bilbie fecit 1775.

6.—24 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. Recast A.D. 1837. F. Barnes, D.D., Vicar. Charles Northam, James Loveridge, Church Wardens. Thomas Mears, Whitechapel Foundry, London. Sum Vitae Mortis Temporis Atque Tuba. A.D. 1711.

Much interest was evinced in the formal reopening of the bells on December 1st, when a large gathering of ringers were present. The Rev. J. D. Barry took the service and the Rev. the Hon. F. L. Courtenay (of Honiton) performed the rededication and preached. Mr. Cyril Johnston was present on behalf of the contractors. All the ringers were enthusiastic about the 'go' of the bells, which form the heaviest six in Devon, the ease with which they could be rung up and down, and the readiness with which they clattered. Colyton folk have been quite enthusiastic about the bells, and a party motored to Croydon to see the second recast. Up and back the journey meant 332 miles! Messrs. Gillett and Johnston provided the visitors with tea.

### ASHFORD DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

About 30 members from ten towers attended the Ashford District of the Kent County Association and the Romney Marsh and District Guild meeting at Cheriton, Folkestone, on December 15th. Good use was made of the bells until the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Pickard). Another short touch was rung before adjourning to the Schoolroom for what proved to be a most excellent tea, provided by the Parochial Church Council and served by lady workers of the parish.

The Rector presided at the business meeting. The hon. secretary (Mr. F. Conley) presented the balance sheet and report of the year's work. The former showed receipts as £16 15s., expenditure as £5 0s. 8d., and balance, which has been paid to the general secretary, of £11 14s. 4d. Of this £1 1s. was the result of a collection for the Benevolent Fund. The report stressed the need for the more prompt payment of subscriptions. Both report and balance sheet were adopted. Mr. E. S. Ruck, as representative, presented an interesting report of the committee meeting at Maidstone. One new member was elected, and the election of four non-resident life members who had been elected previous to peal attempts was confirmed.

Appledore was chosen for the annual meeting and social, to be held on January 19th. Some discussion arose as to whether the social should continue or not. It was decided that it should, and the chairman appealed to those who would attend to make the occasion worth while. All who had helped to make such an enjoyable meeting were then warmly thanked for their help, and the company returned to the tower for more good ringing practice.

### LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT'S SMALL MEETING.

In spite of the business being important, only 15 members attended the meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Leatherhead on December 8th. The towers represented were Ashted, Banstead, Cobham and Leatherhead. A shortened form of service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge (Vicar of Leatherhead), who presided at the tea and business meeting in the Institute. The retiring officers were renominated, with the addition of Mr. F. G. Woods to the Executive Committee.

The meeting expressed itself in favour of the Guild's membership badge, but hoped that the question of durability would not be overlooked. The secretary gave an outline of the proposed Benevolent Fund, and reminded members of the Guild's dinner on January 12th. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to Mr. Dean for making local arrangements.

Owing to the small attendance, ringing was confined to Minor, Triples and Major and a course of Double Norwich.

## NEW RING OF EIGHT FOR SURREY.

### BIG ASSEMBLY OF RINGERS AT LINGFIELD.

December 15th was a red-letter day at Lingfield, Surrey, when the bells of the Parish Church, which have been augmented and restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were re-dedicated by the Bishop of Woolwich.

Lingfield has been more widely known for its racecourse than its ancient peal of five bells, and is a country village situated in an inaccessible corner of Surrey not far from East Grinstead. There has been a church on the present site of SS. Peter and Paul's since Saxon times, and it is assumed that the first and early church was a wattle structure. The present edifice has a varied range of architectural beauty, Saxon, Norman and Early English masons adding their respective styles. The interior of the church—sometimes referred to as the Westminster Abbey of Surrey—holds the tombs of the House of Cobham of Starborough, together with 11 complete Miserere stalls, and these, together with some very fine brasses, add greatly to its interest.

Despite the pouring rain, there was a good attendance of visiting ringers at the opening ceremony. Some of the motorists had a scare when they found an approaching road to Lingfield flooded and the water practically up to the running boards of their cars. About 50 ringers, however, were present, coming from Reigate, Limpsfield, Chart, Horley, Turner's Hill, Crawley, Brasted, Leatherhead, Edenbridge, Ashted, Uckfield, Croydon, Beddington and London.

The high-backed pews of the ancient church were filled with the large congregation of parishioners and friends for the three o'clock service. At the appointed time the Bishop, with the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Owen, B.A.), the Rev. E. V. E. Bryan, M.A. (Brasted), attendant clergy and those intimately connected with the ceremony, proceeded to the ringing room, which is on the ground floor, for the actual ceremony of dedicating the new bells and re-dedicating the restored old ones.

The Bishop gave an inspiring address, referring especially to the romantic story of how the idea of the new peal for Lingfield had first arisen, and of the part that had been played by a parishioner and her associates in the church to bring the idea to fulfilment that day.

At the close of the service a well-struck 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by W. Claydon 1, D. Cooper 2, A. J. Bull 3, E. H. Lewis 4, L. A. Tidy 5, R. V. Fuller 6, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 7, E. G. Talbot 8. After further ringing an adjournment was made for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.

The Vicar and people of Lingfield were heartily thanked for their hospitality to the visiting ringers by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council. Mr. Lewis expressed a hope that Lingfield would soon possess a skilled change-ringing band, and he begged the learners to stick to rounds and call changes until they were thoroughly proficient at good and even striking, before endeavouring to progress to the higher art of change ringing. Mr. C. H. Kippin, hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, seconded the vote of thanks. He congratulated Lingfield on the acquisition of a peal of eight bells, and mentioned the gratitude of the association in having had the opportunity of assisting in the opening of the bells. He promised that they would do all in their power to help the local band.

During the evening good use was made of the bells, and methods from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major were rung.

The old bells were a ring of five by Bryan Eldridge, dated 1649. The tenor, which was badly cracked, has been recast, and three new trebles added. The ring of eight, with a 16½ cwt. tenor in F sharp, has been hung in a new metal two-tier frame, and fitted with iron headstocks, ball bearings, and all the most modern equipment. The four old bells were above the average in tone, and have been carefully tuned. They are of special interest owing to their unusual height.

The inscription on No. 1 gives a general summary of the restoration, and on No. 2 is inscribed:—

'The fund for Restoration and Augmentation of these bells was originated by Emily M. Chapman. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1934.'

No. 3 is named 'The Children's Bell.'

Miss Chapman, who is approaching 90, attended the service and was given a rousing reception at the tea.

It is interesting to note that the only churchwarden in office is Mr. H. D. E. Owen, who is the son of the Vicar, and that one of the first weddings for which the new peal will ring will be that of the churchwarden's shortly after the New Year.

Everybody expressed satisfaction at the tone and 'go' of the bells and the successful splicing of the new bells with the old. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated upon the efficient manner in which the work has been carried out.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.—At Immanuel Church, on December 16th, 720 Bob Major: H. Sharples 1, A. Ward 2, J. Barnes 3, J. E. Scholes 4, F. Shaw 5, J. Whewell 6, W. Taylor 7, L. Scholes (conductor) 8. Rung in memory of the late Mr. J. Bentley, of Hoylake.

## AS OTHERS SEE US.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE 'BARRABOOL.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a cadet on this ship and also a bellringer, I have naturally been in close company with the band of ringers who went out with us to tour Australia. I therefore take this opportunity of writing to you and giving my observations of them and their conduct during the voyage.

I first came into contact with the ringers soon after they embarked at London. At the time I was about to go on watch, and the fact that I had to walk all round Mr. Richardson before being able to ascend a ladder unfortunately made me late for my duty.

The next time I stumbled across them was at lifebelt practice. They had by this time learned how to get inside one of these contraptions, probably due to extensive study of the notices in passengers' cabins; getting out, however, was found a slightly more complicated matter. In desperation, Rupert was cut out of his just before going ashore at Malta.

For the greater part of the voyage the usual stand taken for ringing 'touches' or peals was on No. 2 hatch-top, which is situated just forward of the bridge. From this point of vantage I watched the proceedings. All the band were complete with sun helmets, which were worn in all weathers—tropical sun, rain or snow.

Excepting Sundays, the Padre discarded his clerical garb, and donned the most fascinating and brilliant sports blazer imaginable. In my opinion all were lucky in having almost a flat cabin during the whole voyage, and what short sea legs were needed were acquired almost at once, leaving them all fearless of mal-de-mer.

Considering the numerous distractions the ringers had to put up with, I really think that the three or four peals which were completed were remarkable feats of concentration. One could easily see the agony through which the conductor and the rest of the band were passing; the padre seemed always to be murmuring to himself, but as these whispers were hardly audible it only remains for us to guess what he was saying.

At the ship's concert great credit must be given to the ringers, who performed with amazing success, playing 'The Blue Bells of Scotland' and 'Washing Day.' Although I was not present myself, I am told that it was the most favoured act of the evening.

Gradually the voyage drew to a close, but the curiosity of the rest of the passengers towards the ringers never waned. One wag had a notice printed, 'Not to be touched—rare,' all ready to place by the band during a peal attempt, but apparently courage failed him at the critical moment.

At one place en route in Australia they left the ship early to ring ashore on tower bells. Spare parts to cope with any emergency was the order of the day, and every man, woman and child had their shares to carry. Rupert took the spare ropes, and when finally wound up in them looked rather like the famous Michelin advertisement. Sliders and stays and a huge tin of oil were also amongst the accessories.

We were all terribly sorry to see them finally disembarking at Melbourne, and it was obvious that during the rest of the voyage from Melbourne to Brisbane 'something was missing.' I sincerely hope that their visit to Australia was a great success, and I feel sure that at least they 'showed the Aussies how to do it.'—Yours,

GORDON MELVILLE.

R.M.S. 'Barrabool,' Suez.

## RE-OPENING OF EAST BEDFONT BELLS.

Following a silence of several months, Bedfont bells rang out merrily again on the occasion of their re-opening on December 16th, after being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Previously they had been going very badly, and it had been practically impossible to ring them.

They are hung in a wooden turret, built in 1864, on the site of the first tower, which was added to the church in 1500, and it was now found necessary to rebuild the woodwork of the spire. The church is very prettily situated, and is noted for its two yew trees, which were cut in 1704 to the shape of peacocks, and the date was also cut on one of them.

Previous to the service the bells were rung by the local call-change band, under the captaincy of Mr. T. Rylett.

The church was packed by parishioners eager to hear the bells again, and amongst visiting change ringers were Mr. C. F. Johnston, of the Foundry, Mr. A. P. Cannon, and ringers from Feltham, Sunbury and Hillingdon. The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Middlesex (the Ven. the Hon. S. H. Phillimore), and immediately at the conclusion of the service the bells were rung to one six-score of Grandsire Doubles, the first change ringing on them since their restoration. The ringers were: T. Bowman (Feltham) 1, A. P. Cannon (Forest Hill) 2, D. Brock (Sunbury) 3, C. F. Johnston (Croydon) 4, F. Corke (Hillingdon) (conductor) 5, G. Penfold (Bedfont) 6.

The bells are a ring of six with a 7½ cwt. tenor in A. The existing frame has been strengthened considerably, and all the bells have been tuned and fitted with iron headstocks, ball bearings and the latest fittings throughout. The ringers present expressed great appreciation of the bellhangers' skilful work.

### METHOD SPLICING ITS INFLUENCE ON SIX-BELL COMPOSITION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—An extent has been rung recently which sheds new light upon a subject discussed in your columns from time to time. Various writers have stated that of Treble Bob Minor there are three, five or eight different compositions producing the full extent and returning to rounds. Whatever may be the right view on this question, doubtless all that has been written was intended to refer to compositions for producing the extent in one method.

When we come to splice more methods than one into a true 720, much can still be done with the well-known compositions, which explains why it may happen that the arranger of a peal in 35 methods or more does not claim to have composed the peal; he has merely fitted so many methods to existing compositions.

But it may be worth while to notice that the splicing of different methods sometimes makes possible compositions for two methods or more, which cannot be applied to one method alone. Indeed, some combinations of methods can be spliced only by means of new compositions, and it is for this reason that nine further Alliance methods have become available since the last Collection of Minor Methods was published. Some of these methods have been rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, both in a peal and in isolated 720's. Their existence was known to the Methods Committee, but they had to be omitted from the collection because compositions which enable them to be spliced to their appropriate Little Methods had not then been produced. We had all accepted too readily the statement that it could not be done, whereas it is extremely easy when we try.

Probably the earliest example of a composition specially for spliced methods is that found on page 11 of 'Method Splicing' by Mr. J. W. Parker. There is also an extremely neat five-part composition for the same methods by Mr. A. Relfe, which, although it bears some resemblance to Mr. Parker's, is certainly not a mere variation of it.

Despite the statements which are sometimes made that there is nothing new in Minor, and that no man can claim to have composed a 720, it seems indisputable that the spliced-method extents exemplified above are new, and that their authors are entitled to foot the figures with their names.

No matter how we may compute the number of the older extents, it is undeniable that they have 9, 12, 15, 18 or 21 bobs. It follows that an extent having more bobs than 21 must be new. That given below has no less than 27 bobs, and consequently only three plain leads.

#### 720 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR.

- 23456 College Exercise Treble Bob (No. 8, page 26, Collection).
- 56423 Bedford Delight (4th's place D, No. 19, page 37).
- 62345 College Exercise.
- 45362 Morning Star Treble Bob (No. 6, page 26).
- 45623 Ditto.
- 45236 College Exercise.
- 36245 Bedford Delight.
- 64523 College Exercise.
- 23564 Morning Star.
- 23645 Ditto.

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Twice repeated.

Rung at St. Mary's, Lamberhurst, Kent, on November 29th, 1934, for practice, by Albert Relfe (conductor) 1. Thomas Fuller 2. James Jassett 3. Andrew Marshall 4. James Waghorn, jun. 5. James Waghorn, sen. 6.

'THE MAD HATTER.'

#### KIDDERMINSTER BELLS.

The following is a list of donors to the appeal for £100 made by the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, in connection with the augmenting of the bells of the church to twelve.

Worcestershire Association (B.R. Fund), £5; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, £3 9s.; Anon., £2 12s. 6d.; H. Mason, £2 2s.; Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., £2 2s.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Matthews, £1 1s.; Mrs. Parsons, £1 1s.; J. S. Pritchett, £1 1s.; A. Paddon Smith, £1 1s.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Broad, £1; L. B. Bailey, £1; C. Chambers, £1; various, per J. W. Jones, Newport, 16s.; various, per C. Gounce, 14s. 6d.

W. H. Barber, J. R. Newman, Dr. Moore Ede, D.D., W. H. Fussell, Somerset Tour Band, 1934, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, William Short, Miss H. M. Wilson, Anon, per H. I., G. R. Pye and T. Elcox, 10s. each.

Herbert Knight, Mrs. J. F. Simpson, G. F. Swann, E. P. Duffield, R. K. Knight and S. R., 5s. each; Miss Cawthorne, 4s.; Miss F. E. Thatcher, 3s.

P. Richards, W. O. Dowding, F. Hawkins and S. Grove, Anon, per H. M., W. H. Trim and A. Merchant, 2s. 6d. each; E. V. Rodenhurst, 2s.; H. A. Jones, 2s.; W. Large, 1s. 6d.

Towers.—Brierley Hill, 10s. 6d.; Bromsgrove, 10s.; Claines, £1 10s. 6d.; Crowle, 10s.; Halesowen, 17s. 6d.; Hallow, 10s.; Hartlebury, 5s.; Kinver, £1; Mickleton, 2s. 6d.; Oldbury, 11s. 6d.; Oldswinford, 10s.; Selly Oak, 7s. 6d.; Suckley, 13s.; Stourbridge, £1 1s.; Taunton (St. James'), 5s.; Upton-on-Severn, 14s.; Wollaston, 10s.; total £42 15s. 6d.

### BOVENEY SURPRISE MAJOR.

This method is Mr. George Baker's 'Ashted,' with 7th's place under the treble deleted and first's place substituted. It has a clear proof scale and a 4th's place bob. Rung on October 25th, 1934, at Old Windsor.

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#### 5,024 CHANGES BY J. REEVES

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### A YORKSHIRE TEN REHUNG.

A large congregation and many visiting ringers were present on December 15th, when the heavy ring of ten at Mirfield Parish Church was rededicated by the Archdeacon of Halifax (the Ven. R. C. M. Harvey) after having been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who cast the bells 63 years ago. The Archdeacon also rededicated the clock, which has been thoroughly overhauled by Messrs. William Potts and Sons, of Leeds, the original makers of the installation.

Himself a ringer, the Archdeacon made a stirring appeal to the younger generation to take up ringing, and he was able to describe from personal experience its fascination and the concentration and patience entailed as well as its disappointments.

The local ringers rang the opening touch immediately after the service, after which the bells were open to visitors until a late hour, and all had an opportunity to testify as to the excellent workmanship of the founders, who were represented by Mr. R. H. Dove.

The total weight of the bells is 6 tons 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. The individual weights of the bells are: Treble, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 2nd, 7 cwt. 6 lb.; 3rd, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.; 4th, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.; 5th, 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.; 6th, 11 cwt. 16 lb.; 7th, 14 cwt. 1 qr.; 8th, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.; 9th, 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.; 10th, 30 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

### PLACE NAMES IN METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the Notes by the Way in a recent issue, in one sentence you suggest that county and place names are the most suitable names for methods!

In another sentence you condemn 'Londonderry' and 'Londonthorpe' as names of methods!

My gazetteer tells me that 'Londonderry' is a county in Northern Ireland, it is also a seaport in that county; furthermore, it is also the name of a village in Yorkshire. 'Londonthorpe' is the name of a village in Lincolnshire. What possible objection can there be to these names as names of methods, seeing that you yourself suggest such names as most suitable for names of methods? Why not try to be consistent.—Yours truly,

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael, on December 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): A. Beaverstock (first quarter-peal in the method and as a birthday compliment to him) 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, Mrs. A. Evans 3, W. J. Prescott 4, A. Evans 5, T. F. King 6, R. J. Cousins 7, W. H. Crocker 8.

## THE RINGERS' GIFT.

WHAT THE CHURCH OWES TO THE PIONEERS.

By R. A. DANIELL.

Stow, in his survey of London, writing of the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill, as he knew it before its destruction by the Great Fire of London in 1666, tells us that its steeple held a greatly admired ring of six bells, and that on one occasion while ringing was in progress the tower was struck by lightning. The ringers were so frightened that they threw themselves on the floor and let the bells swing down of their own accord. This was, of course, a summary of his account, but it is evidence of real ringing at a time which seems to have been in or slightly before the reign of Henry VII.

There are differences and similarities between the thought then and now of the English Church, and one of the similarities is that the Church did then, and does now, foster Art. Of architecture, painting, sculpture, glass and metal work, bell founding and, in fact, of all forms of art, it was and now is a patron and inspirer, and when these men were ringing at St. Michael's the church buildings were continuously being developed artistically and adorned with artistic treasures. And to-day we are proud of our church buildings, and seek to make them and their accessories as beautiful as we can. But the sixteenth century was a time of change. The modern world was growing. The recovery of Greek and Roman literature, the discovery of new lands beyond the known seas, and the invention of printing had turned men's minds in new directions.

The Reformation not only stopped the building of churches, but also involved widespread destruction and mutilation of ecclesiastical fabrics, and by the beginning of the seventeenth century the desire for beautiful churches had well nigh perished, although there were isolated efforts for what we now call restoration. The Puritan period wrought further havoc. When Church order was re-established, classical forms of architecture were adopted, and during the eighteenth century the application of art in churches became well nigh extinct.

Now it was during this decadent period in Church art that change ringing originated and developed. The bells were in the towers because people liked to hear them, but the Church as a religious body took no interest in ringing. The ringers who made the art of change ringing, though they did not know it, were making a present to the Church of our day. All the other arts, of which the Church will make use in celebrating Christmas, it has fostered from the start, but change ringing is a gift to it by men whose genius and exertions it took no trouble about. So when we offer change ringing at the great festival of peace and goodwill, grateful for the cordiality the Church now extends to us, let us also thankfully remember and praise our famous men of old and our fathers that begat us.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**DARTFORD, KENT.**—On December 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. E. Bailey 1, M. J. Digby 2, J. H. Cheesman 3, F. E. Walker 4, H. E. Audsley 5, J. Wheadon (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 6, H. Hovard 7, H. Simmons 8.

**BARNES, SURREY.**—On December 16th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): M. N. Haines 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. Judd 3, H. Cork 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skavington 7, W. Bottrill (conductor) 8.

**WARNEHAM, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Margaret, on December 16th, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples (1,260 changes): J. Stanford 1, Miss Darvill (first quarter in method) 2, P. Charman 3, J. Cook 4, W. Pettifer 5, J. Branch 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, A. Charman 8.

**SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on December 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Holt 1, N. J. Goodman 2, J. L. Boylin 3, H. G. Atkins 4, C. H. Stanley 5, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 6, V. G. H. Hemus 7, K. J. Davis 8. The quarter was composed by H. Withers, the 'go off' being at backstroke.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on December 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): V. E. Butler 1, C. T. P. Brice 2, S. E. Wright 3, W. Rose 4, H. E. Little 5, T. R. Vaughan 6, F. T. Cooke (conductor) 7, Alf Joyce (late of London) 8.

**PENTRE RHONDDA.**—At St. Peter's Church on December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Major: W. G. Page (first quarter in method) 1, G. Wines 2, W. Page 3, W. Palmer 4, F. Lasbury 5, W. Cross 6, H. Davies (conductor) 7, J. Lovett 8.

## NOTICES.

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**SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.**—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at 3 p.m. The ring of six has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

—A quarterly meeting of the association will be held jointly with the annual meeting of the Frome Branch, at Shepton Mallet, on Jan. 5th. Bells available: Shepton Mallet (8), Doultling (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service, followed by tea and business meetings, 4 p.m. Other towers could be open by previous arrangement.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Gen. Sec., Chilcompton; G. H. Hasell, Branch Hon. Sec., Timsbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.

—The next branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—

The thanksgiving service for the restored tower and the rehanging of the bells of All Saints', Silkstone, at which the Lord Bishop of Wakefield will preach, is to take place on Saturday, January 5th, at 3 p.m.; all ringers welcome. Tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens, 6d. each. Bells will be open after service. Ringers desirous of ringing in sets please apply early. A postcard stating number for tea will be appreciated.—C. D. Potter, Prospect Villa, High Street, Royston, Barnsley.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The

next meeting will be held at Creswell (eight bells) on Saturday, January 5th. For tea, please notify Mr. L. W. Bacan, Thanet House, Elmlton Road, Creswell, without fail.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—

A joint mid-week meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 9th, at the Parish Church, Mitcham. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Hall 5.30 p.m. All ringers

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## TOWER CLOCK MANUFACTURERS.

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OR REPAINTING OF DIALS.

heartily welcome. Notifications for tea to be sent to me not later than Monday, Jan. 7th.—D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (12) from 3. Service at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. F. Jones, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please reply by January 8th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.**—On Saturday, January 12th, the Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The fifth annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each, for which applications (with remittance) should be made to me not later than Jan. 7th. Bells at St. Nicolas' Church available 4 to 5.30.—G. L. Grover, Acting Hon. Sec., Epsom Road, East Clandon, near Guildford, Surrey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance hoped for. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. A. Sloman, St. Leonards, West Malling.

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.**—Best wishes for Christmas and 1935. Make a resolution to attend the Watford meeting on Jan. 19th. Tower open 3.30 till 8.45. Tea at 5.30. Don't break the resolution.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Jan. 14th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

#### ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement is announced between Cecil L. Guy (St. Mary's, Portsmouth) and Anne M. Eager (St. Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth).

#### WANTED.

A SOUND SET of 8 HANDBELLS; state price and particulars to J. Powell, 56a, Newmarch Street, Llanfaes, Brecon, S. Wales.

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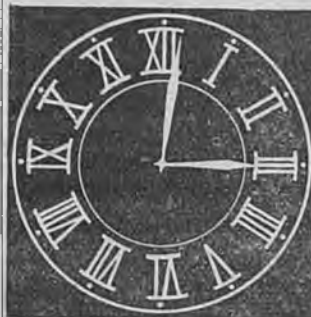
**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on Jan. 3rd and 31st, at 8 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 22nd; at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edegeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Griffin Hotel 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present kindly let me know by Tuesday, Jan. 1st? — W. E. Clarke, Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

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**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at 3 p.m. Tea follows at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15. The Cathedral bells (12) and St. Maurice (6) available at 1.30 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming. — George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at King's Head to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 9th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.



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